

Sidereal Times

Newsletter of the Amateur Astronomers Association of Princeton, Inc.

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AAAP/DECEMBER CALENDAR

- 1) 12/8 (Wednesday) - 7:30 p.m. AAAP Board Meeting at Doug Wurzler's
314 Hale St., Pennington house. For directions call Doug at 737-9353.

- 2) 12/14 (Tuesday) -
Peyton Hall 7:30 p.m. "NOVA" Session conducted by
(directions on pg. 2) A. Esposito
8:00 p.m. Mr. Robert Lupton from Princeton's
Astrophysical Sciences Department explores, "The
Intergalactic Medium." Premeeting dinner at the
Rusty Scupper at 5:45 p.m.

- 3) 12/3-12/17 (Fridays) - Club Member Observing Sessions. Refer to duty
roster and related notes on page 2.

FROM THE DIRECTOR:

The 1982 Holiday Season has begun and I hope you all had an enjoyable Thanksgiving. The attached AAAP Club Roster, current through November, should be helpful for some of you, who are compiling Christmas card lists. As always, please let me know if any additional revisions are necessary.

Response to last month's proposed by-law amendment has been less than overwhelming. To date, only ten AAAPers have indicated their feelings in the matter of officially recognizing our observatory's existence.

A free-form, hand-written ballot is acceptable if you have misplaced the form sent out last month. If you prefer to give a verbal response, call me evenings after 8:00 p.m. at (201) 584-3882. Please indicate your choice by December 13, 1982.

"NOVA" Session Well-Received. Marc Halfon initiated our Novice Astronomy session last month with a "primer" on the early universe. Marc's attempts to preview the guest speaker's lecture were very well received by all in attendance. Good job, Marc!

This month's segment features Art Esposito's recommendations for checking out some "hot" celestial attractions during the upcoming cold winter nights. Art is a very enthusiastic observer. His presentation should be interesting and fun.

Our "NOVA" program format is very flexible. We are most interested in getting your feedback as to program content. Please contact the Director if you have some suggestions, or better, if you would like to volunteer a presentation in the months to come.

KEYHOLDER CERTIFICATION PROCEDURE DEFINED: A detailed review of the attached membership roster shows we have picked up a fair number of new members since last summer. Our "NOVA" program was designed, in part, to support the needs of our novices.

Additionally, some of our new members have inquired as to how they could become Keyholders to the AAAP Observatory, to allow them access to this club facility at any time.

Current AAAP Keyholders are listed below. Anyone interested in earning Keyholder status should contact one of these veteran members to arrange a brief tutorial session on the proper use of our observatory, including the two club telescopes. Once instruction is complete, both student and tutor should contact the Director in writing to request a "graduation key."

CURRENT AAAP KEYHOLDERS

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| 1. John Church (799-0723) | 7. Pat Kane (882-1275) |
| 2. Art Esposito (396-3630) | 8. Dick Peery (397-3140) |
| 3. Kurt Goepfert (201/584-3882) | 9. Roxanne Peery (397-3140) |
| 4. Marc Halfon (443-5866) | 10. Kurt Rahlfs (215/493-0561) |
| 5. Leith Holloway (924-2480) | 11. Doug Wurzler (737-9353) |
| 6. Harry Johnson (882-2680) | |

OBSERVATORY DUTY SUSPENDED: With the onset of winter, "official" Friday night observing sessions will be suspended after December 17 until the end of February, 1983. Keyholders may use our facility any time they desire, non-Keyholders may use the list published above to hook-up with any Keyholder willing to trek out to the observatory during the interim.

DECEMBER DUTY ROSTER (Observatory Phone 737-2575)

<u>Friday</u>	<u>Person</u>	<u>Phone</u>
12/3	K. Rahlf	215/493-0561
12/10	D. Wurzler	737-9353
12/17	M. Haflon	443-5866

DIRECTIONS TO PEYTON HALL

Any new member requiring directions to Peyton Hall should refer to the map listed to the right. See you December 14!

HAPPY HOLIDAYS!!

