

## January Meeting, 1968

The Board of Directors of the San Jose Amateur Astronomers met on January 22, 8 P.M., at Chuck Williams's. Present were Messrs. Summers, Plankinton, ~~and~~ Williams, and the writer.

The February meeting, on the 5<sup>th</sup>, will be at the Community Center, as usual. The program will include the NET film, from the Experiment series, "The Invisible Planet".\* A colleague of Mr. Williams, Mr. [redacted], will give a talk on his technique of receiving and printing satellite weather pictures. If he has some equipment or displays, his talk will precede the film. The final formal item will be a progress report on the 12½" by Mr. Bollinger.

Saturday, February 10, will be an observing class, and a star party that evening.

The Board gave the writer permission to borrow "The Invisible Planet" for showing to the Branham High School Science Club. The Board stipulated that it should be made known that SJAA is making this possible.

The next business mtg. will be Feb. 19 at Mr. Plankinton's. In view of the interest aroused by the January visit to Foothill Planetarium and Observatory, a special solar observing session may be arranged. The proposed date would be Saturday morning, February 17.

The Board approved a motion to sell the mimeograph, and buy a ditto machine as soon as one is found.

It was proposed to obtain a guest speaker from San Jose State, for the March meeting. Relativity as the topic was suggested.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Allan Meyer

Secretary, San Jose Amateur Astronomers

\*1  
½ hour long

## February Business Meeting, 1968

The S.J.A.A. Board of Directors met on February 19, at 8 P.M., at Ralph Plankinton's. Present were Messrs. Summers, Plankinton, Williams, and the writer.

The writer asked if anyone had received the bill for the N.E.T. film seen at the last meeting. Mr. Williams was serving as interim Treasurer when the film was ordered. He had not received a bill. Mr. Plankinton checked the Treasurer's files, confirming that he had not received a bill. The Board decided that no special actions should be attempted on this matter at the present time.

In view of the present state of affairs in the Science Dept. of San Jose State, the Board decided against requesting a speaker from the faculty, for the March meeting.

Don Summers will give a talk on telescope clock drives at the March meeting. The writer will give a talk on "The Sky and Time".

The star party scheduled for February 10 was cancelled by bad weather. So was the observing session at Foothill on the 17th. The Board decided to have a star party this Friday or Saturday night, whichever is clear. The writer will notify the membership during the week.

The next official star party will be on March 9th.

The next Business Meeting will be Friday, March 15, at 8 P.M., at the writer's. The Board suggested that a special invitation to members be issued, and directions given at the meeting.

The Board directed that an updated membership list be published with the March bulletin.

A publicized observing session during the April 12 moon eclipse was discussed.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Allan Meyer

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## Astronomy Meeting Set

The movie "The Invisible Planet" is to be shown at tonight's meeting of the San Jose Amateur Astronomer's Club when it meets in the Leininger Community Center at 8 p.m.

The film tells of the discovery of a possible planet near Barnard's star. Greg Toben of IBM Corp. also will describe a method he has devised for receiving and printing weather satellite pictures. The public is invited to attend.

Staff

## March Business Meeting, 1968

The S.J.A.A. Board of Directors met on March 15, at 8:30 p.m., at the writer's home. Also present were Messrs. Fontaine, Plankinton, Williams, Summers, MacPherson, Erickson, Kittler, and Miss Bell.

Mr. Krumm was contacted to arrange a speaker for the April meeting.

Plans for the April 12 moon eclipse were proposed and discussed. It was decided to have a publicized observing session at Branham High School in south San Jose. This was a suitable compromise between distance from city lights and convenience for visitors.

The next star party was set for Saturday, April 27.

The following fund-raising proposal was unanimously approved. Each of the three "Sky Sets", and ~~one~~ a "Jumbo Set", would be purchased from the Sky Publishing Co. Then photo-murals from these collections would sold individually to members. Selections from the Sky Sets would be sold for \$0.50 each, and selections from the Jumbo Set would be sold for \$0.75 each.

Members Bruce Smith and Joe Mancuso, in absence due to military service, were voted Honorary Memberships.

A grazing occultation is predicted for the Watsonville area on May 3<sup>rd</sup>.

It was proposed to set out a "question box" at regular meetings. Questions and suggestions concerning astronomy and S.J.A.A. would be entered anonymously. Questions would be answered in the next bulletin.

The next Business Meeting will be on April 19 at Mr. Bollinger's.

Respectfully submitted,

Allan Meyer

Secretary, San Jose Amateur Astronomers

The speaker at the April meeting of S.J.A.A. will be Mr. Lewis Haughey, of the NASA Ames Research Center, Airborne Science Division. His talk will deal with a recent airborne aurora expedition in Canada.

The April 12<sup>th</sup> moon eclipse was well observed and photographed. Although clouds hid the earlier stages, as the moon rose higher, observing conditions became excellent.

### April Business Meeting, 1968

The S.J.A.A. Board of Directors met on April 19. Mr. Bollinger was not at home, so the meeting place was switched to Trudy Bell's.

The program of the May meeting will be a review of the April 12 eclipse, including members' photographs. The Sky Sets and Jumbo Sets were recieved, and will be on sale at the May meeting (as described in the March Bus. mtg. notes).

The next star star party was already set for April 27. Next month a star party is scheduled for May 18.

The next meeting of the Board will be on May 17, at Mr. Plankinton's.

Respectfully submitted,

Allan Meyer

Secretary, San Jose Amateur Astronomers

## May Business Meeting, 1968

The S.J.A.A. Board of Directors met on May 17, at 8 p.m., at Mr Plankinton's home. Also present were Messrs. Summers, Williams, Miss Bell, and the writer.

The proposed amendment to change to a fiscal year was presented to the Board (see Nov., 1967 Bus. Mtg. notes). It will be published in the next bulletin.

Appointments to the Nominating Committee for this year's elections were completed. The members are Ralph Plankinton, Chuck Williams, and Trudy Bell.

Mr Plankinton requested that members be encouraged to bring funds for paying dues to the June meeting.

The program of the June meeting will include election of the Board of Directors, additional photos from the April moon eclipse, and a demonstration of the Foacalt Test by Mr. Delaney. The Sky Sets pictures, and Jumbo Set pictures, will be on sale.

The Annual Banquet will be on the second Saturday of July. A Morrison Lecture will be requested for the program. Mrs. Pollock has graciously volunteered to arrange the reservations of a banquet hall.

A star party has been previously scheduled for tomorrow night. Next month's star party will be on June 22.

The next meeting of the Board will be on June 10, at Chuck Williams' home. Election of S.J.A.A. officers will be held at that time.

Respectfully submitted,

Allan Meyer

Secretary, San Jose Amateur Astronomers

SAN JOSE AMATEUR ASTRONOMERS

May 19. 1968  
10395 Judy Ave.  
Cupertino, Cal. 95014

Allan Meyer  
3703 Kersten Dr.  
San Jose, Calif. 95124

Dear Allan:

Here is my suggested ammendment to the BY-LAWS OF SAN JOSE AMATEUR ASTRONOMERS, pertaining to:

ARTICLE II.....SECTION 2.....Dues.

(a)

This club will operate on a fiscal year system; the first fiscal year beginning on July 1, 1968 and continuing to July 1, 1969. Each fiscal year thereafter to begin on July 1 and continue to July 1 the following year.

(b)

This club began operating on a pro-rating system, to facilitate the fiscal year system, on December 22, 1967, after receiving agreement from the Subscription Manager of SKY AND TELESCOPE MAGAZINE to pro-rate subscriptions on a monthly basis of 1/12 the yearly rate in effect for club members.

(c)

Club dues will be pro-rated monthly at the basis of 1/12 of the yearly dues in effect.

(d)

A member who pays club dues and SKY AND TELESCOPE subscription fees during the first quarter of a fiscal year, shall pay the entire amount for that current fiscal year and shall be given back issues of SKY AND TELESCOPE to the beginning of that year. This should be paid by September 21.

(e)

After September 21; a member who pays dues and S & T subscription fee after the 21st of a month and up to and including the 21st of the following month, shall receive the current issue of S & T and shall be pro-rated from that following month to the end of that current fiscal year. This to occur during the second and third quarters, and should be payed by March 21.

(f)

A member who pays dues and S & T subscription fee during the last quarter of a fiscal year will pay the pro-rated amount to the end of that fiscal year, plus the entire amount of club dues and S & T subscription fees for the next fiscal year. This should be paid by June 21.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Ralph Plankinton*

Ralph Plankinton--Treasurer-SJAA

At the June meeting of S.J.A.A., the proposed amendment was passed unanimously. Members Bob Archibald, John Delaney, Tom Ginn, and Walt Schoendorf were elected to the Board of Directors.

From three choices, those assembled chose Fjord's as the location of the Annual Banquet. Tickets were ~~sold~~ on sale at the end of the meeting for \$2.35 each.

### June Business Meeting, 1968

The S.J.A.A. Board of Directors met on June 10, at 8 p.m., at Chuck William's home. Also present were Messrs. Summers, Delaney, Ginn, Schoendorf, Archibald, Plankinton, Miss Bell, and the writer.

Don Summers was reelected President. Tom Ginn was elected Vice-President. Walt Schoendorf was elected Secretary. Ralph Plankinton was reelected Treasurer. Chuck Williams was appointed Librarian, and Larry Part was appointed Bulletin Editor.

Methods of bulletin production were discussed. Access to copying machines was offered by several members.

A star party was previously scheduled for June 22. The date set for next month's star party is July ~~1967~~ 27. It will be an "overnighter" at Fremont Peak State Park.

The next meeting of the Board of Directors will be on July 15 at Trudy Bell's home.

Respectfully submitted,  
Allan Meyer  
Secretary, San Jose Amateur Astronomers



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June 11, 1968

Dr. John G. Phillips  
Berkeley Astronomy Dept.  
University of California  
Berkeley, California


Dear Dr. Phillips:

Our astronomical society has asked me to inquire of the possibility of having a Morrison Lecture at our Annual Banquet in July. The enthusiastic response of many members to last December's Lecture makes such a program highly desirable for the Banquet.

Please accept my apologies for the late date of this request. We have recently been forced to alter our plans. The Banquet will be on July 13. The membership did not indicate any preferences concerning the subject of the talk.

We deeply appreciate your time and efforts in our behalf.

Sincerely,



Allan Meyer, Secretary  
San Jose Amateur Astronomers  
3703 Kersten Drive  
San Jose, California  
95124

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BERKELEY ASTRONOMY DEPARTMENT  
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BERKELEY, CALIFORNIA 94720

June 18, 1968

Mr. Allan Meyer  
Secretary, San Jose Amateur Astronomers  
3703 Kensten Drive  
San Jose, California 95124

Dear Mr. Meyer:

I am passing your recent request for a Morrison Lecture on to Professor A.E. Whitford on the Santa Cruz campus in the hope that one of the Santa Cruz astronomers will be available on July 13.

The ASP will approve a Morrison lecture at the time of your Annual Banquet if it can be arranged that the lecture is given to the public and advertised locally through newspapers etc. You should probably consider some other form of program if it is going to prove too inconvenient to move, say, from a restaurant to a lecture hall for the balance of the program. However, if I can have your assurance that the general public will be made aware of the lecture, and will have access to it, then we will be pleased to attempt to find a suitable speaker. Please let me know.

You may be hearing from someone at Santa Cruz if Dr. Whitford succeeds in finding a speaker for you. If you do, please assure him of the public nature of the talk. Other arrangements (time, place, topic) can be made with the speaker directly. As usual, I will require from you a written confirmation after the lecture, giving me the size of the audience, and their reaction to the topic and speaker, as well as his name, topic, and time and place of meeting.

I will be looking forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "John G. Phillips".

John G. Phillips

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June 26, 1968

Dr. John G. Phillips  
Berkeley Astronomy Dept.  
Berkeley, California 94720

Dear Dr. Phillips;

I wish to inform you of our decision to cancel the San Jose Amateur Astronomers' request for a Morrison Lecture for our Annual Banquet. This affair has traditionally been for the private enjoyment of the membership, with the entire program taking place in the banquet room where the dinner is served.

Dr. Whitford called Friday, and I informed him of our decision. He was quite helpful and understanding.

Although we will obtain a speaker from our local area for the Banquet, it is possible that members will suggest a Morrison Lecture for one of our regular meetings in the near future.

Thank you for your time and assistance.

Sincerely,

Allan Meyer, Secretary  
San Jose Amateur Astronomers

Newell Trask of the U.S. Geological Survey agreed to give a talk at the upcoming Banquet. He was contacted at his Menlo Park office, phone no. 325-6761. His home address is 41387 Kathleen, Fremont, California.

## Minutes of Planning Meeting - July 15, 1968

The following were present:

Ralph Plankinton

Allan Meyer

Trudy E. Bell

Glenn MacPherson

David Erickson

Walt Schoenrdorf

Mike Eales

Richard Kittler

~~Delaney~~

John Delaney

Tom Ginn

The following decisions were made at this meeting:

1. That the August, 1968 monthly meeting would be held on Monday, August 5, 1968.
2. That at <sup>the</sup> August monthly meeting, the membership of the SJAA would vote on the possibility of having the monthly meetings on the first Friday of each month instead of <sup>or</sup> the first Monday.
3. That the following talks would be given

at the monthly meeting on August 5, 1968  
at 8 PM PDT:

A. "Notes on the Sagittarius Area" by  
Glenn MacPherson, David Erickson,  
and Richard Kittler.

B. "The Construction and Use of a  
6 inch RFT" by Mike Eater

C. "Observing this Month's Perseid  
Meteor Shower" by Walt Schoendorf

4. That the August Planning Meeting would  
be held ~~on~~ on August 12, 1968

5. That the August Starparty would be  
held on August 17, 1968

Respectfully submitted,  
Walter J. Schoendorf Jr.  
Secretary, S. J. A. A.

## Regular Meeting - August 5, 1968

At this meeting the membership voted that all regular meetings, starting in September, 1968, would be held on the First Friday of each month.

## Planning Meeting - August 12, 1968

The following were present:

Larry Dart  
Judith E. Bell  
Walt Schoendorf  
Chuck Williams  
Ralph Plankinton

The following decisions were made at this meeting:

1. That the September, 1968 monthly meeting would be held on Friday, September 6, 1968 at 8 P. M.
2. That the following talks would given at the September regular meeting:
  - A. "Notes on the . . . Region" by Glenn MacPherson, David Erickson, and Richard Kittler.

B. "Report on the AAC Convention"  
by Rudy E. Bell.

C. "Preliminary Report on the Perseid  
Meteor Shower" by Walt Schoendorf.

3. That the monthly AFA starparty  
would be held on September 21, 1968 at  
the AFA Skyline observing site.



# Minutes of September, 1968 Planning Meeting

Held at Ralph Plankington's house.

Present: Allan Meyer, Mike Eales, Don Summers,  
Tom Ginn, Trudy Bell, John Delaney,  
and Walt Schoendorf, Terry Young.

1. Discussed eclipse photography - color films, etc.

2. The program for the October regular meeting was arranged as follows:

"Eclipse Photography" Don Summers

"Eclipse Observing" Mike Eales

3. The October gatherings were set as follows:

October 4, 8 P.M. - Regular Meeting

October 18, 8 P.M. - Planning Meeting

October 19 - Starparty

4. It was suggested that the club have a stricter budget, but no motion was made.

5. It was questioned if the club had the right to force members to take Sky and Telescope Magazine.

Motion: Not to force members to take Sky and Telescope, making dues \$3.00 without S+T, \$2.00 with S+T. Passed.

6. It was decided to pass out a "intrest

questionnaire at the October regular meeting.

2. It was suggested to have speakers, talking at S.J.A.A. meeting, to write up a draft which would be published at the end of the year in a booklet. No motion made.

8. I was suggested to have an observing section period after regular meetings.

Respectfully submitted,  
Walt Schoendorf  
Secretary, S. J. A. A.

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1741 Laurelwood Dr.  
San Jose, Calif. 95125  
October 2, 1968

Dr. John G. Phillips  
Berkeley Astronomy Dept.  
University of California  
Berkeley, California

Dear Dr. Phillips:

The San Jose Amateur Astronomers board of directors has asked me to inquire of the possibility of having a Morrison lecture at our December monthly meeting on December 6, 1968. I would suggest one of two topics, comets or planets. Deep-space topics are also highly interesting.

We truly appreciate your time and efforts in our behalf.

Sincerely,  
Walt Schoendorf  
Walter J. Schoendorf Jr.  
Secretary,  
San Jose Amateur Astronomers

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October 15, 1968

Mr. Walter J. Schoendorf Jr.  
Secretary  
San Jose Amateur Astronomers  
1741 Laurelwood Drive  
San Jose, California 95125

Dear Mr. Schoendorf:

I am sending your recent inquiry regarding a Morrison Lecture to Dr. R. P. Kraft on the Santa Cruz campus in the hope that one of the astronomers on that campus can provide you with a lecturer on December 6. You should expect to hear from Dr. Kraft or one of his colleagues within a very few days. All arrangements with respect to time and place of the meeting, and the topic of the talk can be discussed directly with the prospective speaker. The only further material that I would require would be a letter from you after the lecture has been given, confirming the topic, time, and place of meeting together with some indication of the size of the audience and their reaction to the chosen topic. This letter should be accompanied by a ten dollar check from your society, payable to the Astronomical Society of the Pacific to assist in the defrayal of the speaker's travel expenses. After I have received your letter and check then I can ask the ASP to extend to the speaker the usual stipend and reimbursement of travel expenses.

You may know that the ASP asks that the host society advertise the Morrison Lecture as a public lecture in the local press and through other media as may seem fit.

Please get in touch with me again if any of these arrangements fall through, I am pleased to be of service.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "John G. Phillips".

John G. Phillips

JGP:ve

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SANTA CRUZ, CALIFORNIA 95060

October 30, 1968

Mr. Walter J. Schoendorf Jr.  
Secretary  
San Jose Amateur Astronomers  
1741 Laurelwood Drive  
San Jose, California 95125

Dear Mr. Schoendorf:

I have been asked to give a Morrison Lecture to your Society on December 6, 1968, and I shall be very happy to do so. I am prepared to give a talk on "Activity in the Crab Nebula", which was the subject of my thesis at Cal. Tech. Let me know if you think this would be a suitable topic. I will need to show 3 1/4 x 4" slides, so please let me know if you have such a projector available (if not I can bring one).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jeffrey D. Scargle".

Jeffrey D. Scargle  
Junior Astronomer

JDS/nk  
cc: Dr. John Phillips

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blown I 22 2910707 San Jose, Calif. 95125  
and blown by 31 Nov. 11, 1968

Mr. Jeffrey D. Scargle  
University of California  
Santa Cruz, Calif. 95060

Dear Mr. Scargle:

I am very glad that you will be able to speak at our December meeting. I am sure that your talk on "Activity in the Crab Nebula" will be quite interesting to our society's members.

Concerning the meeting, it will be held on Friday, December 6<sup>th</sup>, 8 P. M., at Leninger Community Center, San Jose. This center is located on the grounds of Kelley Park.

We truly appreciate your time and efforts in our behalf. Thank you.

Sincerely  
Walt Schoendorf  
Walter J. Schoendorf Jr.  
Secretary,  
San Jose Amateur Astronomers

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P.S. I was not able to obtain a  
3 1/4 x 4" slide projector, so I would  
appreciate it if you could bring one.

Mr. Jeffrey D. Scordile  
University of California  
Santa Cruz, Calif. 95060

Dear Mr. Scordile:  
I am very glad that you will be able  
to speak at our December meeting. I  
am sure that your talk on "Activity in  
the Crab Nebula" will be quite interesting  
to our society's members.  
Concerning the meeting it will be held  
on Friday December 6<sup>th</sup> at 8 P.M. at  
Lander Community Center San Jose. This  
center is located on the grounds of  
Kelley Park.  
We truly appreciate your time and  
efforts in our behalf. Thank you.

Sincerely,  
Walter J. Schenck Jr.  
Secretary  
San Jose Astronomical Society  
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Planning Meeting - October 18, 1968

Attendance - Ralph Plankington, Trudy Bell, John Delaney, Terry Young, Don Summers, Walt Schoendorf, Tom Ginn.

~~At~~ At this meeting the following events were planned:

Sunparty - Foothill College, November 16, 1968

Regular Meeting - Speaker: Bob Johnson and/or Trudy Bell, November 1, 1968.

Planning Meeting - Don Summers house, Nov. 15, 1968.

Planning Meeting - November 15, 1968

Attendance - Terry Young, Trudy Bell, Ralph Plankington, Tom Ginn, Don Summers, Walt Schoendorf, Joe Mancuso.

At this meeting there was much discussion on the construction of the  $12\frac{1}{2}$ " telescope. It was ~~des~~ ~~des~~ decided <sup>to</sup> mount it ~~permanently~~ permanently and to make the mounting large enough to accomodate a future 20" scope. The following events were also planned at this meeting:

Regular Meeting - Dec. 6<sup>th</sup>, guest speaker: Jeffery D.



Scargle. Will speak on "Activity in the  
Crab Nebula" Dec 19 - 3:45 PM  
Sunparty - Foothill College Dec 17<sup>th</sup>  
Planning Meeting - Dec 20<sup>th</sup>

Planning Meeting - Nov 20<sup>th</sup> 1968

Planning Meeting - November 16, 1968

Attendance - Terry Jones, Terry Bell, Ralph  
Holt, Jim Ginn, Don Summers, John  
Scheraga, Joe Marcano

At this meeting there was much discussion  
on the construction of the 13" telescope.  
It was decided that it was necessary to  
build a new telescope to make the mounting more  
stable. A decision was made to build a 13" scope.  
The following events were also planned at this  
meeting:  
Regular Meeting - Dec 6<sup>th</sup> guest speaker, Jeffery B.