

The Atlanta Astronomy Club, Inc
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Some people with get-up and go get-out and look up at the sky. Count um; Jay & Carol Rhoads and 2 children, Bruce & Carol & Kim Hegerberg, Rick & Martha Glisson, Ray Johnson and Mr & Ms Roloff, Ed Mitchell, Eugene Powell, Mr & Ms Tom Longfield and daughter Criss, Joseph Wreen & son Joseph III, Cliff and Chip Morgan, Bill & Debra Cook, Terry Morris and Jim Colehour founders of a new Astronomy Club in Dallas Georgia, Jim Brown, Lee Wilson, and perhaps one or two whose names I missed. Mr Barber joined us for some sky gazing, Cleo sent cookies. We looked and looked for Eob Cowart and George Reight but they never showed their faces. Dried shails to both of them. The Rhoads and the Hegerbergs were the only ones to come out and picnic with me. Carol Hegerberg gave me a piece of fried chicken out of a basket. See! that goes to show that if you make an effort things will happen for you. In the late afternoon it looked as though the sky was going to give us only clouds to look at, then Jim Brown showed up and said that he had arranged to take care of that. By 7:00 we had a sky full of stars. At one point I counted seven 8" Celestrons in use, there must be a super salesman somewhere, Eugene Powell was the only one supporting the reputation of the Newtonians. A few more people learned about having fun with binoculars. I shot a roll of ASA 400 Ektachrome slides before turning over the Maksutov to Eugene and his camera, it appeared to be a good sky for camera work. Jim said he was able to locate more faint planetaries than he had expected. A number of people stayed past midnight. I hung it up around 1:30. Jim Brown and Eugene Powell closed down the operation an hour or so later. Observing Chairman Jay Rhoads reminds everyone to make a note of the next observing alert, Dec 6. For extra information call him at 996-0482.

---Announcement from Howard Landis--- For those who may be interested in variable stars the AAVSO now has a new Atlas available for \$39.95. That's 178 14" x 12" charts - about 40¢ each. Howard wants everyone to know that the AAVSO will receive 3 times more royalty if you order direct from them. The address is; AAVSO Variable Star Atlas, 187 Concord Ave, Cambridge Mass. 02138. This atlas was advertised in the Avg 1980 issue of Sky & Telescope.

Astronomical Sales and Trades???!!!. Let me know, preferably by written note and I will give you a line or two right here on page 3.

This months meeting is Friday 21st at 8:00 PM, in Bradley of course. You say you would like to know a little more about operating your telescope and you are curious about the one over in the other cow pasture well here is your chance to find out a few facts. Ray DuVarbey is going to present you with a array of professional amateur astronomers who will talk about and demonstrate some of the more popular telescopes in use today. Don't let all the Celestron addicts bug you other scopes have their merrits, a Newtonian has a far greater light gathering capacity that a Celestron of the same size.

-lee wilson

