

* LOS ANGELES ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY, INC. *

MONTHLY BULLETIN FOR APRIL, 1974

APRIL MEETING

This month's meeting and all foreseeable future meetings will be held in the "classroom" of the California Museum of Science and Industry, 700 State Drive, Exposition Park. The attached map should make it easy to find. In addition to the parking lots indicated, street parking is available and free after 6 p.m. The parking lot directly behind the museum (identified as "museum parking" on the map) is a 25¢ coin lot. We will work to obtain free parking in this lot for future meetings, but we're not sure that this can be arranged at this time. Easy landmarks in identifying the proper museum entrance are the flagpoles and the HUGE Queen Mary propeller. You can't miss 'em.

Many who attended the March meeting were surprised to discover that the scheduled lecture on space astronomy failed to materialize. A quick substitution of the agenda was made at the last minute when it was learned that through a breakdown in communications the lecture originally arranged by Ed Johnston was for April, not March. Not looking back, let us look ahead with renewed hopes and baited breath. Will we have a program for April? You bet we will! Ed has arranged for not one but (count 'em) two speakers from TRW Corporation. The subject: high energy astronomy. If, again, the program comes to naught, you are hereby invited to bring tomatoes to the May meeting.

Because of a lack of adequate storage space, a number of mirrors, flats and accessories donated from the Holroyd estate will be raffled at the April meeting. Tickets, at 25¢ apiece, will be sold at the door and just prior to the raffle. Proceeds go into our treasury. Unbelievable bargains in optics will be realized by those holding winning tickets. And for those of us not so lucky? Well, we'll derive satisfaction knowing that we've donated to a worthy cause. Won't we?

LOCKWOOD REPORT

Convening for the first time this year, the star members elected Mike Simmons their star member chairman, the second time in as many years. As in the past, goals and objectives for the upcoming work party season were hammered out and the first work party scheduled for the weekend of April 20 and 21. Any member, by the way, is welcome to come out and participate or just sit by and watch, sharpening his skills as sidewalk superintendent. We haven't the space this month to outline the details discussed at the meeting, but suffice it to say that by year's end, the observatory will be fully functional, complete with telescope, library, cupboards and workspace. Thus shall our labors be transformed into the embodiment of a dream nearly a half-century old.

WHAT'S HAPPENING ON CAPITAL HILL

At the last meeting of the executive board, your duly elected representatives failed to agree upon a schedule of star party dates for 1974. This would have been an easy task for most anyone--just choose those weekends closest to new moon. Unfortunately, our board is not composed of just "anyone", but rather thirteen highly individualistic individuals, thirteen self-styled politicians with a propensity for filibustering in unison. In the end, the subject was tabled for the May board meeting.

OBITUARY

Members in attendance at the March meeting were shocked to learn of the untimely death of long-time member Duane Holroyd. Forced to abandon his profession as a printer in the early 1960's after suffering a debilitating stroke, he soon took up telescope making to occupy his extra time. Not long after, he began to acquire the reputation as a telescope maker of the first water, fabricating difficult optical surfaces of the finest quality in great numbers. Not satisfied to keep his knowledge to himself, he was eager to share it with others. Countless numbers of us profited, with telescopes to prove it. His former teachers became his pupils. His home was a mecca for many T.N.'s of the area, and much of his time was given to their cause. Duane also conducted the optical shops at the Monterey Park Garvey Ranch Observatory for a number of years.

We are bereaved by his passing. He was a gentle heart and those of us fortunate enough to have known him will keep a place in our hearts for him.

CLASSIFIED ADS

Classified ads are provided free of charge to LAAS members. Non-members are charged a flat rate of \$2.00 per ad per month.

FOR SALE: 6-inch refractor. Optics by James Herron (Herron Optical, for those in the know). 100-inch focal length, mount by Cave Optical, including drive. Four oculars, finder, etc. Asking \$1250. Write or phone: Dr. Wm. C. Fowkes, 131 West 64th Place, Apt. 1, Inglewood, Calif., 90302 677-7706

(Editor's note: Mr. Cave informed me that the instrument is closer to 7 inches in aperture and 105 inches in focal length. He described the quality of the optics as comparable to any Clark refractor of similar aperture he's tested. James Herron was a member of our Society in its earliest days and contributed much. A picture of him and other early members appears in Amateur Telescope Making, Book One. Dr. Fowkes, retired dean of USC's School of Dentistry, was a member of our Society back in the middle 1930's.)

WANTED: Equatorial pedestal mount with setting circles for Edmund 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ -inch reflector. Will consider the original equipment mount but prefer a heavier one, like the Edmund 6-inch mount or its equivalent. Mount and base must be in good condition and have no "blind" viewing areas. Write: W. Donohoe, 2892 West 14th Street, Los Angeles, Calif., 90006.

FREE: All metal open framework tube for a 12-inch reflector. Write or phone: Carlyle Smith, 12232 Truesdale Street, Sun Valley, Calif., 91352 767-3592

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