

ATLANTA ASTRONOMY CLUB NEWSLETTER

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

PROGRAM - This month's program, 'One, Two, Many', by Dr. Mark Christensen is an exiting presentation of the "three-body" problem which has eluded physics for years. whether Mark has solved it, well, you will just have to come and hear for yourself.

SERIAL CONVENTION - Attached to the Newsletter are the details of the SERIAL Convention, which our Club is hosting. If you are an experienced convention-goer, you will note several changes in the usual convention format. We are keeping the number of "papers" to a minimum, favoring instead the extensive use of workshops. These workshops are designed for audience interaction so that each participant receives the benefit of the experience of an entire group. Note also that the Convention gets underway on Friday evening, rather than Friday morning. This change obviously benefits the traveler and at the same time allows our members to save a vacation day. I'll be needing volunteers to help out with Registration, Exhibits, etc. Convention profits are designated to the Observatory Fund and the 20-inch. I neglected to put on the convention form that some workshops will have a \$2.00 materials fee.

OBSERVING SESSION - The New Moon occurs Friday, April 23. The observing session should be that weekend. Bear in mind that during the latter parts of April, with plenty of coffee, one can observe every M-object. Despite the high winds during our last session, many brave observers were at Villa Rica BOTH nights.

NEW HORIZONS - Subscriptions to New Horizons, the official newsletter of the Southeast Region is \$3.00. Address is New Horizons, P. O. Box 546, St. Augustine FL 32084.

FOR SALE - 6" f/8 with Edmund 8" cast iron mount. Both the telescope and the finder are homemade and the mount has been re-engineered for no backlash. 4 1/2" circles. Steel pedestal. Call Howard Landis 957-2976. (Howard is proud of that mount.)

NOTE FROM HERB TEEPLE - Nova, the PBS series, on Sunday night, April 19, will be devoted to Radio Astronomy.

NEXT MEETING - Friday, May 21, 8:00 pm, Bradley Observatory.  
Subject - Annual Business Meeting, including election of officers.  
We will also have an expanded social hour instead of simple refreshments.

Jim Brown

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