

ATLANTA ASTRONOMY CLUB NEWSLETTER

MEETING - 8:00 pm, Bradley Observatory, Agnes Scott, Friday, Dec. 19

PROGRAM CHANGE - This month's program continues our trend towards aiding the active observer. Mathematics for the General Observer by Jim Brown, focuses on terminology and techniques discussed in the popular literature as well as being handy for the observer. The originally scheduled program by Mark Christensen has been rescheduled for April.

OBSERVING SESSION - I have had no report of the observing session during the Thanksgiving weekend although I understand that the weather was not reasonable. The next scheduled session will be the Christmas weekend. New moon occurs at 5:10 am Dec. 26; end of evening twilight is 6:49 pm.

ODYSSEY - The 13.1" f/4.5 Odyssey has arrived. After some preliminary testing and collimation, the telescope should be operational. The Club debut will be during the January meeting although it will make a test run during the December observing session.

NEW HORIZONS - Now would be a good time to subscribe to New Horizons, the official newsletter of the Southeast Region of the Astronomical League. The Fall Issue features highlights of the National AL convention. In addition, regular features include Letters to the Editor and news from around the region. The subscription is \$3.00. Send to New Horizons, P.O.Box 546, St. Augustine, FL 32084

NEXT MEETING - Friday, January 15, 8:00 pm, Bradley Observatory. Topic - "Black Holes and White Dwarfs" by Dr. Bob Hyde, our host and Director of the Bradley Observatory. Don't forget to try to take a few photographs for the February meetings. If you want to be part of the February program, contact George Reight at 633-1202.

Jim Brown

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