

LOS ANGELES ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY



Bulletin

June 1980

General Meeting

For the June 9th general meeting at the Griffith Planetarium theater, the speaker will be Stephen Fentress. Mr. Fentress is a lecturer at the Griffith Observatory and at the Valley College Planetarium. The subject of this month's lecture is black holes. Mr. Fentress will be using the planetarium's projector and special effects in his lecture.

After the coffee break, there will be announcements and slide shows. Mike Simmons plans on giving a talk entitled "Surviving the Cold at Star Parties." He will describe how it is important to properly eat and dress for these occasions. Also, Mark Jacobs will be showing some slides of the Kitt Peak National Observatories. This all takes place on Monday, June 9th, at 7:45 P.M.

OTHER LAAS MEETINGS

Board Meeting- Monday, June 16th, at 7:30 P.M.

Star Members- Monday, June 23rd, 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

The public star party was reasonably successful, in spite of the cloudy weather. Our LAAS slide show was viewed by hundreds of people, and many brochures were given out. Our club display, prepared by Mark Jacobs, was very professionally done and received many favorable comments. Many of our members brought telescopes for the public to use. Celestron, Astrola, Coulter, and Questar also brought many of their models.

The May star party, the first for 1980, was very well attended. Saturday night was clear and not too cold, about 38° F. Our newly repaired road is greatly improved since last year. The board has conditionally approved payment for the job (\$1400). Bob Kendall has been delegated to resolve some minor questions about it.

Tom Wallace
LAAS President

Notes from the May Meeting

Paul Roques gave a very entertaining talk on the history of astronomy in Southern California. Highlights were his reminiscence about our society in the early days.

The first coffee break was a great success. Coffee (regular and decaffeinated) and donuts were available, the three dozen donuts disappeared very quickly. In the future, hot tea will also be offered. The break was on a pay as you go basis and the money received approximately covered the expenses.

The meeting was closed with announcements and slide shows. Tom Wallace presented the society's slide show for different events that he put together. It was very impressive and professional looking. This slide show will help give the society more publicity. Lew Chilton also showed slides of his trip to Africa and the solar eclipse. Thank you for sharing them with us.

Star Members Note

Final Dues Notice. It is important that you pay your dues on time. Because if you don't, you will be dropped from the star membership. The dues will be used for this year's plans at our Lockwood Valley site. If anyone is interested in becoming a star member just contact the star membership chairman, David Sovereign, or the president, Tom Wallace, at the next general meeting.

Change in billing for next year. At the May 19th Board of Directors meeting it was decided to move the billing of star members to October of every year. By billing for the star and regular dues at the same time, the society's paperwork for the treasurer and secretary will be much easier. So in October the star members will receive a bill for \$25.00, for the extra six months until the next bill. This change will make things easier in the long run.

NEWS NOTES

The WAA/ALPO convention will be July 8th - 12th at the University of Arizona in Tucson. WAA brochures were handed out at the May general meeting. There will be more available at the June general meeting.

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 that we are a non-profit organization made it possible to get the auditorium easily.

The JPL tour will be June 13th, Friday, at 10:00 in the morning.

A car pool plan has been set up by Bob Kendall and Howard Packer for going to the general meetings and to the Lockwood Valley site. It will be available at the June general meeting.

Star Party Season is Here Again!



The May 17th star party up at the Lockwood Valley observatory was a success. The next star party is Saturday, June 14th.

Before you leave home, make sure you have enough warm clothes, camping gear, water and anything else. Remember, there is no water, electricity (besides the generator) and only one outhouse. Please pay attention to the rules up at the site while there. The notes are listed below.

A reminder, members are responsible for their guests. So please act accordingly. It would be appreciated if you would clean up your trash before leaving the site. We want to keep it looking as nice as possible for the future star parties.

-Mark Jacobs

RULES OF THE LOCKWOOD VALLEY SITE

1. No firearms or fireworks. Period.
2. No open fires; hibachis or coleman stoves are o.k. in cleared parking areas.
3. Noise on property will be kept to reasonable levels, according to the following rules:
11 A.M. - Sunset. All noise kept at moderate levels. Radios, tape players, and musical instruments may be played at moderate levels.
Sunset - 11 A.M. All noise must be kept at very low levels. Radios or tape players may be played at moderate levels. Musical instruments must not be played at these hours.
4. No shouting or yelling after dark.
5. No cars in observing area after dark for any purpose. No exceptions.
6. Parking lights only after dark.
7. Maximum speed limit 5 m.p.h., even slower after dark.
8. Dim red flashlights only.
9. Parents please note: No rock throwing or tramping through the bushes. Rattlesnakes are a definite possibility.

Treasurer's Report

As reported by LAAS treasurer Steve Kufeld at the May 19th Board of Directors meeting, the general treasury has \$1957.78 and the Observatory fund has \$601.34.

LAAS TELEPHONE

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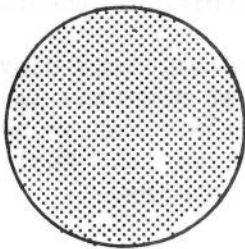
Astro-Ads

FOR SALE- ATLAS's Borealis/Eclipticalis/Smithsonian Astrophysical Observatory Reference Stars and Nonstellar Objects. Smithsonian Astrophysical Observatory Star Catalogs (hardbound) and Sky and Telescope, 1971-1974 with binders, \$150.00. Contact John Allton, (714) 639-5654.

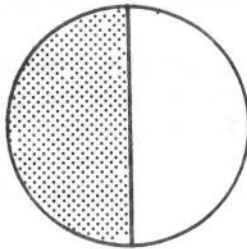
Attention- Submit all astro-ads and articles to: Mark Jacobs, 22661 Cass Ave., Woodland Hills, CA 91364.

1980 Star Party Season at Lockwood Valley

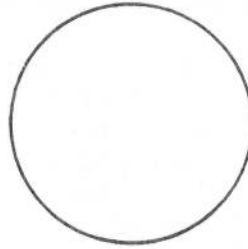
May 17	August 9
June 14	September 6
July 12	October 11



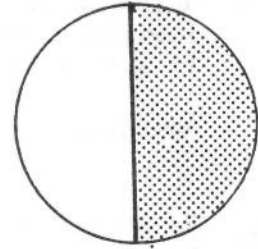
NEW MOON
June 12



FIRST QUARTER
June 20



FULL MOON
June 28



LAST QUARTER
July 5

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