

The Atlanta Astronomy Club, Inc

---SUMMER PROGRAM---

June, July & August

Regular meetings will be held during the 3 summer months this year. Days and dates are as follows; Friday June 12th, July 17th, and August 21st. The time and place are the same, 8:00 PM, Bradley Observatory at Agnes Scott. This is the only news letter you will receive during the summer so don't throw it away, pin it on the wall, mark your calendar, etc. Club President Mark Christensen says there will be a program at each meeting. The emphasis will be on amateur astronomy. There is one bit of important business to be taken care of at the June meeting, the election of club officers for 1981-82 as announced at the May meeting by the Nominating Committee Chairman Mark Christensen.

Sky observing dates at our Walter F Barber Jr. observing site near Villa Rica for the summer months are as follows; Jun 27-28/Jul 2-4, Jul 24-25/Aug 1-2, Aug 30-31/Sept 4-5. Let somebody know when you are planning to go out and observe because someone else may want to come out and join you. Some phone numbers you can call are; Mark Christensen 921-8430, Jim Brown 458-9749, Lee Wilson 872-8534, Eugene Powell 872-0891, Jay Rhoads 996-0482. Of the new members who have been coming out I don't have many phone numbers, please send these in. Jim Brown and I have discussed the possibility of inviting the Birmingham Club over for a sky-gazing party. How about it?

David Speering, 2369 Turner Ch Rd, McDonough Ga 30253, is in the process of updating the membership list before he turns over the Treasurer's duties this fall, so those of you who need to make changes to the old list take a few moments to write a note to David. Club dues are \$20 per year for family and adult members and \$16 for student members. This includes a subscription to Sky & Telescope, the Reflector from the Astronomical League and various other memorabilia such as this news letter. For renewals please send the Sky & Tel renewal card with your check to the club Treasurer.

"Astronomy Week in Georgia" is July 11 thru 18 this year. This is your chance to go out to one of Georgia's state parks and entice the general public to take a look at the sky and learn the names of a few stars and planets that will be out that night. If you are interested in this activity call Bob Hayward at 469-4554, or Bob Barget (the state naturalist) at 656-7092. Also Bob says that someone he knows at Fernbank, Ms Georgeann Schmalz, has a 3½-inch Questar that she wants to sell. Call her at Fernbank 378-4311.

The Brevard Astronomical Society, PO Box 1084, Cocoa Fla 32922, is planning to hold the SEARL Convention June 25 - 27 at the Holiday Inn West near the intrsec. of I 95 & US hwy 192. Mark Christensen will have an update on this at the June meeting.

Some possible summer sky observing events; 1st. qtr. Moon conj. Mercury & Venus, June 9th; on the 10th Moon Jupiter & Saturn, 13th Neptune at opposition, in east as Sun sets. July 7th Moon, Jupiter & Saturn again, 17th, partial lunar eclips at about 10 PM CDT, 23rd Venus passes 1.2° north of Regulus, 30th, last of "triple conj" of Jupiter & Saturn, your next chance at "triple" is 23rd century A.D. Aug. 4th. Cres Moon, Jupiter, Saturn & Venus, 11th Perseid shower.