

SAN JOSE AMATEUR ASTRONOMERS

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RECENT ACTIVITIES: The star party of Nov. 1, 1975 was most noteworthy because of lack of participation. Six faithful viewed the heavens from Henry Coe State Park under ideal conditions. The weather was much pleasanter and dry than it was on the valley floor and seeing conditions were very good. Don McLaufflin especially enjoyed it by sleeping through most of it in his station-wagon. Gerry Rattley and Dave Erickson enjoyed it by doing what they like best, astro-photographing. Periodically, Gerry served coffee made on the stove of his new camper-van. Jack Zeiders entertained us with electronic music. Jim Vermilion arrived after midnight with his sky-directed monster.

The General Meeting of Nov. 7, 1975 at Olinder Center was very well attended; I counted almost 50 bodies (terrestrial, that is). The meeting was an interesting one also as members displayed some of their latest equipment. Debbie Moore displayed her pschedelic 6" scope which she recently constructed. Dave Erickson demonstrated his latest addition to his ever-growing Wright-Schmidt, a Cassegrain guidescope. Jim Van

Nuland talked about occulting information which can be obtained, free, from Sky and 'Scope. Norm Wild exhibited his new anti-backlash clock drive. The evening was completed with several astroslides by Gerry Rattley, Jack Zeiders, Allen Meyer, Emmet Murphy and yours truly. Coffee was served at the end.

COMING EVENTS: December 5, 1975 at Olinder Center, 7:30 P.M.: General meeting; Allen Meyer will deliver a talk entitled "Twenty-thousand moons of Saturn." Allen has a Masters Degree in astronomy. Part Two of the meeting will be devoted to a discussion of Skalnate Pleso Charts I and II by Gerry Rattley. Members might wish to bring their charts in order to follow along.

December 6, 1975: Star party. Location to be announced at General Meeting.

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT: AS OF THIS PRINTING, OUR MT. UMANHUM LEASE HAS NOT BEEN RENEWED. THEREFORE, MEMBERS SHOULD NOT GO THERE TO OBSERVE AFTER NOV. 30, 1975. IF THERE IS ANY CHANGE IN THE STATUS OF OUR LEASE, THIS WILL BE ANNOUNCED AT THE GENERAL MEETING.

January 9, 1976: General Meeting; Combination general meeting, star party and field trip, probably at Ricard Observatory, University of Santa Clara Campus. More on this later. A talk by your editor and another Skalnate Pleso chart by Gerry Rattley plus activities involving the Observatory.

GREAT RED SPOT ON MERIDIAN PST

MO	D	H	M
12	1	8	18 PM
12	8	9	7 PM
12	11	6	38 PM
12	13	8	17 PM
12	15	9	57 PM
12	20	9	7 PM
12	25	8	17 PM
12	27	9	56 PM
12	29	11	35 PM
12	30	7	27 PM

January 15, 1975 (THURSDAY) at 8 P.M. at Norm Wild's home: Board Meeting.



OCCULTATIONS

DA	TIME	PH	STAR	MAG	PA
5	5:43:40	D		7.3	24
7	4:44:51	D	CAP	3.2	7
	5:28:56	R		303	
9	8:48:44	D	30AQR	5.6	343
10	6:58:19	D		7.5	25
11	10:22:30	D	16PSC	5.6	21
22	9:05:38	R	CNC	5.1	266

ABOVE TIMES ARE P.M., PST.

PH=D DISAPPEARANCE

R REAPPEARANCE

PA=POSITION ANGLE (CCW)

NORTH=0

EAST =90, ETC

Season's Greetings!