FLASH!!! For those of you who are planning on attending the Star Party this coming weekend: the date has been changed to the back-up day – Saturday, February 25. The time will still be the same, but it is NOT on Friday. Also a request: we had such a good turnout last time that things got a bit crowded in the back parking area at the monument. Therefore, if you do not have any equipment to set up, please park at the front of the museum in the normal parking for visitors. Not only will you leave more room in the back, but you won’t have to drive over that dirt road. People with telescopes and other equipment to unload are still welcome to drive around to the back. Your cooperation will be greatly appreciated.

The March club meeting will be on Friday, March 2, at 7:30 in the evening. Our host for the evening will be Dan Graham. His address is 10323 Oso Grande Road NE (see the map for detailed directions – the phone number is 296-6649 if you get lost). Dan will discuss some of the equipment he has, and some of the astronomical work he has done. This should be interesting for those of you who have wondered what some of the typical things are that our club members are doing.

The March Star Party is set up for Saturday, March 24 at the Coronado State Monument. It should get going around 8:00, although with the skies staying light later, it may be closer to 8:30.

Some interesting information has been passed on by one of our members. There are several "computer bulletin boards" now on line that deal with astronomical events. The first is a 300/1200 baud line for a comet watch. The Florida number is 305-268-8576 and will support CP/M users. There is a NASA 300 baud line in Maryland at 301-344-9156. And there is a line for amateur radio operators (who use satellites) to obtain software, at the Texas number 512-852-8194. Contact Jay Miller at 277-2640 for more details.

We still need volunteers to help with Astronomy Day. It
is on May 5 this year, and in spite of the time that appears available, it is moving in on us fast. We must get organized soon if we are to put on a decent show. Jim Palmer is the coordinator on this program. If you can help, please give him a call at 299-7955, or talk to him at the March meeting. Below is a list of the job areas where help is still needed.

Job Areas: Graphics and Posters
Publicity - Posters and Handouts
Publicity - Radio, TV, & Newspapers
Static Displays
Solar Observing Coordinator
Night Observing Coordinator
NABA Films
Transportation
Computer Displays

All help will be greatly appreciated.

A reminder:
The expiration date of your membership is printed in the upper right-hand corner of the newsletter mailing label. Please check this, and if there is any discrepancy, notify the treasurer right away so that we can correct any errors.

For those of you who need to renew, bring your dues and your Sky and Telescope renewal notice (if you subscribe) to the club meeting, or mail them to treasurer Bruce Levin at 1432B Mocho NE, Albuquerque, NM 87123. For those with Sky & Tel, please include the postage-paid return envelope as this will save us the cost of stamps to send your renewal on to the magazine.

We do publish "unclassified ads" for astronomical equipment. We print them as they are sent to us, so the club makes no comment as to the validity of the condition of the instruments; the instrument should be checked out by the prospective buyer, as with any purchasing you would do.

In fact:
FOR SALE: Celestron 8 with special coatings in superb condition optically and physically. 8 x 50 finder, AccuTrack dual axis corrector, off-axis guider, illuminated eyepiece, Daystar nebulae filter, full set University Konig eyepieces with filters. Asking $799.00, Contact Jack Estes (915) 692-2604 after 6 p.m. 3102 Heritage Lane, Abilene, Texas 79606.
STAR PARTY
25 Feb @ 8:00 pm.
24 Mar @ 8:00 pm.

2 Mar @ 7:30 pm.
Dan Graham's
10323 Oso Grande NE
296-6649

NOTE: Club Dues are: $6.00
with Sky & Tel: $19.00