

# Sidereal Times

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## FROM THE DIRECTOR

The long winter is finally approaching its end and with it comes Public Observing Sessions. This year, the sessions have changed in order to take some of the load off the Planetarium. We are only offering four sessions this Spring: March 26, April 2, 9, and 16. These sessions will be held in the usual manner, that is, people will meet at the Planetarium in Trenton, and if it is clear, arrive at the Observatory by 8:30 or 9 pm.

In the event of partially clear skies, it is best to call either the Planetarium at 292-6333 or the Observatory at 737-2575 before taking the journey out to the Park.

A list of those people on watch appears in this issue's duty roster. Keyholders should plan to arrive at the Observatory by 8 pm using the Brickyard Road entrance.

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March 9, Tuesday, 8 pm: AAAP Members' Night

March 26, April 2, 9, 16:  
Spring Public Observing Sessions,  
see "From the Director" for details

topics to be announced:  
April 13, Tuesday, 8 pm  
May 11, Tuesday, 8 pm  
June 8, Tuesday, 8 pm

## DIRECTOR continued

Speaking of Brickyard Road, I received a call from the park security and they said that the AAAP lock for the gate is missing. This is the second time in several months that this has happened. The first time the lock re-appeared after a few weeks. If you go out to the Observatory, please make sure to return the lock when you leave, and please report to me when the lock is not in place. The lock in question is brand new and I hope it turns up again.

For much of December and January, the very cold temperatures caused the floor of the Observatory to heave upward and jam the roof. It seems that this problem is one we are going to have to live with. (Maybe we can correct it on our NEXT observatory!)

Many thanks to our hard working Publicity Committee. They have been busy writing press releases for newspapers and television stations, and generally trying to get us known to the public, and it seems to be working. Any member who would like to help the committee should contact Program Chairman, Kurt Rahlfs at (215)493-0561, or Signe Hanson at (609)292-9469.

Roxanne Peery

## Observatory Duty Roster for Public Sessions CALL KEYHOLDER BEFOREHAND

<u>Fri</u>	<u>Person</u>	<u>Phone</u>
03/26	R. Peery	397-3140
04/02	J. Church	799-0723
04/09	M. Halfon	443-5866
04/16	D. Wurzler	737-9353

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