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- • MARCH, 1981 : -

NEW MEETING LOCATION!

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MARCH PROGRAM-MEETING:

The speaker for the March Program-Meeting will be announced. We will again meet at the <u>UWM Union</u> at Kenwood and Maryland in room East 240 on the second floor. The Union is about 3 blocks east of the Physics Bldg. Parking for a nominal fee beneath the Union and street parking is available.

COMING SOON: The 35th Annual Convention of the North Central Region of the Astronomical League (NCRAL) will meet in Minneapolis Sat., May 2, 1981. Here are the details:

- HOSTS: Minnesota Astronomical Society and the University of Minnesota.
- SITE: Physics Building of the Minneapolis Campus of the University of Minnesota.
- ACTIVITIES: Papers (yours is invited), displays, banquet, astrophotography contest, field trip to O'Brien Obs. of Univ. of Minnesota (see "A Quest for Telescopes" in Sky & Tel. Feb., 1981).
- MAIN SPEAKER: Dr. Lawrence Rudnick, Asst. Professor, Dept. of Astronomy, Univ. of Minn. "Probing the Cosmos with Radio Eyes."
- REGISTRATION: Contact Katherine Sproll, 1554 Hillside Av., No., Minneapolis, Minn. 55411, or James Fox, 14601 55th Street South, Afton, Minn. 55001.

WATCH CHANNEL 10 (WMVS) March 24, 8 p.m. or the repeat March 27 at 10:30 p.m. for the excellent, exciting NOVA program "Voyager: Jupiter and Beyond."

As the title suggests, this impressive program will tell about the extensive close-up investigation of Jupiter and its moons and Saturn and its rings.

Do we live in an era similar to that of Galileo's? Are there other life forms or are we alone in unending infinity? What did the Voyager spacecraft discover? What are NASA'S plans for the near future?

NOVA'S "Voyager: Jupiter and Beyond" will answer these questions and, perhaps, some of yours. Don't miss it:

GOOD SHOW: MAS Member Frank Levar informs us of a 45 minute slide show to be presented in Room 208 of the Oak Creek Sr. High School Planetarium, March 17 at 3:15 p.m. and again March 20 at 7 and 8 p.m. The planetarium is located at 340 E. Puetz Rd., Oak Creek (east of Howell and Puetz Rd.). Park on the west side of the school, use west entrance to the planetarium.

The three-quarter hour presentation is based on "Cosmos", and is narrated by a tape by Carl Sagan. Special effects will augment this superb program recently aired in its entirety on TV. Admission: Children under 12 free, adults 50 cents.

OBSERVATORY MEETING: ALL members are invited to meet at the obser-vatory Wed., April 1, at 7:30 p.m.

This meeting will concentrate on our new members (and others) who want to learn how to use telescopes.

Response to these general meetings has not been overwhelming, so the Board has decided to change the name from "Staff Meeting" to "Observatory Meeting" figuring that "Staff" connoted they were for a special group. Not true. Everyone is invited. It's another Society benefit for you to use. Bring your equipment if you like.

HELP: The observatory buildings and site have bravely withstood another winter. Now we've got to get busy out there for two reasons:

1 - Old man winter will soon be leaving and we must clean up after him inside and out.

2 - To get ready for National Astronomy Day, May 9. Please help out if you can on Sat. morning, April 4, from 10 to 12. Bring cleaning equipment-vacuums, buckets, ambition.

26" (66cm) TELESCOPE NEWS: There will be a 26" Telescope meeting Sunday afternoon, March 15, 2 p.m. at Gerry Samolyk's home at 411 N. 61st St. Anyone interested in joining one of the 26" committees, or just dropping in is invited to do so. The 26" observatory window is nearly completed.

Discussion is centering on several ideas for the dome. Maybe you've got some!

FOR SALE: Six inch f8 Newtonian reflector. Tube is in fair condition, equitorial mount and drive in very good condition. 1/4" and 1/2" focal length eyepieces, 2X-3X Barlow lens. \$200 takes all.

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Quantum 6, rarely used, perfect condition. 20mm eyepiece, dew cap, complete outfit. Price \$2,000. Selling for much less than new price. Will consider offers. Please call Mark Adams at 543-1054 between 9-10 p.m.

NEW MEMBERS: Meet and greet Fred Antonich, Milwaukee; Rick Densing, Brookfield; Michael Manning, Waukesha; Julian Peterson, Sussex; Bruce Wells and wife Gloria; Ixonia. Everyone will be introduced at the March meeting.

THE BOARD WILL MEET Fri., March 27, 7:30 p.m., at the home of John Geraci, 2545 N. 40th St. (442-2736). Spouses are welcome.

MEMBER'S NIGHT KEYHOLDERS:

Mar.	14	R.	James	421-2162	Apr.	4	F.	Roldan	344-2354
	21	Ρ.	Murn	464-1539		11	G.	Hanson	782-0397
			Pfannerstill	548-9287		18	G.	Samolyk	258-5626

Saturday night is member's night at the observatory. All members are invited to come out to observe, learn how to use the equipment available, or just chat. Call the keyholder the Fri. before his night - cancel Sat. if necessary. Keyholder should report anyway. He will also oversee tours during the week ending with his assigned night. Mr. J. Toeller (352-7144) will act on requests.

- FULL SAP MOON FRI., MARCH 20 -

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