

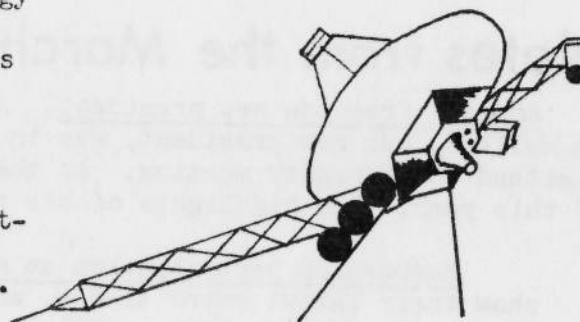


Los Angeles Astronomical Society

"Spacecraft Results from Jupiter and Saturn"

For the April 14th general meeting at Griffith Planetarium, the speaker will be Dr. Andrew Ingersol from Cal Tech. He will be speaking on "Spacecraft Results from Jupiter and Saturn." There may also be a 16mm film shown. Dr. Ingersol is a professor of geology and planetary science at Cal Tech. He received his Ph.D at Harvard and he specializes in planetary atmospheres.

In addition to the speaker, members attending the February solar eclipse in Africa will show their slides. At least 7 of our members were there, so we should see some outstanding slides. A highlight will be Randy Cindrich's color video tapes, taken in India.



OTHER LAAS MEETINGS

Board Meeting- Monday, April 21st, at 7:30 P.M.

Star Members- Monday, April 28th, 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.

President's Column

One of my goals for this year is to encourage membership participation in club activities. I will be using this space during the coming year to describe major society activities, and to enlist your support for them.

Public Star Party

As mentioned last month, Griffith Observatory and the LAAS are presenting a public star party at Griffith Observatory on Saturday, April 26 - Astronomy Day. The star party will be from 2:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. As president, I am

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coordinating LAAS activities for this event, and am inviting local telescope manufacturers and astronomy clubs to participate. I would especially like to see a strong LAAS attendance at this event. So far, about 15 members plan to bring telescopes, and Bob Karnes, the new owner of Cave Astrola, will bring 16" and 10" scopes. If you plan to bring a telescope, and have not already informed me, please do so. Remember that at least two people are necessary so that equipment can be watched at all times. I recommend you bring telescopes by 1:00 p.m. to set up.

At the march board meeting, a committee was appointed to prepare a slide show for the Public Star Party. Members are asked to submit their best astro slides for this show. Historical slides of the LAAS are also wanted. If you have slides to include in the show, please contact me at 832-7784. Call after 6:30 p.m. please.

Tom Wallace
LAAS President

Notes from the March Meeting by Mark Jacobs

Address from the new president. As mentioned in last month's bulletin, Tom Wallace, our new president, was in Kenya for the eclipse, and was unable to attend the February meeting. At the March meeting, Tom outlined his goals for this year. The highlights of his remarks follow:

Membership participation at meetings. Members are encouraged to show their latest astro slides, and to describe their latest projects. Fifteen to thirty minutes will be set aside at each meeting for this purpose. Members who wish to give full length talks are encouraged to discuss it with program chairman Mike Simmons.

Star Party attendance. Members are strongly urged to attend our summer star parties. Views from our dark sky observing site in Lockwood Valley are truly spectacular, especially using the Society's two 16" scopes.

Car pools. Members are encouraged to car pool to the meetings and star parties. A committee was formed at the March board meeting to develop a plan for pooling.

March Speaker. Stephen Cooperman, our March speaker, presented an excellent talk on the evolution of the solar system, making extensive use of the planetarium projection equipment. Those of you who were absent, missed an outstanding presentation.

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New Program Chairman. Mike Simmons has been appointed LAAS Program Chairman. Members wishing to provide speakers for future meetings are asked to coordinate with Mike. The Society appreciates the efforts of Mike, Dave Sovereign and others who have provided speakers since the resignation of the previous program chairman, Tom Cave, because of personal reasons. Thanks, Tom, for providing the LAAS with many fine speakers.

NEWS NOTES

The announcement of a date for the coming swap meet was in error. Swap meet arrangements are incomplete, and the date has not yet been set.

Our president, Tom Wallace, has obtained an auditorium for the July, August, and September general meetings. The September meeting will be on the 17th, a wednesday. The fact the we are a non-profit organization made it possible to get the auditorium easily.

The annual Riverside Telescope Makers Conference at Camp Oaks will be on May 24th, 25th, and 26th, the Memorial Day weekend. Further details should be available at the April or May general meetings.

The WAA/ALPO convention will be July 8th - 12th at the University of Arizona in Tucson. For further details contact Tom Wallace. Anyone can go.

Treasurer's Report

As reported by LAAS treasurer Steve Kufeld at the March 17th Board of Directors meeting, the general treasury has \$3100.90; the Observatory fund has \$1343.84.

These figures will be affected, however. The Society recieved a bill from the Griffith Observer for \$1872.00 This is because the last bill we recieved was in March of 1978. To calculate the bill an average of 260 members was used. A period of 6 months was given to pay the bill.

LAAS TELEPHONE

Remember... the LAAS has an information line for meetings and other matters. Be sure to leave your own message if you have any questions. Just call:

662-LAAS

Spring is a time of renewal; star dues due May 1st

Astro-Ads

FOR SALE- 8" F/7 reflector, Fiberglass tube, Parks mirror and diagonal, 6 X 30 finder, 2 eyepieces, cave deluxe equatorial mount with electric drive. Less than one year old. \$400.00. Contact Jim at (213) 282-4770.

FOR SALE- Cave Astrola 6" deluxe equatorial mount w/drive. 6" F/8 Meade tube assembly. \$350.00 Contact Diego at (213) 281-2863 evenings.

1980 Star Party Season at Lockwood Valley

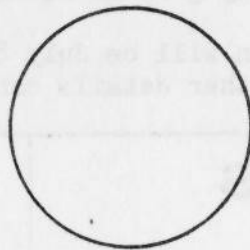
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July 12	October 11



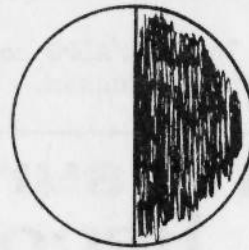
NEW MOON
April 15



FIRST QUARTER
April 22



FULL MOON
April 30



LAST QUARTER
May 7

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