

# ATLANTA ASTRONOMY CLUB

INCORPORATED

MEETING: 8:00 pm Bradley Observatory, Agnes Scott College Friday  
March 18, 1983.

PROGRAM: The Annual Members Slide Show displaying the best slides  
in amateur astrophotography. Randy Falkenberg will emcee the show.

AN ANNOUNCEMENT: George Reight, AAC President, writes:

"Regretfully, it has come to my attention that a few members of  
our Club have been not only careless but destructive at our ob-  
serving facility at Villa Rica.

"On one occasion the visitors, apparently not knowing the  
combination of the lock on the gate, simply broke the hinges to  
enter. The Barbers, due to their dedication to our Club, had the  
gate repaired at their own expense without notifying us of the  
need.

"On another occasion, the door to the warm-up shed was found wide  
open and the heater was still connected. In addition, the gate to  
the entrance was unlatched and swinging in the wind.

"Such carelessness must be avoided as it is obvious that we show  
our appreciation to the Barbers by at least assuming the respon-  
sibility of good citizenship while observing at their facility.

"In the future, any member who plans to observe at Villa Rica,  
please notify one of the following to help us maintain an  
attendance record and to obtain the combination to the gate lock  
if needed.

- (1) Mark Christensen 921-8430
- (2) Lee Wilson 872-8534
- (3) George Reight 633-1202

## TREASURY NOTES

AAC is pleased to welcome 5 new members. They are: Wm. Grant  
Davis, 202 Lanyard Loop, Peachtree City, Ga. 30269 (487-5271);  
Richard E. Dickson, 5186 Pounds Dr. South, Stone Mountain, Ga. 30087,  
(469-0823); Steven V. Hall, 128 Silver Maple Ct., Martinez, Ga. 30907,  
(680-4700); Adrian L. Oliver, 3529 Meadowchase Dr. Marietta, Ga. 30062,  
(973-2625); and Stephen G. Schmeiser, 3425 Sunderland Circle, NE,  
Atlanta, Ga. 30319 (457-8950).

It may be of interest to paid club members to learn AAC is  
dropping unpaid members who are 7 months in arrears. This month  
we are dropping unpaid members as of last August. Next month we  
will drop unpaid members as of last September.

If you see an "X" in this box [ ], it means, unfortunately,  
that you will be dropped from the April membership list. This  
situation, however, can be nicely avoided if you will kindly  
remit \$25.00 to keep your AAC membership active. We look forward  
to receiving your check.

Currently we show 139 members of whom 19 are presently  
delinquent.

We have tried to issue Membership Cards as members pay  
their dues. If, however, we may have missed you, or perhaps  
some of your family members, please let us know and we  
will be glad to remedy the situation. We now have an ample  
supply of newly printed cards.

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All the stars, all the nebulas, all the galaxies, all  
the planets, all the AAC members wish Jim Brown a speedy and good  
recovery from his recent operation.

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We are guessing that many of our AAC members are NOT receiving a copy of "The Reflector" the quarterly Newsletter from the ASTRONOMICAL LEAGUE (February, May, August, November). To rectify this situation (which probably is AAC's fault), we have forwarded to the AL Executive Secretary a copy of our March 18 membership printout with a letter requesting an update of AAC records for their computer. Hopefully we should then receive a copy of the May Newsletter.

Along these lines, should any member wish to receive information about the ALCON 83 meeting scheduled for July 26-30 in Jacksonville, FL, please request such information from Dave Branchett, PO Box 546, St. Augustine, FL 32084. If you'd like to organize "share-the-ride" arrangements, let George Reight know your interest and transportation preference, i.e. "to carry or be carried"

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OBSERVING SESSION: The new moon occurs at 1:43 pm EST on March 14 with the first-quarter moon at 9:25 pm EST on March 21. The Vernal Equinox occurs at 11:39 pm EST on March 20...and SPRING begins!

#### AAC MEMBER FEEDBACK

AAC would like to ascertain what telescopic equipment is owned and/or used by its members, a listing of astronomy interests as well as professional and/or hobby skills possessed by its members.

Therefore, would each of you (except our new members who have already completed an application form) complete the form below and return it to Herb Teeple. Please include such other comments that you believe would be informative.

If your correct mail address is different from that appearing on the mail label, please enter the correct information on the form. However, please be sure to enter your name as ID for the listing.

This information will be compiled and distributed to AAC members. Hopefully, members will find it interesting and helpful.

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APRIL MEETING: Dr. William Calder on "Solar Astronomy"; 8:00 pm, Bradley Observatory, April 15, 1983. Verrry Innntresting!

MAY MEETING: Our annual dinner party is scheduled for May 13 at 9:00 pm at the North Lake Hickory House. The price is \$9.00 per person. Send your reservation AND check to Randy Falkenberg ASAP. The menu will be BARBQUE Ribs or ckicken plus vegetable, dessert, and ice tea.

The speaaker will be Bob Cox, former Editor of S&T, now current Editor of "Telescope Making". His topic is "Amateur Instrumentation, Past, Present and Future"

A HAPPY HOUR is available at the North Lake Hilton prior to the Banquet. Randy Falkenberg says you can park once and walk to both places.

Re 1983-1984 AAC Officers and Board Members: President George Reight announces that he and Lee Wilson will comprise a committee of two to draw up a list of candidates for AAC officers as well as for the AAC Board of Directors. These two lists will be published in the April or the May Newsletter for your advance information. The elections will be held at the May AAC meeting.