

San Jose Amateur Astronomers Club

Planning Meeting of Jan. 18, 1965
at Estrella & Max Pollack's house.

I Members present; Estrella & Max Pollack - Elmer Johnson - Walt Kourum - Larry Dart - Kevin Wells - Ralph Plankinton - Ken Blackwell

II Elmer Johnson read off proposed amendments to the Constitution of the Western Amateur Astronomers. A vote was taken and ~~all~~ the amendments were accepted as read.

III A motion was made & carried to obtain a copy of the ^{AUG 28-31} proceedings of the 1964 NAA convention in Denver. Cost \$5.00

National Amateur Astronomers
Chamberlain Observatory
Denver, Colo.

Program for Feb. 1, 1965:

IV Ronnie Jones, age 11, will give talk on Astro-Photography & how he took 1 hr. exposure shown in Vega Maketor Telescope ad in Sky & Tele - Nov. 1964. - Kevin Wells will give talk on "satellite tracking" - Walt Kourum will give ~~talk on~~ "Constellation of the month" - Bourdette may talk on his telescope!

Ralph Plankinton
Secretary

San Jose Amateur Astronomy Club Feb. 15, 1965

1. The planning meeting of the SJAA club was held at Elmer Johnson's house.

2. Members present: Elmer Johnson - Bruce Smith
Max and Estella Hollack - Ralph Plankinton

3. Discussion about grazing occultation (on Jun-2-7-65)
graze of a 4th magnitude star by the moon

4. Discussion of next Mar. regular program ^(a) A film
will be shown "Eclipse of the Quiet Sun" photographs
taken ~~from~~ in Alaska of the 7-20-64 eclipse of the sun.

(b) Ralph Plankinton will give the "Constellation of
the month; Gemini".

(c) Kevin Wells will report on the grazing
occultation of 2-7-65 on Cottle Rd in south
San Jose, Cal. - Bruce will talk on his telescope.

5. A star party is tentatively planned for 3-6-65 at
9:30 PM on the Skyline Dr.

6. There was some discussion on what happened to the
board members who don't come to planning meetings.

Sent ^{5⁰⁰} check for NAA Convention Proceedings
on Jan. 26, 1965 - Chamberlin Observatory
Denver, Colo. 80210

Ralph Plankinton - Secretary

"San Jose Amateur Astronomy (S.J.A.A.) or club no.
Club"

of Mar. 15, 1965,

I Meeting, Planning) was held at Walt Krumm's house.
Herman (Fever?) will talk on clock drives on
Telescopes & mounted cameras, for astro-photography
at the next meeting of April 5, 1965.

II Eight members ~~should~~ came to the meeting of
Mar. 15, 1965.

IV Kevin ~~was supposed~~ will talk on Jacobs Drive
mounts. — Meeting adjourned at 11 PM.

Sec. Ralph Plankinton

I Planning meeting of S.J.A.A. for April 19, 1965
was held at John Lewellyn's house; 2360 Rich-
land, (off Custer) San Jose.

II Attendance: Mr. & Mrs. John Lewellyn, Max
Strella Palack, Elmer Johnson, Harry
Dart, Bruce Smith.

III Elmer's friend, Roy E. Wilson of Lylvania Elec-
tronics Lab, will give a ~~talk~~ talk and demon-
stration of the Laser Beam.

Ralph Plankinton
Secretary

San Jose Amateur Astronomy Club

I The meeting planning meeting of May 12, 1965 were held at Max & Estrella Pollack's house.

II Discussion of selecting 5 new board members for yrs. 1965-66 and 1966-67.

Possible ~~board~~ Nominations: Herman Ferrier, Estrella Pollack - Kevin Wells - Fred LeRocker - Elmer Johnson.

III Bruce Smith wants to resign the Treasury job. Possible new treasurer; Ken Blackwell.

IV Nominations for Vice pres.; John Delaney - Larry Dark

V Nomination for President: Kevin Wells

VI Discussion of Club Banquet To be Held in July.

Treas. report: \$1,516.1 — Dinner to be held on July 10, 1965 at the Coach House in Saratoga. Guest speaker not yet known.

VII Program for meeting of Mon. June 7, 1965: Bring your telescope, binoculars, or what you have, to look at the stars and planets & give a description of it at the club meeting.

VIII Members present: Max & Estrella Pollack; Walt Krumm - Elmer Johnson - Bruce Smith - Ralph Plankinton Secretary.

Respectfully submitted - Ralph Plankinton

San Jose Astronomy Club Ann.

I East Bay Astronomy Club's overnight star parties.

June 26, 1965 - July 31 Aug. 28 - At Juniper picnic area on Mt. Diablo, Cal.

II The planning meeting of June 21, 1965, was held at Ken Blackwell's house at 2346 Juniper Ave., Mt. View, Cal.

III Dr. Cyril Ponomsheima will ~~give~~ be the main speaker at the July 10, 1965, banquet. Banquet to be held at the Old Plantation in Sunnyvale.

IV Members present ~~20~~ Ken Blackwell - Walt Kruim - Elmer Johnson - Ralph Plankinton - Bruce Smith - Herman Fesier - John Delaney - Estrella & Max Pollack - Larry Dart - Chuck Williams.

V - Discussion about who to call to sell banquet tickets to.

VI Officers elected:

Pres. Kevin Wells

V. Pres. Bruce Smith —

Sec. Ralph Plankinton

Tres. Ken Blackwell —

Bulletin Larry Dart —

Librarian - Chuck Williams

Ralph Plankinton
Secretary

San Jose AmT. Astronomy Club

The meeting of the S.J.A.A. of Mon. July 19, '65, was held at Larry Dart's house - 2401 Leigh Ave., San Jose.

Herman Ferrier
Members present: ESTrella POLLACK-Elmer Johnson - Ken BLACKWELL - Larry Dart - Ralph PLANKINTON - Bruce SMITH - Kevin WELLS

Forty three people attended the banquet of July 10, 1965 at the OLD PLANTATION in Sunnyvale, CAL. Dr. Ponamparuma was the guest speaker; Topic; "Origins of Life."

Larry Dart is building a new 8" telescope & mount. There was discussion on whether the club should mount the club's 6" ~~reflecter~~ reflector at the Peninsula club site. It is now being recoated and when that is completed, it is likely the club will mount it there in the near future.

There was discussion on ^{new} methods of mailing and getting new material for the bulletin.

~~Considerable~~ Considerable discussion on finding a central-private meeting place to keep our library & a shop to build telescopes.

Joe Manuso Jr. will give a short report on Project "Moomblink" at Foothill College Tues 7-13-65 - Elmer Johnson will give a talk on Mars at the Regular Aug. Meeting on Mon. 8-2-65

John Delaney is going to bring the Club's 12'x12'
mirror blank - Kevin will give a progress report
on the club + recruitment of members.

Joe Massimo is Pres. of the Western Star Obs.
club.

Ralph Plankinton
Secretary

San Jose Amateur Astronomy Club

The meeting of Mon. Aug. 16, 1965 was held at John DeLany's house.

Members present: 1. John DeLany
2. Bruce Smith 3. Ken BLACKWELL 4. ESTRELLA
Pollack 5. Max POLLACK 6. Don SOMMERS
7. Ralph PLANKINTON

The Aug. 6, 1965 edition of Science Magazine contains the No. 11 picture of the Mars probe.

There was discussion on future meeting programs: 1. Getting a speaker from San Francisco Planetarium to talk on Mars. 2. Getting a Morrison Lecture from U.C. to talk on Mars at the Oct. 1965 meeting. 3. The Sept. 1965 meeting will be held on Mon. Aug. 30.

Don Sommers will give a talk on his recent exploration of Meteor Crater, Ariz. He will also show his collection of meteorites and explain how and where he got them.

Sept. '65
meeting

John DeLany will get a film for the next regular meeting - also a projector. Kevin Wells may give a talk to fill out time. - The club's 6" reflector telescope will be ready to use in about 2 weeks.

The Club's 12 1/2" scope mounting committee consists of Bruce Smith - Kevin

Well, 3, Herman Ferrier & Elmer Johnson

Motion A motion was made that the 12½" mount - ~~coaster~~
by Ralph Plankinton treating committee proceed with plans to construct a mount for the 12½" club scope - Carried.

Motion A Motion was made to make John Delany
by Estrella chairman of the mirror & scope making committee.
Pollack Carried.

Motion A Motion was made to discontinue the STROL-
by Ling Astronomer Magazine to save expenses.
Ken Blackwell Carried.

There was discussion & plan made to contact
the Amateur Astronomy class instructor at
the San Jose High School sometime in mid-
Sept. Purpose; to invite pupils & their
instructor to attend the SJAA Club meetings.

Ralph Plankinton

Secretary

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BERKELEY, CALIFORNIA 94720

September 16, 1965

Mr. Ralph Plankinton, Secretary
San Jose Amateur Astronomers
10649 Gascoigne Drive
Cupertino, California

Dear Mr. Plankinton:

Dr. Leonard Kuhi of our department has agreed to give a Morrison Lecture to the San Jose Amateur Astronomers on Monday, November 1. I find that an October date is entirely out of the question.

May I suggest that you write to Dr. Kuhi regarding the topic of his lecture, and the time and place of meeting. Dr. Kuhi would be willing to give you a lecture on the solar system if you insist, although his special field of interest is the topic of variable stars. I shall leave the choice of topic to the two of you.

If this arrangement works out, all that I would need from you would be a further letter after the lecture has been given. This letter should give some indication of the size of the audience and the reception of the talk. The letter should also include a \$10.00 check payable to the Astronomical Society of the Pacific to assist in the defrayment of Dr. Kuhi's travel expenses.

You asked about the number of Morrison Lectures your club is eligible to receive each year. Ordinarily this is limited to two--one during the fall months, and one in the spring. Should you wish to have a spring Morrison Lecture, please give me at least one month notice.

If you have any further question regarding arrangements for Dr. Kuhi's lecture, please let me know.

Sincerely yours,

John G. Phillips
Chairman

ASK DR. KUHI TO CONCENTRATE ON
CEPHID VARIABLES.

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S. J. A. A. Club Planning Meeting

The S.J.A.A. ~~Plankinton~~ Planning meeting of Mon. Sept. 20, 1965, was held at Estrellz Pollock's home — 8 members were present Estrellz Pollock - Kevin Wells - Bruce Smith Elmer Johnson - Chuck Williams - Ken Blackwell = Don Sommers - Ralph Plankinton

There was discussion about the club's 12" Telescope (to be built). Kevin had rough plans of the scope that the telescope committee had drawn. It has a ~~concave~~ Coude Focus at the top bearing of its axis.

Walt Krum attended the WPA Convention in Aug. in Reno, and he will give a report of the convention at the Oct. 4 regular meeting of S.J.A.A.

The club will have a star party Sat. Sept. 25, (weather permitting) on Hwy 9, Saratoga pass.

Ken Blackwell was going to see if the club can use the Rickard Observatory Santa Clara Univ.

Ralph Plankinton

Secretary

The S.J.A.A planning meeting of Oct. 18, 1965
was held at Ken Blackwell's House

There were 5 members present.

Dr. Leonard Kuhí will give talk on Variables
Club "Telescope Loaned out at Nov 1, 65' meeting

Star party planned for Fri, Nov. 5, + Sat. early
Am) Nov. 6, on Hwy Saratoga Gap.

Members present = Ken Blackwell - Elmer John-
son - Larry Dart - Est. Pollock - Bruce Smith -

Regular Monday meeting of Nov. 1, 1965
Dr. Kuhí gave Morrison Lecture on variables
meeting attended by 22 people.

~~WALT KUHÍ WILL TRY TO GET A MEMBER
OF NASA'S COMET KEIJI-SEKI PROBE TEAM
TO GIVE A REPORT OF THE PROBE - THE 3RD + 4TH
FLIGHTS WERE SUCCESSFUL.~~

~~Don Sommers was nominated interim
board member to replace Herman Ferrier.~~

~~Nominated by Ralph Plankinton; seconded by
Larry Dart; nomination carried - 8~~

Ralph Plankinton
Secretary

The SJAA Club planning meeting of Nov. 15, 1965 was held at Estrella & Max Pollock's house.

Members present: Estrella & Max Pollock; Don Sommers; Kevin Wells (pres.); Bruce Smith (vp); Ralph Plankinton (secy); Larry Dart (newsletter); Ken Blockwell (Treas.).

Graze occultation planned for Dec. 1, 1965 at Quito School on Quito Rd.; $\frac{1}{2}$ mile north of the S. P. Tracks. Meeting time 8:30^{pm}, mid-graze time 10:08 pm approximately.

~~No regular meeting~~ Walt Krumm will contact a member of NASA's comet (Oct. 1965) Ikeya-Seki Probe program ~~maybe?~~ Team to give a report of the probe. The 3rd + 4th flights by the team were successful.

Don Sommers was nominated as interim board member to replace Herman Ferrier.

Nominated by Ralph Plankinton; seconded by Larry Dart; carried. 8 board members present.

John Delaney may get a couple films - Kevin ~~will~~ give a report of the graze occultation, if visible.

Ralph Plankinton
Secretary

The SJAA Club planning meeting of Dec. 13, 1965 was held at Larry Dart's house.

Attended by: Larry Dart - Trudy Bell
Ralph Plankinton - Don Summers - Bruce Smith
Kevin Wells - Estrell & Pollock

Trudy Bell has taken over the news-letter mailing.

The Club is investigating (Keyes & Center) ~~holding~~
~~for getting a club room~~ ~~meeting~~ ~~&~~ near
Kelly Park at the corner of Keyes & Center.

Program for next meeting: Bruce Smith
will talk on Radio Astronomy. There will be a
NASA Film.

Last club ^{Treasury} bal. #186⁰⁰ in July, 1965.
The club meeting place at the Rose Garden Library cost ~~\$3.55~~ per meeting.

Five-hundred 4x6 stamped envelopes cost
24.60. Club dues (exclusive of The Sky & Telescope
Magazine) 1⁰⁰ per yr.

There was a long discussion about the financial status of the Club - also the loss of members over the increase in new members. The number of newsletters mailed out and to whom (we mail to ^{about} ~~some~~ 10 other clubs, some very distant).

There was discussion about how the Club could increase its' treasury such as: a ~~tax~~

7 ~~host~~ public star party with a charge for
Looking Through The Telescopes - A class in
basic astronomy with a fee for the course
Write To The astronomy ^{club} that got a donation
From a shopping center To hold a star party.
Write To The Internal Revenue Service
for ^{permission} information To get exempt From income
Tax.

It was moved ~~seconded~~ by Larry Dart, seconded
by Bruce Smith and carried To drop 7 of the
mailings To other clubs + organizations.

Next Planning Meeting will be
at Pollocks - Jan. 17, 1966.

Ralph Plankinton
Secretary