August 1985

Upcoming meetings:

The meeting for August will be on Saturday, August 3, at 7:30 p.m. The subject matter and speaker are unknown at press time. The meeting will be in Room 185 of the UNM Physics and Astronomy Building (at the northeast corner of Yale and Lomas NE). (Press time is a little early this month, so there has not been time for the program arrangements to be confirmed.)

The star party will be on Friday, August 16, starting somewhere around dusk (about 8:30 p.m.). We will again try the Jemez Dam, but we will obtain prior permission this time.

The junior astronomy club meets regularly the third Friday of the month at the New Futures School at 2120 Louisiana NE (corner of Louisiana and Indian School). The meeting starts at 7:00 p.m. in the history classroom (main building, first room on the left as you enter). This month’s meeting will be on Aug 16. For more information, contact Jim Palmer at 299-7955.

The club extends a very big THANKS to Kathy Hedges for her efforts in setting up the VLA tour. We had our own tour guide, Dr. Pat Crane, who took us around and amongst the various rooms, operations, and pieces of equipment. It was a quite interesting and very thorough tour. Unfortunately, the weather did not cooperate for the star party that night. It wasn’t just cloudy, a big thunderstorm parked overhead for a while and dazzled us with its lightning display while it poured water on us. However, about half the tents survived (other members invaded the motel in town) and came morning most headed up to the thunderstorm laboratory. After ten miles up a rock road, we reached the top. Again we encountered a thunderstorm. This time, this is what the workers wanted and they were too busy taking data to provide us with a tour. So after walking around the buildings and peering around, we went back down. A very different sort of weekend, still enjoyable in spite of the "rained out" plans.
My standard reminder:

The expiration date of your membership is printed in the upper right-hand corner of the newsletter mailing label. Please check the date, and if there is any discrepancy, notify the treasurer right away so that we can correct any errors. Membership dues are $7.00/year without a Sky & Telescope subscription, and $20.00/year with a subscription. You do not have to attend a meeting to join; just send a check made out to 'Albuquerque Astronomers' to Bruce Levin at the address listed below.

For those of you who need to renew, bring your dues and your Sky & Telescope renewal notice (if you subscribe) to the club meeting, or mail them to treasurer Bruce Levin at 14328 Mocho NE, Albuquerque, NM 87123. Members with Sky & Tel should include the postage-paid return envelope to save the club the cost of sending renewals on to the magazine.

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Meeting:
Sat, August 3
UNM Physics + Astro
7:30 pm. Rm 185

Star Party
Friday, August 16
Jemez Dam
~ 8:30 pm.
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**July 1985**

**Thursday, Friday, & Saturday, Oct. 17,18 & 19th.**
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