

# SIDEREAL TIMES

NEWSLETTER OF THE AMATEUR ASTRONOMERS ASSOCIATION OF PRINCETON

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## FUTURE PROGRAMS

Tuesday, September 9: *Dr. Mitch Struble, University of Pennsylvania, "CLUSTERS OF GALAXIES COMPARED WITH n-BODY SIMULATIONS".*

Tuesday, October 14: *MOVIE: MIRROR ON THE UNIVERSE, describing the theory concerning and the construction of the Multiple Mirror Telescope on Mount Hopkins near Amado, Arizona.*

Tuesday, November 11: *MEMBERS NIGHT. AAAP members describe their current activities.*

As you can see Program Chairman Dave Brown has planned a variety of interesting meeting topics for September, October and November. All meetings are at Peyton Hall and begin promptly at 8:00 p.m.

Prior to the meeting club members can attend an informal dutch treat dinner beginning at 5:45 p.m. at the *Foolish Fox* Restaurant at the intersection of Routes 518 and 206, Rocky Hill, N.J.

## AAAP PICNIC

By now all club members should have received, and hopefully returned picnic registration forms. Saturday, September 13 at Knox Grove is the big date. Assistant Director and Picnic Chairman Kurt Goepfert needs people to volunteer services and food. To contact Kurt call (201) 584-3882 after 7:00 p.m. If you have not as yet returned your registration form do so as soon as possible because costs rise from \$3.00 per person (children under 12 free) to \$5.00 per person after September 1. Make checks payable to the Amateur Astronomers Association of Princeton and send to P.O. Box 2017, Princeton, N.J. 08540

## OBSERVATORY NEWS

*Construction:* Observatory Construction Chairman Leith Holloway reports considerable progress has been made in the past few months. Bill Phillips has finished constructing the wall between the bathroom and storage area, and installed electrical wiring. The roof mechanism has been adjusted so it is much easier to operate. A better finder has been installed on the 10" Koehler reflector. Work on drainage pipes along the foundation has begun to prevent heaving of the floor from water accumulating under it. If you have free time on Saturdays, call Leith at 924-2480 to volunteer.

*Observing:* Club members are invited to use the observatory on clear Friday evenings. The keyholders listed below may be contacted if you have any questions about whether or not a session will be held.

### August

1	Roxanne Peery	397-3140
8	John Church	799-0723
15	Kurt Goepfert	201-584-3882
22	Rick Clark	771-0096
29	Leith Holloway	924-2480

September

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Bill Phillips

Pat Kane

921-2732

882-1275

Public Observing Sessions in cooperation with the State Museum Planetarium resume Friday, September 26. Sessions begin at the Planetarium at 7:30 p.m. and arrive at the park about 8:15 p.m. on clear evenings.

#### FROM THE DIRECTOR

It seems that July is not the time to hold a *Star Wash*. Turnout was very light and the AAAP treasury is only richer by about \$10.00. Thanks go to Doug Wurzler, Rich Poulo, Scott Smith, Marc Halfon, Jay Albert and his son Mike, and Kurt Goepfert. Another *Star Wash* will be scheduled for sometime in October hopefully before the cold sets in.

The next Board meetings are scheduled for ~~Tuesday~~ August 12 and Tuesday, September 12 at 8:00 p.m. The Picnic will take up most of the agenda. Anyone who is interested in helping out with the Picnic is invited to attend these meetings. Please call any officer to find out where the meeting will be held.

I certainly hope that many of you are planning to attend the picnic in September. It seems like there are always just a few familiar faces at activities and that 60% of the club members are just names on a list. At one time it was profitable to join the AAAP to get *Sky and Telescope* (club dues were less than the regular subscription price), but this is no longer the case. So come on out and support your club. Most of our activities are fun and your presence can only make them more so!

Finally, I hope that everyone has had a good summer, despite the clouds, and I look forward to seeing all of you at the September meeting.

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