

The Atlanta Astronomy Club, Inc  
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Horrors!!! The Sunday edition of the New York Times has suddenly gone up to \$2.50 and it's now sold in the drug store at Ansley Mall, probably because the news box coin tray can't accommodate the quantity of quarters involved. Can you imagine going around with 10 quarters in your pocket just for one newspaper!!!? It was bad enough when you couldn't believe what you read in the paper now here I am faced with a astronomical increase in the cost of keeping up.

Some of us managed to make it out to Villa Rica this past summer. One memorable night with George Reight and Woody Dailey it was so hot at midnight that I wanted to take off my shirt, the things that stopped me were some bombers called "skeeters". However a little bug spray around your ankles, wrists, the back of the neck, and a dab on each ear lobe will free you up for finding obscure planetarys and other objects de sky.

Our new observatory chairman is Jay Rhoads, 996-0482. Call him about the next observing alert and get yourself out past Villa Rica to our observing site. Actually you don't have to wait for someone else's crowd, bring your own. If you can't figure out the combination lock on our gate crawl through the wrought iron driveway gate and let yourself in through Mr. Barber's antique 'people gate'. Any amateur astronomer worth his star dust isn't going to let lethargy and lame excuses about staying up past 11:00 PM keep him away from a dark sky. Electricity is available for all 5 observing pads (bring your own extension cord). The Mexsutov is operational and has a camera mount. Bring your camera. Shoot the stars and bring back a slice of the sky on film. Actually you don't have to do anything elaborate to enjoy the sky, just bring along one of those fold out lawn chairs and lay back with binoculars and learn how to read the sky. The observing alert for this month was the 12th and 13th. If you missed those don't forget the next ones, Oct. 3 & 4.

Your other club officers taking over this fall are; President Mark Christensen, Program Chairman Ray DuVarney, Recording Secretary Carol Hegerberg, Treasurer David Speering, and the Corresponding Secretary, me.

Important notice!!!!

At the October meeting of the Atlanta Astronomy Club members will be asked to vote on the following ammendment to Section 1, Article VIII, of the Bylaws. The following to be inserted between the ~~the~~ 2nd and 3rd sentance of Section 1 -- "At the close of the first (September) meeting of the year, or as soon thereafter as possible, the newly installed President shall call a meeting of the Board of Directors, at which time the Chairman of the Board shall be elected".

Our Speaker for September is Bill Calder and his subject will be "Double Stars". Most members know Bill very well, however I believe the newer members would be interested in knowing that Doctor Calder, a professional astronomer, came to Georgia and to Agnes Scott in 1946. He assisted in the construction of Bradley Observatory and was instramental in the orginization of the ~~xxxx~~ Atlanta Astronomy Club.

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