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NEXT MEETING: will be on Friday, August 6, 8:00 PM at the home of
Lt. Col. William Isengard, 6615 Ross SE. (268-2335). Our speaker
will be Dr. Klaus Kell of UNM’s Institute of Meteoritics who will
speak about vulcanism in the solar system. Dr. Kell has spoken to
the club before about various aspects of geology in the solar
system, the most recent being the surface of Mars. This should be
a most interesting meeting.

Also, as an addendum to the regular program we are inviting all those
who succeeded in getting good slides of the lunar eclipse to bring
them and show them off. A slide projector will be provided although
bring your own if you think it would be more convenient.
LUNAR ECLIPSE: was viewed by about ten members who gathered at the
Coronado shopping center July 6 to set sail for favorable skies.
We first caravanned to Bullhead Park which looked promising but
failed to clear of clouds in time. Thirty minutes prior to limb
darkening we hit the road and after watching the early shadowing
from our cars enroute we wound up in Los Lunas where we were
treated to superb dark sky, Milky Way and all. All present agreed
the eclipse would prove a standard by which all subsequent eclipses
would be judged. A red sunset had given us hint of what was to come
and indeed the moon’s disc turned out the deepest red we could have
hoped for. Phil Solosky attempted some photos from the Los Lunas site
while the rest of us peered through binoculars or just watched
eyes unaided. Nothing really was required for a spectacular view
except a comfortable place to recline.
MEMBERS WILLING TO SERVE: as an officer for 1983, a nominating
committee member for the 1983 elections, or as program committee
member for 1983 please call Mac Morgan. Participation is what
keeps the club full of vitality. We want to hear from you and respond
to your ideas.

STAR PARTY: will be at the Tolle’s site (see enclosed map) on Friday
August 20, with a backup date of Saturday, August 21. July’s star
party here was outstanding, with viewing going on as late as two
in the morning under black skies.
NEW MEMBERS: Judy Dahms 6121 Osuna NE apt D-2 87109 (883-5108).
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Map to Meeting

Map to Star Party