### PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

| 1. DATE<br>13 November 1963  | New Paltz, N.Y  |  | 12. CONCLUSIONS  D Was Balloon   |  |  |
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| Local  | 4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION  Wind Ground-Visual  Air Visual  6. SOURCE  Civilains  8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS  1 | N Ground-Radar  Air-Intercept Radar  9. COURSE  SE | Probably Balloon Possibly Balloon  Was Aircraft Probably Aircraft                                  |  |  |
| White smoke like streak be pieces. Particles travel formation. Resembled ECHO faint sound of explosion. fast for a/c. Observation Estimated altitude above observation at 70 deg in 10 deg elev in East. | reaking into 300-400 led through sky in V or SPUTNIK. Dull Speed estimated too duration 5 minutes.    | Much conflicting                                   | Nov. Evaluated as Meteor data. Assume narrative excess of a/c indicates than duration (Is correct) |  |  |

ATIC FORM 329 (REV 26 SEP 52)

Wooten, and Larry Smith together saw 26 Leonids and 20 sporadics from Florala. Mabama. The next morning a three-hour watch began at midnight, with 30 Leonids and 36 other meteors logged by the first two observers.

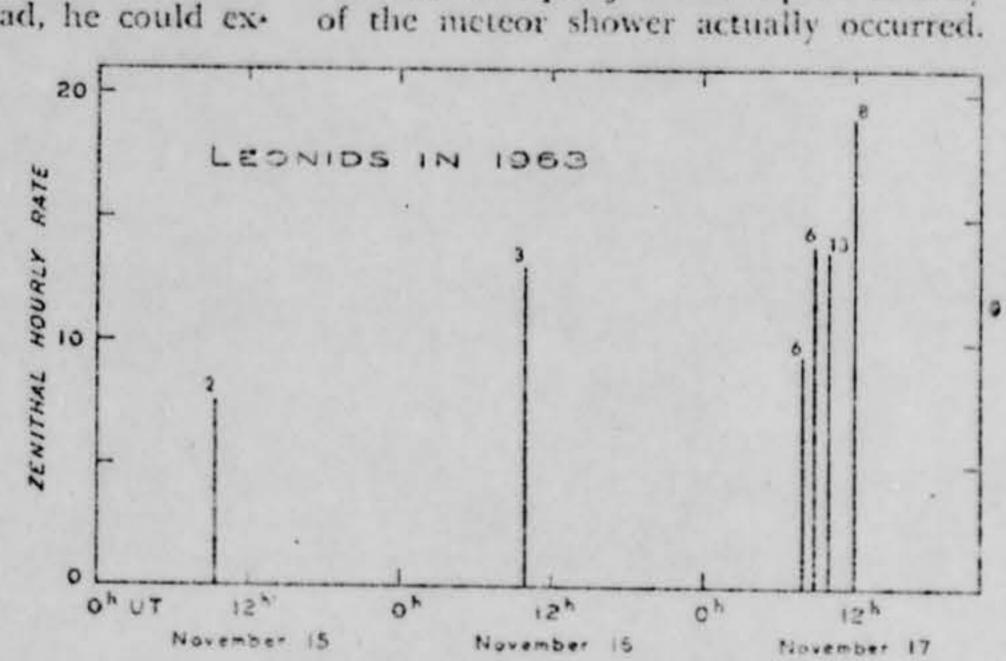
Carl McLelland, Jr., and Robert La Pierre watched on the night of November 16-17 from 9:00 p.m., Pacific standard time, until dawn. During this interval these Whittier, California, amateurs counted 178 meteors.

At Wooster, Ohio, William Werner and nine other members of the Wayne County Astronomical Society recorded 70 meteors during 34 hours, beginning at 9:10 p.m. CST.

The number of Leonids an observer will count is larger the higher the radiant point is above the horizon. If the radiant were directly overhead, he could ex-

The increase in richness of the Leonid shower during November 15-17 is shown by these corrected counts. The length of a bar represents the number of meteors that would have been seen in one hour with the radiant exactly overhead. With each bar is the number of individual determinations that were averaged

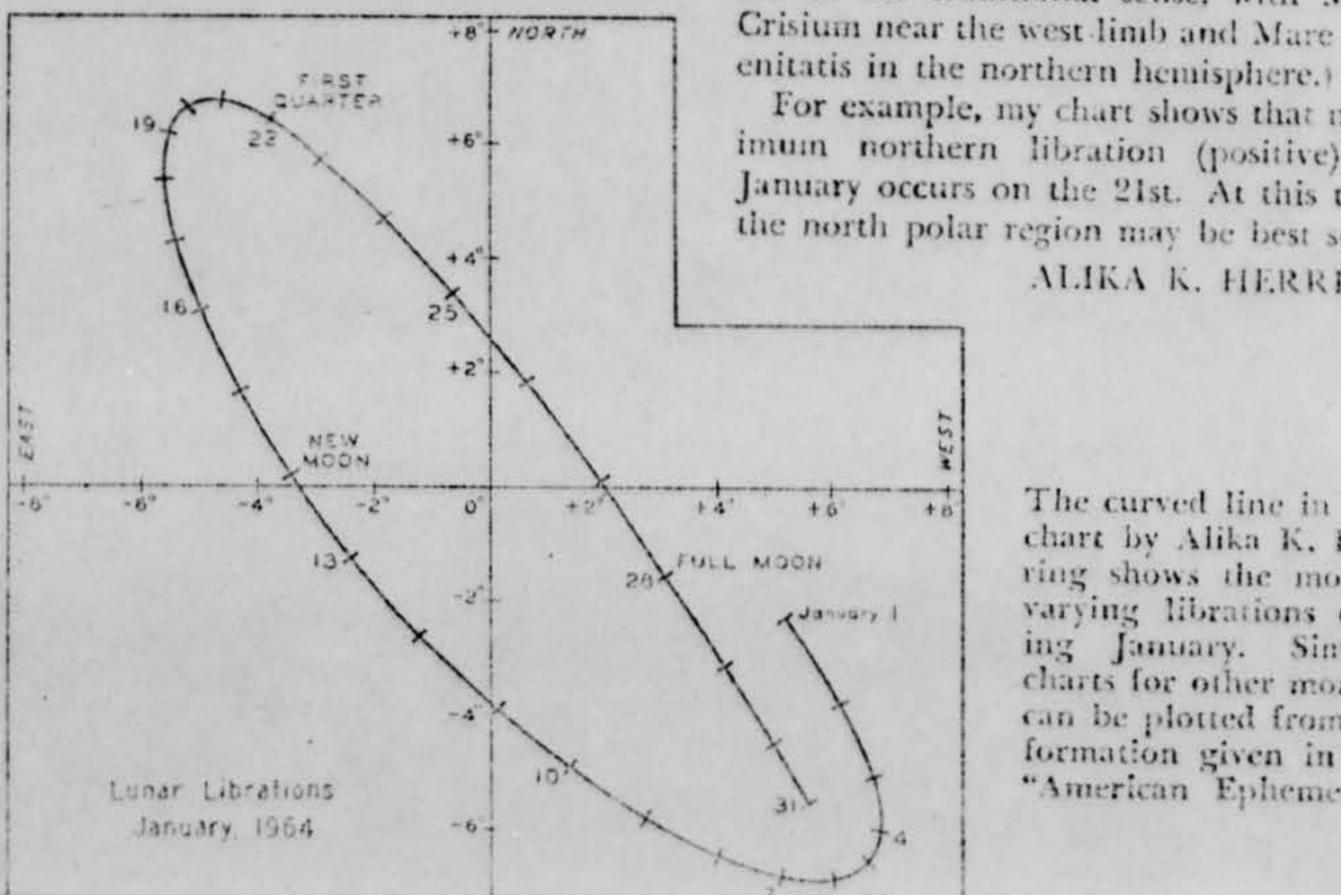
together.



#### LUNAR LIBRATION CHART

T IMB REGIONS are the least observed parts of the moon. Near the moon's edge some features are always visible, but greatly foreshortened; others are only intermittently carried into view by libration. This is the apparent monthly rocking of the moon in both north-south and east-west directions.

To predict when a particular portion



of the limb will be favorably tipped toward the earth during a month. I plot a chart like the one below. My information comes from the American Ephemeris and Nautical Almanac, where daily values are given for the earth's selenographic latitude and longitude (the lunar coordinates at the center of the apparent disk). Positive numbers indicate that the north or west limb is exposed. Directions are in the traditional sense, with Mare Crisium near the west limb and Mare Ser-

pect 10 percent more mercors than for

an altitude of 60°, 50 percent more than

at 45°, and 71 percent more than at 30°.

nids comparable, they must first be re-

duced to hourly rates, and then converted

to zenithal rates. Counts made when the

constellation Leo is too near the horizon

Corrected rates, corresponding to the

number of meteors that a single observer

would see with the radiant in the zenith.

are presented in this diagram. For sim-

plicity, simultaneous data have been aver-

aged. Note how the zenithal hourly rate

climbed gradually to about 19 by 12h UT

on November 17th. No SKY AND TELE

scope readers reported appropriate data

for the following night, so it is uncertain

from this sample just when peak activity

cannot be safely converted.

To make the tabulated counts of Leo-

For example, my chart shows that maximum northern libration (positive) in January occurs on the 21st. At this time the north polar region may be best seen.

ALIKA K. HERRING

The curved line in this chart by Alika K. Herring shows the moon's varying librations during January. Similar charts for other months can be plotted from information given in the "American Ephemeris."

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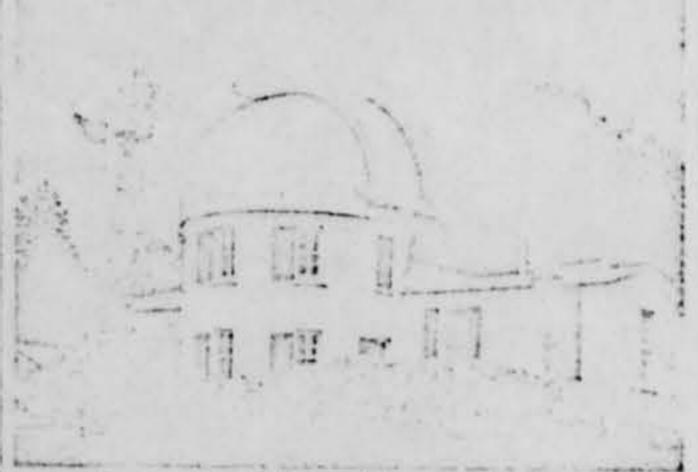
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THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION IS SUBMITTED IN ACCORDANCE

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# OBSERVER'S PAGE

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MANY OBSERVERS COUNT LEONIDS

THIS YEAR'S Leonid meteor shower was about as active as the display in 1962 (described in this department last January). Apparently, the maximum occurred on the night of November 16-17, but hourly rates remained below those of 1961 (SKY AND TELESCOPE, February, 1962, page 64).

Most observers agreed that the shower members were strikingly bright, left short trains, and were predominantly white. Ralph Boineau of Columbia, South Garolina, comments, "Almost all the Leonids brighter than 1st magnitude left trains that endured from two to five seconds. The trains from these swift meteors were short, none longer than 20 degrees. All the Leonids I saw were white with just a touch of orange in about half the cases."

As in past years, fireballs were sighted along with other shower members. John Smatko, Yonkers, New York, saw a Leonid fireball "as bright as the quarter moon" through a hole in the clouds 10 degrees west of the radiant. This was at 4:37 a.m. Eastern standard time on November 18th. The meteor left a train that was quickly distorted.

The table lists meteor rates by 17 arasteurs who recorded individual counts over specific intervals. Beside each name the observing period is stated in Universal time. L is the number of Leonids counted during that interval, S the number of sporadic (non-Leonid) meteors. The last column indicates the direction D that the observer was facing. All observations were made under reportedly clear skies.

One observer worked on three nights -



On November 17th at 2:24 a.m. Pacific standard time, Robert La Pierre of Whittier, California, photographed this Leonid of magnitude -2. He used a 35-mm. Argus camera set at f/3.5 and Plus-X film. He also recorded the Perseid meteor shown on page 299 in the November issue. That picture was incorrectly credited to William OKer, an observing companion.

| Observer            | Time (UT)                | L        | S   | D      |
|---------------------|--------------------------|----------|-----|--------|
|                     | NOVEMBER                 | 15       |     |        |
| Millard             | 9:00-10:00               | 6        | 5   |        |
|                     | 10:00-11:00              | 8        | 5   |        |
|                     | 11:00-11:15              | 2        | 3   |        |
|                     | NOVEMBER                 | 16       |     |        |
| Millard             | 9:00-10:00               | 12       | 6   |        |
|                     | 10:00-11:00              | 20       | 9.  |        |
|                     | 11:00-11:15              | 5        | 2   |        |
| Morrison            | 10:45-12:15              | 7        | 5   |        |
|                     | NOVEMBER                 | 17       |     |        |
| Chapman             | 9:20-10:20               | 16       | 28  | NE     |
|                     | 11:30-12:30              | 23       | 1-1 | NE     |
| Davis               | 9:20-10:20               | 6        | 7   | SE     |
| as a                | 11:30-12:30              | 20       | 8   | SE     |
| Karger              | 6:20- 7:20               | 6        | .8  | W      |
|                     | 7:20-8:20                | 6        | 11  | W      |
|                     | 8:20-9:20                | 7        | 8   | W      |
|                     | 9:20-10:20               | 14       | 7   | **     |
| Key                 | 7:00-8:30                | 13       | 15  |        |
| Larson              | 9:20-10:20               | 10<br>19 | 15  | N<br>S |
| 11.6                | 11:30-12:30              | 7        | 8   | W      |
| McCants             | 7:20- 8:20<br>8:20- 9:20 | 11       | 7   | W      |
|                     | 9:20-10:20               | 14       | 5   | w      |
| McDonald            |                          | 14       | 13  | NW     |
| MCDonaid            | 11:30-12:30              | 16       | 14  | NW     |
| McLean              | 9:20-10:20               | 11       | 10  | S      |
| ATT AND ALL         | 11:30-12:30              | 29       | 11  | N      |
| Meeus               | 0:18-1:03                | 0        | 2   | E      |
| Millard             | 9:00-10:00               | 5        | 4   |        |
| Minara              | 10:00-11:00              | 15       | 4   |        |
|                     | 11:00-11:15              | 6        | 1   |        |
| Milon               | 9:20-10:20               | 7        | 12  | E      |
|                     | 11:30-12:30              | 30       | 11  | E.     |
| Molinaire           | 6:20- 7:20               | 2        | 4   | E      |
|                     | 7:20-8:20                | 3        | 13  | E      |
|                     | 8:20- 9:20               | 10       | 3   | E      |
|                     | 9:20-10:20               | 7        | 4   | E.     |
| Morrison            | 11:00-13:30              | 14       | 9   | 400    |
| Russell             | 6:20- 7:20               | 7        | 23  | E      |
|                     | 7:20- 8:20               | 5        | 14  | E      |
|                     | 8:20- 9:20               | 19       | 4   | E      |
|                     | 9:20-10:20               | 18       | 9   | E      |
| Sears               | 9:20-10:20               | 9        | 10  | SW     |
| Manufacture Control | 11:30-12:30              | 20       | 14  | SW     |
| Souther             | 6:20- 7:20               | 2        | ,   | W      |
| Thomson             |                          | 3        | 9   | 5      |
|                     | 7:20-8:20                | 7        | 10  | 5      |
|                     | 8:20-9:20<br>9:20-10:20  | 4        | 5   | SSS    |
|                     | 3.20-10.20               |          | 3   |        |

J. Millard at Atlanta, Georgia. J. Meeus is in Kessel-Lo, Belgium, L. Key at Fernandina Beach, Florida, and R. Morrison in Los Augeles, California.

Two teams of observers supplied the bulk of the meteor counts. C. Chapman, D. Davis, J. Fountain (timekeeper), S. Larson, L. McDonald, D. McLean, D. Milon, and W. Sears watched from Kitt Peak, Arizona. At Montgomery, Texas, another group consisted of Karger, M. McCants, B. Molinaire, Russell, and K. Thomson; Souther kept time during most of the observing session.

On the morning of November 16th, between 2:30 and 4:00 a.m., Central standard time, Randy Baldwin, Wayne