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We unfortunately had another bout of bad weather on the day chosen for our star party, and we had hoped for a good turnout of prospective members. We also learned after the newsletter was sent out that the site at Coronado State Monument was unavailable, and we were busy planning ways to let everyone know that we would be at a different site, but the plans were unnecessary in view of the weather that night. So we will try again on Friday, June 17, starting at about 8:00. The site will be the Jemez River dam, where we are assured of dark skies. See the map on the last page for directions. There is a large open area there which is made to order for sky watchers. The road is paved all the way and there is plenty of parking area. Go past the Coronado Monument about a half mile and turn right at the sign for Jemez River Dam. Go about 6 miles to the end of the road, and you are there. Be careful with bright lights—parking lights only for the last few hundred yards would be appreciated.

The June meeting will be held at Central Park Apartments, which is near Montgomery and I-25. See the map on the last page for better directions than I could give here. The meeting will be held on Friday, June 3 starting at 8:00 in the resident lounge, which is behind the office. Once you get inside the apartment complex, go around behind the office and up the stairs. Steve Snider, the host for the meeting, says there are signs pointing out the way, so it should be easy to find. We would like to resume the short star parties held after the meetings during the summer. All we need would be a few telescopes brought to the meeting and some curious astronomers to use them. It probably won’t be very good viewing around the apartments this month, but bright stars and planets will still be visible, and it will get us back in the habit of avoiding long meetings so that we can get to the fun part. So pack up the tube and bring it along.

An exhibit marking National Space Week is being sponsored by the New Mexicans For Space at Coronado Shopping Center on July 16 & 17. At the last meeting Georgiana Kues from that organization invited us to set up a table during those days, and we agreed that it would give us some good exposure as well as demonstrate our support of a national space program. What we had in mind were a couple of telescopes and some posters about space in general and astronomy in particular. Now what we need are some volunteers to watch the exhibits and keep people from damaging or absconding with them. We hope to get enough people to keep the time spent sitting there to a couple of hours per person. It
will be on a Saturday and Sunday during regular business hours for the shopping center. Come to the meeting or call any of the officers to offer your services for a short time.

Some of you may have noticed, or maybe you haven’t, that the date above your name on the newsletter has come and gone. That means that you are past due with your dues if you plan on continuing to be a member. If you wish to renew your membership, send $6.00 for the membership or $19.00 to include a subscription to Sky and Telescope to Glenn Pickett, 5244 Wyoming NE, Albq, 87111. It helps to send in your money a month in advance so I don’t have to send that nasty little note with the newsletter.

Here is your chance to own a Celestron 8. One of our members, Ray Czech, informs me that he is selling his CB & accessories, totaling over $1200.00 in retail cost, for $875.00. (Or you can purchase the CB, wedge, tripod, standard eyepieces & trunk for $700.00) For more information call him after June 6 at 765-7367 during the day or 292-7034 evenings.

"As I understand it, they want an immediate answer. Only trouble is the message was sent out 3 million years ago."
Here are the maps for the meeting and the starparty. I always manage to make an error on maps, so if everything isn't quite the way it should be according to the map, look around a little. You should be somewhere in the vicinity. See you there.

**STAR PARTY**

**Meeting**

Jun 3
8:00 PM