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Congratulations are in order for Ralph Buice! Readers of Sky & Telescope (and that should be all of you) will have noticed that one of his pictures of the February eclipse was printed in the last issue. The expedition which Ralph took part in was described in our March bulletin. He used a Celestron 5, a type of instrument which I find has no redeeming feature. However, as Amy Fried says: "Nothing succeeds like success," and Sky & Telescope has published the proof of his astronomical pudding! A conversation with the editor of that rival publication revealed that the competition was really tough. As a matter of fact yours truly lost out!

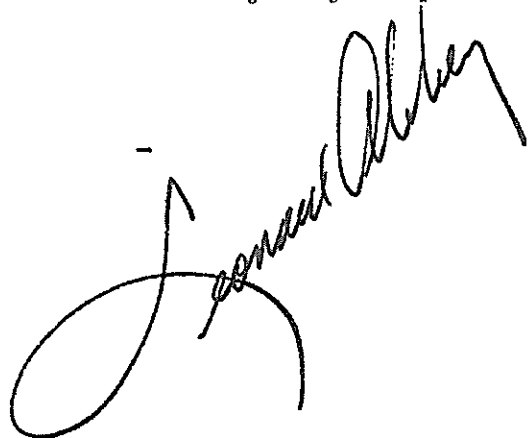
Our next meeting will be held at 8:00 pm on Friday, May 18, at Bradley Observatory. Our speaker will be Mr. Lee Golden of the Macon Museum of Arts and Sciences. His subject will be: THE PUBLIC AWARENESS OF ASTRONOMY. Come and bring a friend.

If you have not registered for our upcoming convention (June 14-16) now would be a good time to do so. There has been some confusion about the banquet. The convention banquet and our Hank Hudson Memorial Banquet will be one and the same. You do not have to register for the convention in order to attend the banquet. (But you will have to pay!) Due to the increased attendance from the convention crowd, this should be the best Hank Hudson Banquet ever.

Al Beales has asked for volunteers to help man the registration and book sales tables at the convention. Perhaps some of you who are more interested in the social aspects of our activities might be willing to relieve the active amateurs so that they can take in some of the excellent papers which will be presented. Contact Al Beales at 636-4796.

Election time is once more upon us. A Nominating Committee has been appointed with Tom Stanley at the helm (or maybe in the cockpit). We will be electing all officers and a new Board of Directors. If you know of someone who would do a good job in one of these positions contact Tom at 458-5416.

And now for some more congratulations. Gail and David Speering are proud to announce the birth of Karen Lara Speering on February 24. She weighed in at 6 pounds, 7 ounces (about 15/32 stone). She is currently very active in eating, sleeping and crying; especially crying.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "James A. Speering". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping initial "J".

EPHEMERIDES OF DOUBLE STARS

In previous years, a short list of positions was given for a single epoch. This year the position angles and distances are given for 1979-0 and 1980-0. Inspection of the two-point ephemeris will indicate whether a pair is closing, relatively static, or opening up, and whether motion is direct or retrograde. A fast-mover of long period is probably near periastron, while a slow-mover of short period is likely to be near apastron. The orbital elements employed for the computation are those published in the 'Third Catalogue of Orbits of Visual Binary Stars', Rep. Observatory Circ. No. 129, Johannesburg, 1970, W. S. Finsen and C. E. Worley.

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