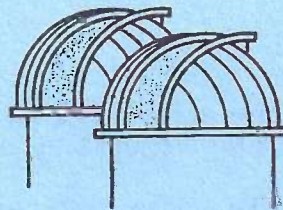


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FEBRUARY PROGRAM-MEETING

WHEN: Friday, February 19, 8 P.M.
WHERE: UWM Physics Bldg., corner of Kenwood and
Cramer, room 133.

The main speaker and the subject of his talk will be announced at the meeting.

MAS member John Geraci will take a few minutes to deliver a short talk on a forthcoming Halley's comet watch.

Attend! Bring a friend! Everyone is welcome.

CONVENTION - ANNIVERSARY UPDATE! A lot was accomplished at the Convention-Anniversary committee meeting last month. Under the direction of Chairman Bill Konig, several sub-committees were formed to handle registration, refreshments, and publications. Each will help the other to take care of the thousand and one things that must be done.

Complete details will soon be made known in a registration-information package which will be made available to regional societies and MAS members.

The site will be Carroll College in Waukesha. The date - Sat., May 22, 1982. The banquet speaker will be Dr. Michael Turner of the University of Chicago. His talk title is "Big Bang-Cosmology." Tentative fees are \$3.00 preregistration, \$4.00 at the door. Lunch \$4.00, banquet \$10.00 per person. The observatory will be open for tours and observing on Fri. and Sat. nights. In addition, wine and cheese will be served!

The biggest concern now is papers. We're calling for more up to 15 minutes long on any astronomical subject. Notify Paper Chairman James Greenwald, 2431 N. 64th St., Milwaukee, Wis. 53213 as soon as possible.

April 1 will be the deadline. He must know the paper title and presentation equipment needed.

JOHN GERACI is the official MAS comet reporter. He is well informed on comet activity, and when the news is noteworthy, he forwards it to the Society.

Jet Propulsion Laboratory is currently gathering information for a Halley's comet watch. The comet is due to appear in 1986. It is appealing to amateur societies world wide for help on this project. At the February meeting, Mr. Geraci will give a short talk on what the Halley's comet project is. He will include data on its magnitude, location, and appearance.

26" (66cm) TELESCOPE NEWS: New contributions to the 1981 26" Fund Drive amounted to \$1,585.00! Additional funds were received from many members who honored their pledges.

Gifts so far for 1982 total \$1,160.00. Sizeable donations were received from Apollo Fund Limited and MAS members Orin Purinton and Peter Smitka.

Not quite two years ago the spot where your new observatory building now stands was a grass-covered plot of land. Now it's nearly ready to house a brand new telescope, one of state's largest. A few hard workers have done a lot of work on the project. You must see it to appreciate it.

The design work is done. So are a lot of parts. Now the urgency is for people to raise funds, supply material, and make or machine more parts.

Let's not lose the momentum. Please call Gerry Samolyk (258-5626) or Bill Tuerck (782-2844) or attend the committee meeting at Bill's home. See the calendar of events for details.

"NORTHERN LIGHTS," The official North Central Region of the Astronomical League publication, will soon print its March edition.

This newsy, informative, newsletter is published quarterly in March, June, September, and December. Subscriptions are available at \$2.50 per year from Mr. James H. Fox, 14601 55th St. S, Afton, Minnesota 55001.

The December, 1981 edition presented an especially good article about video astronomy and equally good articles on Neptune's rotation and charting the moon. Bits of information about the MAS and other regional observatories were featured. A sample will be on display at the February Program-Meeting.

The "Northern Lights" welcomes your articles even if you're not a subscriber.

WHOEVER TRIED TO FOOL MOTHER NATURE, please apologize! She's smothered us in snow and mud and floods, tried to refrigerate us, and still won't relent. And she also caused us to cancel our Annual Dinner-Meeting!

Vice President Dan Fromm was unable to reschedule the event for February. Perhaps it can be rescheduled later this year as a 50th Anniversary party.

Thanks, Dan, for your efforts.

NEW MEMBERS: Three new members will be introduced at the February Program-Meeting. Presented will be Richard Davis, Waukesha; Thomas Milner, Whitefish Bay; and Paul Moertl, Milwaukee.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Thur., Feb. 18, 7 P.M. sharp! Convention-Anniversary committee meeting.
New Berlin Library, 11450 W. Cleveland Ave. We must be out by 9:30!
Fri., Feb. 19, 8 P.M. - February Program-Meeting.
Sun., Feb. 21, 2 P.M. - 26" Telescope Committee meeting at the home of
William Tuerck, 340 Joanne Dr., Brookfield 782-2844. See article.
Fri., Feb. 26, 7:30 P.M. - Board of directors meeting at the home of Mr.
& Mrs. John Geraci, 2545 N. 40th St. 442-2736.
Sat., May 22 - 36th Annual NCRAL Convention - MAS 50th Anniversary.

WANTED: A 6" reflector. Must have clock drive. Will offer up to \$180.
Please call Allen Henderson at 442-4905 between 3-9 P.M.

CANADIAN HANDBOOKS will be available at the February Program-Meeting. If
you've ordered one and cannot attend, you may pick it up at the home of
Treas. Jim Toeller, 407 W. Mall Rd., Milwaukee (352-7144).

MEMBER'S NIGHT KEYHOLDERS:

Feb. 13	R. James	421-2162	Mar. 6	F. Roldan	344-2354
20	P. Murn	464-1539	13	G. Hanson	782-0397
27	J. Pfannerstill	548-9287	20	T. Schmidtkunz	1-338-2757

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 WORM MOON TUE., MAR. 9 : -

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