

MEETING - 8:00 pm, Bradley Observatory, Agnes Scott, Friday, September 17

PROGRAM - Welcome back from a rather uneventful observing summer! We start off the year with what-has-become annual program of telescope show and tell. This program is designed to kick-off what we hope will be a good year for observing. The program will cover the Newtonian (Alex Langousis), Celestron (Dr. Ray Johnson), refractor (John Marsh), and the Odyssey (David Speering or Jim Brown). The event has proved to be very popular over the years, so plan to attend. Also scheduled for the first meeting is the installation of officers. The meeting will be followed with refreshments.

TWENTY-INCH TELESCOPE PROJECT - The profits from the June SERAL Convention were \$684 and as advertised, those proceeds were turned over to the telescope committee. Chairman Don Hall reports that the project is moving faster than anticipated: Mark Christensen and George Roberts bought 1000 pounds of steel, George Reight converted the committee design to paper and Ray DuVarney has through Emory started the machine work. Most of the parts have been ordered including the 4-inch diagonal.

OBSERVING SESSION - The New Moon occurs meeting night, September 17. Barring weather problems, Saturday night should be a good one. Bear in mind that frequently even if the weather appears bad in Atlanta, seeing can be excellent at Villa Rica. Several weekends ago, George Reight asked me to go to Villa Rica with him. I looked outside and told him something about Englishmen and mad dogs. Nevertheless, George talked Herb Teeple into going. They were richly rewarded. Alex Langoussis was already on-site. The three of them had what George called a magnificent view of Comet Austin, showing its "split-tailed" configuration. I certainly wish that I had listened to George rather than look at the weather.

NEW HORIZONS - The Atlanta Astronomy Club has undertaken the writing of the SERAL newsletter, New Horizons. The first issue is being prepared and should be out soon. Meanwhile, should you want to submit articles, please contact me.

RENEWALS - The majority of our members renew their memberships during fall of each year. Our new treasurer is Herb Teeple, 5015 Spaulding Dr NE Atlanta, GA 30360.

NEXT MEETING - Friday, October 15, 8:00 pm Bradley Observatory.  
Topic - Rich Field Astronomy with Eyes, Binoculars and Telescopes by Randy Falkenberg. After this talk, we plan to have our first annual swap meet. Details will be covered this month at the meeting and in the next Newsletter.

Jim Brown

-NOTICE-

Dues are anticipated to increase  
on October 1, 1982 to:  
Regular - \$25.00  
Student - \$20.00