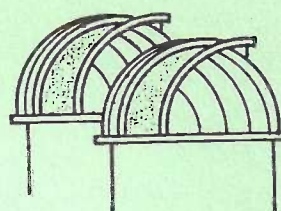


DOUBLE DOME



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DUES DISCUSSION AT THE FEBRUARY MEETING

CALENDAR:

- Fri., Feb. 18 - February Program-Meeting. See next article.
Fri., Feb. 25 - Board of Directors meeting. Home of Vice Pres.
Eileen Korenic, 7623 W. Wilbur Av., Milw., 7:30 p.m.
All board members are urged to attend.
Fri., Mar. 18 - March Program-Meeting. Dr. J. Allen Hynek's talk will be
"The Dawn and Tomorrow of Corralitas Observatory."
Sat. nights - Member's nights. See article on last page.

FEBRUARY PROGRAM MEETING: February's speaker will be Dr. Blair Savage, Professor of Astronomy at UW-Madison. His topic, "The Gaseous Galactic Halo," is sure to interest the cosmologists and theorists in our organization, as well as the general-interest people! As always, questions will be entertained by Dr. Savage after the talk, both on his topic and other astronomy-related areas of interest. Please see bottom of last page.

DUES: The proposed increase will be further discussed at the February meeting. Hopefully there will be a good attendance so that this important subject can be aired fully since it concerns all members.

Treas. Jim Toeller aptly led the discussion at the January meeting by enumerating the many items requiring outgo of your dues contribution as well as sources of income. Your money pays for electricity, fuel, speakers, mailing, printing, observatory maintenance, insurance, and Astronomical League dues. Money comes from your dues, donations, gifts, Open Houses, miscellaneous fund raisers, and from out-of-pocket payments absorbed by members, for minor items like gas, paint, nails, etc. Jim also mentioned how cost increases since the last dues increase in May, 1974 have made an increase necessary.

President Frank Roldan presented two proposals at the December meeting:

- 1.) Increase dues for general membership to \$30/year with proportional increases in the other dues categories.
- 2.) Leave dues as they are now but drop the Sky & Telescope subscription. (Individual subscriptions are \$18/yr).

Proposal 2 is invalid because, by the rules governing the MAS, members must receive an astronomical publication as part of their membership.

According to Treas. Jim Toeller's latest figures, the MAS lost \$678.38 in the last fiscal year. If dues are raised to \$25/general member, the loss will be less than \$400; if they're raised to \$30/general member, the MAS will show a profit of \$600 or so.

Now you have all the facts. Try to attend the February Program-Meeting to further discuss and hopefully arrive at a compromise to settle the issue.

The "Double-Dome" apologizes for a misstatement last month. If new dues figures are reached they will go into effect for all new member applications beginning in March. Members on the current MAS roster will be billed at the higher figures when the new MAS fiscal year begins in September.

A LOT OF PEOPLE SHOWED UP at the January program-meeting, a vast improvement over the attendance at some recent ones.

All enjoyed Dr. Robert West's talk on fossils and early earth history.

Remember that non-members are always welcome at the General Program-Meetings. There is no admission charge.

ROLL OUT THE RED CARPET for new members R. Dennis Horvath of Greendale and Sharon Mason of Racine.

Welcome to the Milwaukee Astronomical Society.

Since the MAS by-laws require that new applicants be approved by the board of directors they are not introduced to the general membership at the program-meeting until the general meeting following approval.

One more thing. New members are encouraged to attend the general meeting. You will be introduced without embarrassment.

26" TELESCOPE UPDATE: The polar axis is assembled and the support rollers are almost ready. Large parts need machining. Please call Bill Tuerck at 782-2844 if you have access to large machinery or can arrange to get some of the work done.

It would be nice if the 'scope were operable in time for the 1984 National Convention!

ALCON '84 UPDATE: The MAS has offered to host the 1984 National Astronomical League Convention. The League is waiting for other valid bids from other societies and will soon let us know.

MAS Program Chairman Dan Koehler can use more people on the Alcon committee. Inform him what you'd like to do. None of the tasks are particularly time-consuming if we have enough help.

"NORTHERN LIGHTS," The North Central quarterly newsletter will publish its first issue of the year this month.

In addition to reporting what other societies in the region are doing, "Northern Lights" also contains interesting and unusual astronomical items. Items for publication are welcome even if you are not a subscriber.

Annual subscriptions are \$2.50 for the four editions. A sample copy will be on display at the next MAS Program-Meeting.

Remit to Mr. James Fox, 14601 55th St. S., Afton, Minn. 55001.

HERE'S A REMINDER that your 1983 Canadian Handbook is available. You may pick up your pre-ordered copy at the February program-meeting from Treas. Jim Toeller, or, if you prefer, at his home at 407 W. Mall Rd., Glendale. The price is \$5.00 per copy.

MEMBER'S NIGHT KEYHOLDERS:

Feb.	12	W. Collins	255-4169	Mar.	5	R. James	421-2162
	19	G. Hall	786-8579		12	P. Murn	464-1539
	26	C. Hesseltine	482-4515		19	J. Pfannerstill	548-9287

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 SNOW MOON SUN., FEB. 27 : -

MARCH DOUBLE-DOME DEADLINE: Friday, March 4. Please notify the editor of items to be included in the March issue by this date.

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MEETING TIME & LOCATION:

WHEN: Friday, February 18, 1983 8:00 p.m.
WHERE: UWM Physics Building, Room 133, at the corner of Kenwood and Cramer. Parking is available on the streets surrounding the building.

Let's keep up the good work on high attendance at our meetings!