MEETING - 8:00 pm, Bradley Observatory, Agnes Scott, Friday, May 21

PROGRAM - Annual Business Meeting, the purpose of which is to elect officers for the coming year, which starts in September. The Nomination Committee has developed the following slate: President-George Reight, 1st Vice President and Program Chairman-Randy Falkenberg, 2nd Vice President and Observing Chairman-Mark Christensen, Treasurer-Herb Teeple, Recording Secretary-David Roberts, Corresponding Secretary and Newsletter Editor- Jim Brown. Nominations are also accepted from the floor. After the business portion of the meeting is completed, a social hour follows with refreshments provided by the Board of Directors.

SERAL CONVENTION - Unless you have already pre-registered, I have attached to the Newsletter a copy of the SERAL Convention announcement. So far, I have heard from clubs in Alabama, Florida, and North Carolina. We anticipate a turn-out of about 60 people, with the main support comming from the host club. US.

OBSERVING SESSION - The New Moon occurs Sunday, May 23 at 4:40am. In addition, Mars, Jupiter, Saturn, Uranus, and Neptune are all well placed during the entire month. The Odyssey had its first official field trip on the evening of May 11 at Stone Mountain Park. Some 60 sixth-graders from Midway Elementary School were treated to the planets through a 13" telescope. I was impressed with the contrast. In fact, bands were visible on Saturn and I am pretty sure of seeing Rhea as well as Titan. Probably the most important aspect of the Odyssey was its ease of use, particularily for that age group. The youngsters had no trouble with the focusing or tracking (manual). The Odyssey will be available after the business meeting on the 21st and at Villa Rica on the 22nd. We still need a finder scope. By the way, whatever happened to the Quantum?

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.

NEXT MEETING - Friday, June 18 at the Convention.

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