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SPECIAL NOTICE: THERE WILL BE NO GENERAL MEETING IN JANUARY. (See details below.)

RECENT ACTIVITIES: On December 5, 1975 Allen Meyer delivered a most interesting TALK on recent findings about the rings and satellites of Saturn. He discussed opposing theories and the reasons for the acceptance of some of them. After the talk Gerry Rattley showed some of his latest astro-slides which indicated what can be done with astrophotography when the camera is in focus. All kidding aside, Gerry's slides were great, especially the one of the Orion nebula and surrounding regions. Your editor has seen few if any amateur (or professional for that matter) photos of N-42 to surpass Gerry's effort.

The star party of December 6, 1975 was fairly well attended for a winter star party. The weather was not too cold and seeing conditions were good between gusts of wind. Several of us attempted astrophotography, anyway. It would be interesting to have a special showing of wind-blown clusters and galaxies as taken by our group on this particular night.

Apologies to Don McGlaulin for not mentioning in last month's Bulletin his exhibition of his newly acquired 12" 'scope, "The Star Lost." Incidentally, Don wants it known that he is willing to train those interested in the use of spectroscopic film in the use of that type of film. In addition, he is willing to develop your film for you. For details, see Don. (Don and Gerry should be back from their two-week field trip to Death Valley early in January.)

COMING EVENTS: As indicated above, there will be no general meeting this month. Both Santa Clara University (the Observatory) and Olinger Center have preempted us on Jan. 9, 1976 and Jan. 2 seems to be a poor choice for a meeting due to the Holidays and the four-day weekend. We were notified of the cancellations too late to schedule a meeting at some alternate location on Jan. 9.

Jan. 3, 1976: Star party at Henry Coe State Park.

Jan. 15, 1976 (A Thursday), 8 P.M.: Board Meeting at Norm Wild's home.

Feb. 6, 1976, 7:30 P.M. at Olinger Center: General meeting. A talk by your Editor on certain mathematical aspects of astronomy made easy.

Other February activities to be listed in the next Bulletin.

NEW MEMBERS: J. Patrick Earhart -- 251 Howes Court -- Los Gatos, Ca. 95030 -- 371-7131; Mike Brown -- 1704 Morrill Ave. San Jose, Ca. 95132; David V. Koller -- 7776 Hazelnut Place -- Newark, Ca. 94560 -- 797-8865; George D. Kennedy -- 899 Plaza Drive. -- San Jose, Ca. 95125 -- 287-0312; Kevin Medlock & Denni Frericks -- 2306 Prosperity Way -- San Leandro, Ca. 94578 -- (415) 276-2753.

If you are a new member and your name and address has not appeared in the Bulletin, please let me know. (941-1343).

CHANGES: Allan Mayer -- 200 E. Dana, Apt. F 117 -- Mt. View, Ca. 94041 -- 969-0716 (work phone: 965-6001)
Ron Hansen's new phone: 258-0449.

WANT ADS: For Sale: 10" f/5 mirror, minor work needed. Call Bob Hollenbeck, 292-7657.

For Sale: 8" f/7 telescope. All parts except tube including 2.4" guide-'scope, 6 x 25 finder, Pacific Instruments clock-drive. Call Bob Voesle, 253-7460.

REMINDER: Go to Mt. Umunhum only at your own risk as our lease WAS NOT RENEWED!