

# Sidereal Times

Newsletter of the Amateur Astronomers Association of Princeton, Inc.

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## NOVEMBER/DECEMBER CALENDAR

- 1) 11/5 - 12/17 (Fridays) - Club Member Observing Sessions  
AAAP Observatory Refer to Duty Roster on Page 2.
  
- 2) 11/9 (Tuesday) - 7:30 p.m. "NOVA" Session conducted by M. Halfon.  
Peyton Hall 8:00 p.m. Dr. J.R. Gott, III from Princeton  
University's Astrophysics Department speaks on  
"The Early Universe." Premeeting dinner at the  
Rusty Scupper at 5:45 p.m.
  
- 3) 12/14 (Tuesday) - 7:30 p.m. "NOVA" Session  
Peyton Hall 8:00 p.m. Princeton's Robert Lupton will explore  
"The Intergalactic Medium."

## FROM THE DIRECTOR:

Early November marks the culmination of political debates and campaigning. What better time could we have chosen to ask you to vote on one more item!

The AAAP's Constitutional By-Laws must be revised to recognize the existence of our Observatory. The attached proposal requires the approval of better than one-half of our Club's membership to accomplish this task. Please review this attachment, cast your vote, and return your ballot as directed prior to December 1, 1982.

Your vote does count and I would appreciate your taking five minutes to handle this minor detail. Thanks.

PROGRAM CHAIRMAN TAKES A SABBATICAL: Dave Crisp obtained a grant from NASA to do some research in California for the next 4 months or so. Many thanks to Dave C. for the impressive speaker inventory built up to carry us into June 1983.

STARWASH A SUCCESS! Despite brief periods of rain on Saturday, 10/16/82, the AAAP Starwash brought in \$169.00. The Club should thank Dave Crisp, Doug Wurzler, Kurt Goepfert, Kurt Rahifs, Art Esposito, Lawrence and William Gross, and Jay and Michael Albert for a job well done.

These carwash activities are excellent opportunity for us to revivify the AAAP treasury. We will schedule at least two more for 1983.

"NOVA" PRESENTED BY THE AAAP. In an effort to assist our "NOVice Astronomers" develop their knowledge and skills, we are forming a new feature for our monthly meetings.

Still a "nebulous" concept, NOVA will begin at 7:30 p.m. on November 9 at Peyton Hall. Marc Halfon will preview some concepts which may relate to our guest speaker's talk on the early universe.

In future months we'll alternate presenters to mix in summaries of prior meeting's lectures, have members discuss their astro projects and review books to help point our novices in the directions they wish to pursue within astronomy.

Initial reaction to this concept has been very favorable. I invite all of you to suggest additional activities which could be included under our "NOVA" umbrella. Better yet, come out to the meetings and give those suggestions in person!

BOLIDE INFO SOUGHT. Did you see the fire ball which streaked across our evening skies in early September? If so, Dick Peery would like to get some details from you. Phone Dick at 397-3140.

BEEMERVILLE OUTING PLANNED: Clear dark skies and fresh Sussex County air are awaiting any AAAP member interested in joining a weekend outing in the Spring of 1983. Dave Brown can arrange to reserve a facility connected with Rutgers University for us. Costs are nominal and the experience sounds like a lot of fun! For more info give Dave a call at 466-2696. It is important to get an estimate of the number of people interested in a Spring outing so make your intentions known by November 15th.

WELCOME BACK: Co-founder of the AAAP in 1964 with Karl Koehler, Robert E. Sanders (924-8360) has recently returned to the Princeton area and has renewed his club membership. It is a true honor to add your name back to the roster, Robert.

OBSERVATORY DUTY ROSTER: (OBSERVATORY PHONE (737-2575))

<u>FRI</u>	<u>PERSON</u>	<u>PHONE</u>	<u>FRI</u>	<u>PERSON</u>	<u>PHONE</u>
11/5	K. Goepfert	(201)584-3882	12/3	K. Rahlfs	(215)493-0561
11/12	L. Holloway	924-2480	12/10	D. Wurzier	737-9353
11/19	J. Church	799-0723	12/17	M. Halfon	443-5866
11/26	R. Peery	397-3140	12/24 & 12/31	No Assignment	

HAPPY THANKSGIVING!