

Los Angeles Astronomical Society

LAAS MEETINGS

General Meeting - Monday, February 12th, 7:45 p.m. at Griffith Observatory. Ronald Oriti will give a special planetarium show. Winter-Spring constellations and deep sky objects will be pointed out in a guided tour of the planetarium sky. Ron will also demonstrate some of the new special effects installed at Griffith.

Board Meeting - Monday, February 26th, 7:30 p.m. Note that the Board Meeting has been moved to the last Monday of the month.

Star Members - There will be no Star Meeting in February. See your March Bulletin for the next meeting.

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

ASTROPHOTO III

This is an annual meeting of amateur astrophotographers sponsored by the Ventura and Orange County Societies. Everyone is welcome. Papers are given in which noted amateurs present and discuss their photos, techniques and equipment. Printed proceedings are mailed to all paid attendees. This year's meeting will be Saturday, March 10th at Moorpark College, Moorpark, CA (located in southeast Ventura County). The session will be from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. with appropriate breaks.

If you wish to attend you must send a check (\$9.00 single adult, \$6.00 age 17 or under) payable to the Ventura County Astronomical Society to: Charles Soderlund, AP-III Registrar, 1993 N. Croyden, Camarillo, CA 93010. About 250 people are expected so send your registration in early. A limited number of maps of the Moorpark College area will be available at our February meeting.

BOOK REPORT

By Ed Ehrhart

The Pulsation Theory of Variable Stars by Svein Rosseland is a paperback volume of fairly recent publication. It gives historical background and classical examples of many types of variable star models. Intended for the serious student, the dynamics possible inside a star are examined in detail. Familiarity with calculus is required. Topics include adiabatic

and non-adiabatic pulsations, phase lag between luminosity and compression, anharmonic pulsations, relaxation oscillations, and classical tests.

The book was of interest to me as it helps give meaning and importance to otherwise routine observations I make for the American Association of Variable Star Observers. It is available through your L.A.A.S. Library.

AWARDS BANQUET IS A SUCCESS

A good time was had by all 106 members and friends attending our January Banquet. The food and service at Michaels Restaurant was excellent. Everyone found the talk given by Paul Roques entertaining and most enjoyable. Outgoing President Lew Chilton presented the following awards: Special achievement in astrophotography - Derek Reynolds; Outstanding telescope built by an amateur - Weyman Reams; Exceptional long and continued service to our society - Ted Sobelman; Messier Club certificate for viewing all the Messier objects - Derek Reynolds; and a "special" plumbers nightmare award for unique telescope construction to Howard Packer. The award trophies were miniature cast telescopes made by Steve Kufeld.

There were a total of eight door prizes donated by the following companies and individuals: Cave Optical, Leo Henzl & Associates, Meade Instruments, Ronald Oriti, and Telescopic. They ranged from books to the new Daystar optical filter. The prizes were awarded by drawing ticket stubs. The lucky winners were: Sharon Mihld twice (her's and her husband's ticket), Sylvia Cave, Laura Woodland, Sue Sovereign, Darlene Jameson, Tom Wallace, and Dale Devine.

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