MEETING DATES FOR 1976

February 27  August 20  All meetings will be on Friday evenings at
March 26    September 17  7:30 PM. Locations and agendas will be
April 23    October 15  announced in the Sidereal Times preceeding each
May 21     November 19  meeting, or by a post card reminder notice
June 18    December 17  two weeks prior to the meeting date.
July 23

Our February 27th meeting will be held at Wilfred Pedroncelli's home (see map on reverse) at 11,800 Lexington Avenue NE, at 7:30 PM. Our very special guest of honor will be Arthur Montgomery of Dixon, New Mexico who donated the club’s telescope last year. We will officially dedicate the telescope in his name at the meeting, and urge each of you to attend so you can meet, and thank this fine gentlemen for his generosity.

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HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE JANUARY 30TH MEETING

Officers elected for 1976 are: President: Sam Myers, Vice President: Bob Britton, and Secretary-Treasurer: Wynne Wood. Dues have been increased to $10.00 per year for membership with a Sky & Telescope subscription, and $4.00 per year for membership without the magazine. We agreed to name our newsletter The Sidereal Times. We are ordering twelve binders to store our library’s issues of Sky & Telescope. We will also order rubber stamps with the club’s name to identify our library books. A revised edition of the Astronomical League’s by-laws has been sent to us, and we will vote on whether or not to accept them at the February meeting.

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FOUR NEW MEMBERS

have joined us. They are:

Bob Smith, 441 Grove SE, Apt. D, 87108  264-4750
Roy and Marion Ball, 1703 Valverde SW, 87105  873-0471
Eddie Zellers, 1017 Walker NE, 87112  299-7986

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CLASSIFIEDS


Don Davy is offering his 8" Newtonian for $300. It has a Jaegers mirror and diagonal; Telescopics spider; and Edmund heavy duty equatorial mount, circles and drive. Includes one eyepiece. Don’s number is 293-7340.

Wanted: A 6" or 8" reflector. Call Jamey Birts 298-6656.

Wanted: The following issues of Sky & Telescope. Call Bob Darby 881-4764 if you have them to donate to the club library:

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GOOD-BYE AND GOOD LUCK

to Dave and Julie Cochrun who have moved to Pensacola, Florida. For those of you who wish to correspond with them, their address is: 6880 W. Fairfield Dr., #51, Pensacola, Florida 32506. Our good wishes also to Murray Cragin who leaves for Petersburg, Virginia this month, and to Gary Phillips who will pull up stakes for Cottonwood, Arizona. These were four of our most active members, and we shall miss them all very much.

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AN INTERESTING WORD FROM JOHN PRENTICE

At the request of the American Meteor Society (AMS), Bill Gates, and John Prontice at the University of New Mexico, and Mark Adams at Pennsylvania State University are studying observations of meteor radiants dating back to 1900, compiled by AMS observers. The purpose of this study is, among other things, to detect new meteor showers which in the past have been observed but never recognized as showers. In line with this, an international program of observing to attempt to detect suspected new showers emerging from the study is being organized. Locally, some members may be interested in observing for these new showers. Although the study is not yet complete, it is anticipated that observational efforts will begin soon. Interested people should contact John Prentice at 299-4595, or at a future meeting.

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PLEASE NOTE

Attached is:
1. A (yellow) sheet cataloging publications currently available in the Albuquerque Astronomer's library.
2. A (pink) questionnaire for members to fill out and return to me.

Skies were clear after the last meeting enabling us to observe Saturn, Jupiter, the Orion Nebula, the Crab Nebula and M-36. Bring your telescope on the 27th, and we'll keep our fingers crossed for another good viewing night.