



## Los Angeles Astronomical Society

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### General Meeting

How did the planets form and why are they so different? What was Earth like when life first appeared? These questions and others will be answered in March by Stephen Cooperman, our speaker, in a talk entitled "Recipe for a Solar System." Mr. Cooperman is a lecturer at Griffith Observatory and a research assistant in the Department of Planetary Science at UCLA. He will present some of the recent information and pictures acquired by space probes, and make use of the planetarium's many special effects. This all takes place on March 10, Monday, at 7:45 P.M. Don't miss this informative and entertaining meeting.

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#### OTHER LAAS MEETINGS

Board Meeting- Monday, March 17, at 7:30 P.M.

Star Members- Monday, March 24, at 7:30 P.M.

Star and Board meetings convene at the Palms Recreational Center located on Overland Avenue, just north of the Santa Monica Freeway, behind the Rancho Park Library. All members are welcome.

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## National Astronomy Day

### PUBLIC STAR PARTY AT GRIFFITH OBSERVATORY

On Saturday, April 26th, our Society will be participating in an "Astronomy Day" public star party on the lawn of Griffith Observatory. Members are encouraged to bring their scopes for showing the public various fascinating objects—hopefully to wet their interest in astronomy. The LAAS will also have a display table to tell the history of the Society, how to become a member, and other related matter. Griffith Observatory will provide a loading/unloading space for members' equipment plus power if needed. Closer to the April 26th date, the times and who to contact about power and other necessities will be announced in the April Bulletin. Mark it on your calendars now! Slides and photographs for display are requested from members. If you'd like to bring a telescope for public viewing, please plan to have at least one other member to man the equipment at all times. Other clubs in the area are also being contacted to participate as well. Let's have a good turnout, as this is one of the public activities the Society can provide as part of its non-profit status.

- Lu Rarogiewicz  
LAAS Vice President

NEWS NOTES

The Society will be holding a swap meet on April 12th, Saturday. The swap meet will be exactly two weeks before the "National Astronomy Day" Public Star party at Griffith Observatory. Be sure to bring all your astronomical paraphernalia to the Astro-Swap.

Any members that have not paid their dues as of March 31st, will be ostracized from the Society at that time!! So, please pay your dues promptly!

I would like to thank Mike Simmons for his assistance in the preparation of the mailing labels for the bulletins, and for contributing the paragraph concerning this month's speaker.

- Mark Jacobs  
Bulletin Editor

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## Astro-Ads

FOR SALE- Sky and Telescope magazines, volume 1, #1 through December, 1978 issue. COMPLETE. Best offer. Contact Dr. A. Murakami at 11322 Santa Monica Blvd., West Los Angeles, 90025 or phone (213) 477-2529.

FOR SALE- 2 FOR 1- Telescopes for sale. A 10" reflector (f/8) with equatorial mount plus a 3 1/2" Mayflower refractor. All for only \$700/obo. Contact Daryl Ross at (213) 851-1350 (days ) or (213) 766-8074 (nights)

FOR SALE- Catadioptric astro-camera, 5 1/2" F/1.5 uses 35mm roll film. LIMITED QUANTITY. Call or write for further information to Tom Heath, 19102 Delight St., Canyon Country, CA 91351. Phone (805) 252-7329.

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ATTENTION: If you would like to put an advertisement in the Astro Ads, submit them to the bulletin editor, Mark Jacobs, at 22661 Cass Avenue, Woodland Hills, CA 91364.

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# *Presidents Column*

Our president, Tom Wallace, will be deliberating the Society's monthly proceedings in future bulletins in this column. Tom was unable to contribute to this month's column because he was in Africa observing the Solar Eclipse. Plan to see Tom's return in next month's write-up.

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