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NEWSLETTER OF THE ALBUQUERQUE ASTRONOMERS

PRESIDENT: BILL WAMPLER  FEBRUARY 1979  EDITOR: DEREK WALLENTINSEN

OUR NEXT MEETING will be at the home of Rich Reif, 295 Alamosa NW (344-9518), on Saturday, February 24, at 7:30 PM (see map below). We will have Bill and Wynne Wood to show slides of various observatories and subjects astronomical. Additionally, there will be shown a NASA slide-tape presentation about the Space Shuttle, with, perhaps, a few telescopes for viewing afterwards. Please attend!

AT OUR LAST MEETING, we held the annual elections. The officers' slate was presented to those in attendance and further nominations were welcomed (none were forthcoming). By acclamation, the following officers were elected:
PRESIDENT  VICE-PRESIDENT  SECRETARY-TREASURER
Bill Wampler  J. Wilfred Pedroncelli  Derek Wallentinsen
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Wynne then awarded our new president beer and pretzels, as he had once requested that these be served at club meetings.

After that, we had three new members join us (see below).
We waited for our speaker to arrive but in vain, as he never did show up! Paul Browinski has had to go to Washington, and Merv Seay, our outgoing vice-president, has graciously volunteered to be the Telescope Curator. He showed us the telescope's carrying case, which he has done an excellent job building, varnishing, and fiberglassing. A small case will be made to hold the 8-incher's eyepieces, filters, etc., and the possibilities of a cover for weather protection of the mount and wheels for the box were discussed.

Cave Optical Co. was in for some harsh words as two of our members have ordered telescopes from them, but are repeatedly given deferred delivery dates (over 1 year has gone by this way for one of them!). Note that they have no ad in the February issue of S&T.

Jim and George Tolle talked of the suitability of mylar filters for solar observing. For those interested in viewing the solar eclipse, Bill Isengard (268-2335) is selling the filter for a dollar per square foot.

NEW MEMBERSHIP LIST ENCLOSED. Please note the following corrections to the new roster: The Ball's' address no. is 2729; Alan Lampson's phone number is 293-4113; Roy Matthews' phone number is 293-0505; Jim Tolle's address is Box 692, Sandia Park, NM 87047, phone 281-1353; George Tolle's mailing address is Box 13345, Albuquerque 87192. I would appreciate hearing of any mistakes you may find while looking over the list. Thank you.

NEW MEMBERS: Homer F. Holcombe, 1308 Fall SW, 87105, 877-0977.
John Leverton, 4112 Southwood Ct NW, 87107, 344-2462.
Welcome! Adron Lilly, 924 Tramway Lane NE, 87122, 298-0337.

FOR SALE: 4½" Coulter PFT kit, as advertised in Sky and Telescope. Brand-new, $27.50. Also: 7x55 binoculars, decent working order, make offer. Please call Don Davey at 293-7340.

PRIVATE FLIGHT TO SOLAR ECLIPSE. Tom Stockebrand (a friend of Alan Toepfer's) is going to fly his plane up to the eclipse at Billings, Montana on Sunday,

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February 25, and fly back to Albuquerque after the event on the 26th. He has room for several people and asks only that they split the cost of the flight. Please call him immediately at 299-1247 for further information.

FROM ANTARCTICA, David Cochrun writes, "Things are going slowly this year on the ice. It has been very warm and many of the snow roads are closed. Our Christmas was white as usual, we even had a small eruption from the local volcano—Mt. Erebus." He sends an issue of the KOMURUDÔ SOMETHING, which features an article on meteorites collected at the terminus of an icecap glacier near the Yamato Mountains on the frozen continent. Wonder how observing is down there?

MAILBAG MISCELLANY: PRODUCTS AND PERIODICALS. Astronomical Calendar 1976 is an annual compendium of information, star charts, tracking charts of planets and comets issued by Guy Ottewell of the Physics Dept., Furman University, Greenville, SC 29613. The current edition of 63 pages, 11x15 inches is $6.75 ppd. from Astronomical Calendar at the address above. Woodstock Products, Box 9087, Beverly Hills, CA 90215, offers color posters of scenes taken in deep space, on the Moon, Mars by NASA missions manned and unmanned. Astronomical Research Company, 643 Albin Ave., West Babylon, NY 11704 brings you the stars with Sky Window booklets priced from $1.59 to $5.99 for various constellations showing and identifying stars to twelfth magnitude; positions, brightness, color, data on doubles, and observing hints. Two new products from Edmund Scientific (7762 Edscarp Blvd., Barrington, NJ 08007): 5" f/5 reflector with prism off-axis guider (no guide scope), $995.00; dielectric nebular filter, Edmund's contribution to the interference filter market, for 1½" eyepieces, $69.95. The Deep Sky Monthly is for deep-sky observers who wish to share observations and ideas. The 18-page periodical reviews several objects each issue with technical data, personal observational data, and detailed sketches for acquiring and examining the cluster, nebula, etc. Double stars are not overlooked. It is $5.50 per annum from David J. Eicher, Ed. and Publ., Deep Sky Monthly Magazine, 104 Oakhill Drive, Oxford, OH 45056. Articles, observations, and photos are welcome. Deep-Space 3-D, "...an unprecedented stereoscopic view of the stars. We see the night sky as we might if we were celestial giants, a tenth of a parsee across the eyes." Besides this stereo atlas of the skies at $6.95, David Chandler Astronomics (5617 Hawthorne St., Montclair, CA 91763) has available stereoscopic posters, a Night Sky star finder, and telescopes. I will have information on these items and others at the February meeting.

11th ANNUAL RIVERSIDE TELESCOPE MAKERS CONFERENCE will be held May 26 through 28 at Camp Cakes near Big Bear City, northwest of Riverside, CA. The confab will include merit awards for telescopes, swap meet, speakers, observing, and a raffle. Additional information is available from me either at the February meeting or by telephone (681-0881).

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