

San Jose Amateur Astronomers Club

~~Planning~~ Planning Meeting of Jan. 12, 1965  
at Estrella + Max Pollack's house.

I Members present; Estrella + Max Pollack - Elmer  
Johnson - Walt Krumm - Larry Bart - Kevin  
Wells - Ralph Plankinton - Ken Blackwell

II Elmer Johnson read off proposed amendments  
to the Constitution of the Western Amateur Astron-  
- omers. A vote was taken and ~~passed~~ the amendments  
were accepted as read.

III A motion was made + carried to obtain a  
copy of the proceedings of the <sup>Aug. 28-31</sup> '64 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 Maksutov Telescope  
ad in Sky + Tele - Nov. 1964. - Kevin Wells will give  
talk on "satellite tracking" - Walt Krumm will give  
~~talk on~~ "Constellation of the month" - Bruce Smith  
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 Estrella Pollack - Ralph Plankinton
3. Discussion about grazing occultation (on Jan-2-7-65)  
graze of a 4<sup>th</sup> magnitude star by the moon
4. Discussion of next Mar. regular program<sup>(a)</sup> A film  
~~will~~ will be shown "Eclipse of the Quiet Sun" photographs  
taken ~~from~~<sup>in</sup> 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 cattle 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 <sup>5.00</sup> check for NAA Convention Proceedings  
on Jan. 26, 1965 - Chamberlin Observatory  
Denver, Colo. 80210

Ralph Plankinton - Secretary

"San Jose Amateur Astronomy (252 4178) avals no.  
Club"

of Mar. 15, 1965,

I Meeting, (Planning) was held at Walt Krumm's house.

II Herman (Ferrer?), will talk on clock drives on telescopes & mounted cameras, for astro-photography at the next meeting of April 5, 1965.

III Eight members ~~showed~~ came to the meeting of Mar. 15, 1965.

IV Kevin ~~was supposed to~~ will talk on 'Jacob's Drive' mounts. — meeting adjourned at 11 P.M.

Sec. Ralph Plankinton

I Planning meeting of S.J.A.A. for April 19, 1965 was held at John Jewell's house; 2360 Richmond, (off Curtner) S. Jose.

II Attendance: Mr. & Mrs. John Jewell, Max & Stella Pallack, Elmer Johnson, Larry Post, Bruce Smith.

III Elmer's friend, Roy E. Wilson of Sylmaria Electronics Lab, will give a ~~talk~~ talk and demonstration of the Laser Beam.

Ralph Plankinton  
Secretary

## San Jose Amateur Astronomy Club

- The ~~meeting~~ planning meeting of May 17, 1965 was held at Max & Estrella Pollack's house.
- I Discussion of selecting 5 new board members for yrs. 1965-66 and 1966-67.
  - ~~Possible board~~ Nominations: Herman Ferrer, Estrella Pollack, - Kevin Wells - Fred Le Rocker - Elmer Johnson.
- II Bruce Smith wants to resign the Treasury job.  
Possible new treasurer; Ken Blackwell.
- III Nominations for Vice pres.: John Delaney - Larry Dark
  - Nomination For President: Kevin Wells
- IV Discussion of Club Banquet To be Held in July.  
Treas. report: \$151.61 — Dinner to be held on July 10, 1965 at the Coach House in Saratoga.  
Guest speaker not yet known.
- V 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.
- VI Members present: Max & Estrella Pollack; Walt Krumm - Elmer Johnson - Bruce Smith - Ralph Plankinton Secretary.  
Respectfully submitted - Ralph Plankinton

# San Jose Astronomy Club Am't.

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 Summit Ave.,  
Mt. View, Cal.

III Dr. Cyril Perampurama 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 ~~was~~ Ken Blackwell -  
Walt Krumm - Elmer Johnson - Ralph Plank-  
inton - Bruce Smith - Herman Ferrer - John Del-  
aney - 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 —

Bullitin 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, 1965, was held at Larry Dart's house - 2401 Leigh Ave., San Jose.

Members present: <sup>Herman Ferrier</sup> 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" ~~reflector~~ <sup>reflector</sup> 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 <sup>new</sup> methods of mailing and getting new material for the bulletin.

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

Joe Mancuso Jr. will give a short report on Project "Moonblink" 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 1/2" mirror blank - Kevin will give a progress report on the club + recruitment of members.

Joe Mancuso 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 Ferris & Elmer Johnson

Motion by Ralph Plankinton A motion was made that the 12 1/2" mount-constructing committee proceed with plans to construct a mount for the 12 1/2" <sup>club</sup> scope - Carried.

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

Motion by Ken Blackwell A Motion was made to discontinue the Strol-Line Astronomer Magazine to save expenses. 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 & the instructor to attend the STAA 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 defrayal 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  
Cepheid variables.

JGP/clt

## S. J. A. A. Club Planning Meeting

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

There was discussion about the club's 12 1/2" Telescope (To be built). Kevin had rough plans of the scope that the telescope committee had drawn. It has a ~~coude~~ 'Coude focus' at the top bearing of its axis.

Walt Krum attended the WAA 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, Santa Rosa pass.

Ken Blackwell was going to see if the club can use the Rickard Obs. of 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 Kuhl will give Talk on Variables  
Club 6" Telescope loaned out at Nov 1, 65' meeting

Star party planned for Fri, Nov. 5, & Sat. (early  
Am) Nov. 6, on Hy. 9 Saratoga Gap.

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

Regular Monday meeting of Nov. 1, 1965  
Dr. Kuhl gave Morrison Lecture on Variat-  
bles; meeting attended by 22 people.

~~Walt Krumm will try to get a member  
of NASA's Comet <sup>Oct. 1965</sup> Keya-Seki Probe Team  
to give a report of the probe - The 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup>  
flights were successful.~~

~~Don Summers 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 Summers; Kevin Wells (pres.); Bruce Smith (VP); Ralph Plankinton (Sec); Larry Dart (newsletter); Ken Blackwell (Treas.).

Grazing occultation planned for <sup>Wed.</sup> Dec. 1, 1965 at Quito School on Quito Rd.; 1/2 mile north of The S. P. Tracks. Meeting Time 8:30<sup>PM</sup>, mid grazing time 10:08 PM approximately.

Not regular  
meeting  
Program  
maybe?

WALT Krumm will contact a member of NASA's comet (Oct. 1965) Ikeya-Seki Probe Team to give a report of the probe. The 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> flights by the Team were successful.

Don Summers was Nominated as Interim Board member to replace Herman Ferrier. Nominated by Ralph Plankinton; second by Larry Dart; carried. 8 Board members present.

John Delaney may get a couple films - Kevin will ~~not~~ give a report of the grazing 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 newsletter mailing.

The club is investigating (Keyes & Center) ~~not doing~~ ~~moving~~ to getting a club-room ~~meeting~~ ~~at~~ 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 <sup>Treasury</sup> bal. \$186.00 in July, 1965.

The club meeting place at the Rose Garden Library cost \$3.55 per meeting.

Five-hundred 4¢ stamped envelopes cost 24.60. Club dues (exclusive of The Sky & Telescope Magazine) 1.00 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 ~~some~~ <sup>about</sup> 40 other clubs, some very distant).

There was discussion about how the club could increase its' treasury - Sushar: a star

~~Party~~ 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~~ <sup>club</sup> that got a donation  
From a shopping center to hold a star party.  
Write to The Internal Revenue Service  
for ~~information~~ <sup>permission</sup> to get exempt from income  
Tax.

It was moved ~~by~~ <sup>by</sup> 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