

Sidereal Times

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AAAP JAN/FEB. CALENDAR

1) 1/11 (Tuesday) - 7:30 p.m. "NOVA" session conducted by Kurt Rahlfs.

Peyton Hall Topic: "How to Use a Telescope - Part I."

8:00 p.m. Mr. Ed Bertschinger from Princeton University discusses "Astrophysical Shocks." Premeeting dinner at the newly-refurbished Foolish Fox at 5:45 p.m.

2) 2/8 (Tuesday) - 7:30 p.m. "NOVA" session. Kurt Rahlfs will conclude his discussion on telescope selection and use.

8:00 p.m. Princeton's Mario Vietri will explore the "Origin of SO Galaxies."

FROM THE DIRECTOR

The beginning of a new year affords us the opportunity to draw up resolutions to effect changes (improvements) in our lives. The AAAP must also effect certain revisions to improve our financial status.

Effective with 1983 membership renewals (i.e., immediately) a new fee structure applies. The Club-directors proposed the following schedule, which was voted on and approved by the members present at the December meeting:

Students & Seniors	\$19.00 (+4)
Regular	\$25.00 (+5)
Family	\$30.00 (+0)

To put it simply, our previous membership fees had not changed since November 1978. In the interim our average member costs (Sky & Telescope, Sidereal Times, Insurance, Utilities, etc.) had exceeded our average membership income. A \$3.00 increase in the 1983 Sky & Telescope subscriptions rate was the clincher.

Observers Handbooks In: Treasurer, Doug Wurzler has received a limited supply of 1983 Observers Handbooks, published by the Royal Astronomical Society of Canada. Each book costs \$6.00 and may be reserved by contacting Doug at 737-9353. This handbook is an excellent source of astronomical details for 1983 and makes a valuable addition to your observing equipment.

Constitutional By-Law Revision Pending: As of January 1, 1983 twenty-three members have responded either verbally or in writing to the proposed By-Law revision recognizing the Observatory's existence and manner of use. Until a majority vote is received (30 votes) should refer to last months Director's comments for voting procedures.

Beemerville Dates Announced: Dave Brown has reserved the Rutgers University Extension Services facility in Beemerville, Sussex County for AAAP use over the October 21-23, 1983 weekend. Please reserve this time slot on your calendars. Watch future issues Sidereal times for additional details.

Welcome New Members: The following new members have joined the AAAP since December. Scott & Jerry Isaacs (448-4628), Don & Mike Monticello (882-1257), Claire Porter (585-3735), John Santandrea and Lawrence C. Smith (201-874-3552). Welcome to the Club!

Watch for a new membership roster with next month's Sidereal Times.