

ATLANTA ASTRONOMY CLUB NEWSLETTER

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

PROGRAM - This month's program is in two parts. Jim Summers of Fernbank will present "Amateur Astronomy and the Crisis in Science". Jim's talk is in conjunction with an up-coming meeting with the National Science Foundation at Fernbank. Julius Staal is presenting his Christmas show in the planetarium.

TREASURY NOTES - The Atlanta Astronomy Club welcomes the following new members: Robert H. Ford, 3469 Sunderland Cir, Atlanta 30319 (457-7163) and Craig E. Sikes, 1064 Noble Vines Dr Apt 4, Clarkston 30021 (298-8873).

RENEWALS - The majority of our members renew their memberships during fall of each year. If your dues have expired and your subscription to Sky & Telescope has run out, contact Herb Teeple, 5015 Spaulding Dr NE Atlanta, GA 30360. Herb is our Treasurer. He asks that you do not send cash. Dues are \$25.00 (\$20.00 student).

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* The Treasurer is now tabulating dues as beginning the same month that *
* your Sky & Telescope subscription begins. So when you get one of the *
* renewal notices from S&T, give the card and check to the Treasurer. *
* You are put on our membership role at time of payment, even though the *
* "dues year" begins with the magazine subscription. Questions? See Herb *
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OBSERVING SESSION - The New Moon occurs at 9:18 am Wednesday, Dec 15, which makes the weekend of the meeting ideal for observing (at least, moon-wise).

NOTE FROM ANNA BELLE CLOSE - "The November 1982 meeting must not slip by unrecorded. The "experts" were members called from the audience to make up two competing teams. Seated at a long table, each contestant had a button to press if he thought he knew the answers read from a computer screen by Dr. Mark Christensen. The questions were mind-blowing; the answers were sometimes hilarious, wild guesses and sometimes right on the button. Em-Cee Christensen set the mood and the pace for the pseudo-serious game, and the participants met the challenge. Congratulations to the panel and plaudits of astronomical proportions to Mark for his exuberance.

Get the meeting habit. Don't let indifferent weather keep you from a night's enjoyment. If you missed last's month's meeting, you missed a real treat. Thanks are also in order to Jim Brown's wife, Gayla, for the yummy cakes she sent for the refreshment table."

NEXT MEETING - Friday, January 21, 8:00 pm Bradley Observatory. Topic - Black Holes and White Dwarfs (or similar) by Dr. Bob Hyde.

Jim Brown