ATLANTA ASTRONOMY CLUB NEWSLETTER

MEETING: 8:00 pm, Bradley Observatory, Agnes Scott College, Friday, September 16, 1983.

PROGRAM: "What Do You See?" presented by Jim Brown, Mark Christensen, and Dave Roberts. Will you see the dust lanes in M51 with your 6-inch Newtonian? That question and many others will be answered. A great program for newcomers and old-timers alike.

OBSERVING SESSION: A New Moon occurred on the 7th of September. The next New Moon is on Thursday, October 6 which will make the following weekend ideal for observations at Villa Rica. A map showing directions to our Villa Rica Observatory is included with this newsletter. Georgia skys generally have improved dramatically by October, so, come on out and take advantage of our "dark site".

TREASURY NOTES: We welcome the following new members to the AAC: Larry Allen, 115 Oak St., Fayetteville, GA 30214 (461-7985); Weston Bergman Jr., 3071 Colonial Way, Apt. C, Atlanta, GA 30341 (458-4786); Liz & Jim Peterson, 2485 Batavia St., East Point, GA 30344 (768-7684).

Herb Teeple has tried on four separate occasions to get a discount schedule from Sky and Telescope without success. Ferhaps some additional "input" from our members might improve this situation.

AAC members who have not completed an equipment questionnaire are urged to do so at their earliest convenience. Please mail your completed questionnaires to Herb Teeple for inclusion in the October newsletter.

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WANTED TO BUY: A large aperture telescope (=>14"); contact Les Weaver, Route 1, Calhoun, GA 30701 (404-629-8352) if you can provide information or the desired telescope.

OCCULTATION UPDATE: The occultation of 14 Piscium (Mag 5.9) by the asteroid 51 Nemausa took place as scheduled at about 3:45 A.M. CDT, September 11. Quite a few AAC members made observations of this rare spectacle as the 100 mile wide shadow raced across central Georgia. AAC member Bill Roberts was the Georgia coordinator for the International Occultation Timing Association and expressed his thanks for the dedication of all those people who reported their observations. Anyone interested in ongoing occultation work is encouraged to contact:

International Occultation Timing Association P. O. Box 596
Tinley Park, IL 60477.

EDITOR'S COMMENT: Anyone who would like to see additional items, articles, or features in the newsletter is encouraged to submit requests and material to me. If you would like to write a short article on some aspect of astronomy, please do so. This is your newsletter and we get up to four pages for 20 cents.

John Parker

