

ATLANTA ASTRONOMY CLUB NEWSLETTER

MEETING - 8:00 pm, Bradley Observatory, Agnes Scott, Friday, Oct. 16

PROGRAM - As discussed last month, we are continuing our series of programs for the active observer. The topic this month is Techniques of Astrophotography. Gene Powell will cover the most basic method, that of using a camera mounted on a tripod. Lee Wilson will discuss the general technique of "piggy-back" photography and Jim Brown will talk about using the telescope at prime focus.

BUSINESS - The terms of the "at-large" members of the Board of Directors are nearing expiration. President, Ray DuVarney, appointed a nomination committee to develop a slate of nominees to be elected at the October meeting. The nominees are: Mary Calabro, Don Hall, David Roberts, George Roberts, and Doug Slazeman. In accordance with the Club By-Laws, the Board of Directors appointed Wanda Jolly to fill the vacancy of Recording Secretary. Also, Ray appointed Brian Page as the Club Librarian.

OBSERVING SESSION - Prior to our last observing session, additional supports were added to the rail sections of the observatory roll-off roof. Even as the work was progressing, club members started arriving for the observing session. The skies were nearly perfect. Forty-two observers were present and with Birmingham, the total rose to 44. We had a complete range of equipment from a 2.4-inch refractor to a 12-inch f/7 Dobsonian. The majority of the instruments were the highly portable, 8-inch orange Schmidt-Cassegrain type. We want to express thanks to Dr. Herbert Tyler for bringing hamburgers and home-made sandwiches from Mrs. Tyler. Also, we kept awake with doughnuts and coffee supplied by Dixie Telescopes.

The next observing session will be October 24, three days before the new moon.

NEXT MEETING - Friday, November 20, 8:00 pm, Bradley Observatory, Topic - Observational Astronomy. Reminder: we are encouraging all members to get out and observe. The February meeting will be devoted entirely to photographs and slides taken this fall.

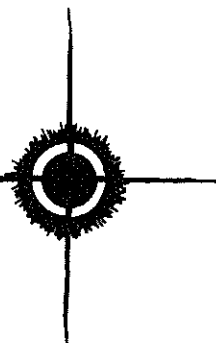
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Dear Alanta Astronomy Club Member,

We would like to take this opportunity to announce the addition of dealership for the following suppliers, their fine products and telescope accessories:

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MEADE, LUMICON, and UNIVERSITY OPTICS products will be on display at this Friday's Club meeting, so please come by or give us a call to let us know your special needs. Whether it be a complete telescope, or materials to build your own, the purchase of that long needed good eyepiece, or replacing your favorite but tattered book or star atlas: DIXIE TELESCOPES can supply ALL your needs with a 5% rebate from all sales going to our Club's Observatory fund!

See you at the meeting,

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George Roberts