

# Sidereal Times



JUNE PICNIC ISSUE

## AAAP PICNIC

<sup>1976</sup>  
**JUNE 5**

**at 5pm**

### FUN ACTIVITIES

football ... frisbee... and

softball!

PLUS

ALL THE FOOD YOU

CAN EAT!!

### SKY OBSERVATION

GLOBULARS: NGC 6205

GALAXIES: M51

PLUS A SPECIAL

GUEST APPEARANCE OF  
THE MOON!

The Annual AAAP Picnic will be held early this year on June 5 [Rain date: June 12]. The gang will begin to assemble at 5 P.M. in Van Nest Park in West Windsor Township. A map is provided as a traveler's aid. Van Nest Park is located in Area #5 on the map. The X marks the proximity of the picnic site. If difficulty still occurs in finding the location please do not use the emergency number located in the left hand corner of the map but call John Church at 799-0723.

In addition to the usual activities, there will be a viewing of astronomical slides beneath the night time sky. Power will be available, so everyone is encouraged to bring their telescopes. The picnic is probably the best opportunity to make known the nature and work of the AAAP and therefore members are also encouraged to pass on this issue of Sidereal Times to prospective new members and other interested amateur astronomers. Cost of the picnic is \$3 per person.

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## MAY ELECTION RESULTS

At the May AAAP Meeting, a body of officers were elected for the 1976-77 term.

The following individuals were chosen:

Dick Peery - Director

John Church - Program Chairman

Steve Shutt - Assistant Director

Leith Holloway - Treasurer

Roxanne Tobin - Secretary

The re-election of these individuals is a testimony of their hard work and dedication of last year.

### ODDS & Ends

Once the AAAP Observatory is built many modest odds and ends will be needed to furnish the observatory. Although it may appear premature to begin furnishing before the foundation is yet to be laid such a list may prevent members from discarding items that may be useful. The aaap can use cabinets, shelving, cinder blocks, non-florescent light fixtures, stools, folding chairs, an automatic coffee pot, a heavy outer door, etc. Members having such items for donation should call Dick Peery at 397-3676.

### PROJECT VIKING

AAAP members Norm Sperling and Dick Peery will be visiting Mars this summer from Pasadena, California by special invitation from NASA. The following is an excerpt of the letter they received:

The National Aeronautics and Space Administration extends to you an invitation to attend a program at NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory in Pasadena, California, to witness the events connected with the Viking landing on Mars scheduled July 4, 1976. The NASA Educational Programs Division is arranging a special conference July 3-5 for selected educators, which will include presentations by some of the most knowledgeable speakers on the subject of Viking and extra-terrestrial life, presentations on present and future NASA programs, a visit to Jet Propulsion Laboratory facilities and an opportunity to observe the first data (imagery) returned from Mars.

The AAAP will enthusiastically look forward to their return and a stimulating presentation for the July AAAP Meeting.