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RECENT ACTIVITIES: The general meeting of December 6, 1974 was divided into two parts. Part one was devoted to a description of the club's new observatory site by Tom Mungall. He described the general layout and discussed the progress of the road and parking area which was being bulldozed. The members will get an opportunity (weather permitting) to try out the new Mt. Umunhum site at this month's star party. It will be necessary, however, for all who use the site to do so at their own risk and to sign a statement to that effect. This procedure will save the club much \$\$\$\$\$\$ which would otherwise have to be spent on insurance. While no site that we obtain can be perfect in all respects, it seems that most of the controversy over the site centers around the spelling of its name. Perhaps this problem will be resolved before the lease runs out. Then Dave Erickson delivered a talk on the theory and construction of the Wright-Schmidt telescope, and the theory behind cold camera useage. After examining Dave's latest photos taken with his home-built instrument, there was general agreement that the pictures compared favorably with professional photographs taken on much larger telescopes.

The star party of December 14, 1974 at Henry Coe Park was cancelled due to weather.

COMING EVENTS: Friday, January 3, 1975 at 7:30 P.M. at Olinder Center. An up-to-date report from the planet Jupiter by Mr. Northwang from Ames Research Center (NASA). Included will be a film, summing up the information received from Pioneer 10 during its flyby.

Friday, January 10, 1975 at 8 P.M. The meeting of the Board at Norm Wild's home. Members are always welcome at board meetings.

Saturday January 11, 1975. First star party at the club's newly leased observing site on Mt. Umunhum. Note the enclosed map. Be careful not to go past the observing site as your editor did, or you will end up at the base of a huge radar installation with military police giving you dirty looks.

NEW MEMBERS: Please welcome the following people to the association and add their names to your membership list.

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