

# Los Angeles Astronomical Society

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## GENERAL MEETING

Monday, June 11th, 7:45 p.m. at Griffith Observatory. The speaker will be Dr. Michael Gura, Professor of Astronomy at UCLA. His title will be "Recent Work on Interstellar Dust." Research on the occurrence of interstellar dust is important because it absorbs light and shifts to the red the spectrum of the celestial objects we see. Corrections made for this phenomenon have great effect on our view of the scale of the universe. Dr. Gura has recently been studying the dust around the Pleiades star cluster. This dust, a product of the cluster's evolution, is responsible for the nebulosity we see around the Pleiades.

If time permits, Mike Simmons will also give a short tour of the summer skies using the planetarium projector. Please try to arrive early so we can begin our program promptly at 7:45 p.m. Members are warned that the Greek Theatre also has a program June 11th, so please allow 10 minutes extra travel time.

## BOARD MEETING

Saturday, June 16th. This board meeting will only be open to board members because it is being held at the home of president Dave Sovereign. All board members should by now have all the particulars of the meeting. In case anyone was missed, call Dave at (213) 794-0646.

## STAR MEETING

Monday, June 18th, 7:30 p.m. The meeting convenes at the Palms Recreational Center, located on Overland Avenue, just north of the Santa Monica Freeway, behind Rancho Park Library. Plans for a club house on the Lockwood Valley property will be discussed. Attendance by any members who have knowledge of construction would be appreciated. All members are welcome.

## JULY AND AUGUST MEETINGS

General meetings for July and August have been cancelled due to the unavailability of Griffith Observatory. The next general meeting will be Monday, September 10th at Griffith. Star parties will be held every month all summer and a bulletin will be mailed every month. Some other activity may be scheduled for August, but plans are still indefinite. Watch your bulletins.

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For Sale: RFT, 4 inch f/6 refractor. Azimuthal mount, erecting prism. Can be used as a spotting scope. \$50.00.  
Joe Addison (213) 789-2875

STAR PARTY

The June star party will be Saturday, June 23rd up at Lockwood Valley. Other star parties: July 21st, August 18th, September 22nd, and October 20th.

MT. WILSON TOUR

As announced at the last two general meetings, the LAAS will tour Mt. Wilson this summer. Unfortunately, only 60 members can be accomodated. Members were allowed to sign up on a first come, first serve basis during the May general meeting and we already have our 60 people plus a waiting list. Therefore, what follows only applies to those who have already signed the list.

The tour will be Saturday, July 14th. Because of the severe parking problem up at Mt. Wilson, members are requested to meet in Glendale to take a charter bus up to Mt. Wilson. We will meet at the Glendale Galleria, corner of Glendale and Colorado Boulevards, at 10:30 a.m. A school bus will be waiting. The bus can hold 53 people, so 7 people will be asked to car pool. Bus riders will be asked to pay \$3.00 each toward the rental of the bus. We should arrive at Mt. Wilson around noon. Everyone is requested to bring a sack lunch. Picnic tables, water fountains, and restrooms will be available at Mt. Wilson, but that is all. The tour should run from approximately 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Everyone is asked to be on their good behavior and follow the travel plan. If everything goes well this tour, we may be able to arrange another tour next year for our members who didn't make this tour. If anyone who has signed up finds they can't make the July 14th date, they are requested to call Eugene Mezerany (213) 799-2072 so he can notify the next person on the waiting list. Incidentally, thank you Eugene for arranging the tour.



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