

R.A.S.C. -K.C. - Q.U.A.C. NEWSLETTER

Last week of July 1977

Greetings and I hope you are having a pleasant summer! You have noticed that your newsletter is coming to you less frequently and with fewer pages during these summer months. I seem to have taken a holiday from doing writing on Astronomy, but actually I feel very few qualms about it. Very few centres across the country try to produce a newsletter every two weeks. We have still managed to keep our meetings going every two weeks, even though, as you read two weeks ago on these page, our attendance has been very poor. I still hope you read the newsletters and that your interest in the centre has not flagged.

There are several pieces of information that I wish to pass along and so I will use four or five headings, as follows:

1. SUMMER ACTIVITIES.

At the risk of being too repetitive, I will state again that attendance has been quite poor.

The Holleford Crater Outing - The weather was very good, we all learned a fair amount about meteorite impact sites, and I, personally, learned a lot when I arranged for the outing by talking to the farmer whose land covers a considerable amount of the crater site. Many astronomy clubs would give an eye-tooth of the Big BEAR to have a famous meteorite crater so close to its front door.

The Summer Solstice Outing - This also had good weather, and I was pleased to play the host. It was interesting to see three telescopes and one pair of tripod-mounted binoculars set up all in a row. In the water-skiing competition, the team of E. and P. Brown took first place, and D. Baker took second. Let's hope the astrophotos of the moon turn out well. Finally, a hearty "No Thanks" to the mosquitoes that appeared late at night. You wouldn't believe.....

The Third Event - The Perseid Meteor Shower Observing
Please consult the newsletter that advertised the event, and send Doug the information we requested. Even if you are not going to join one of the groups, your observing, done privately,

could be helpful.

Fourth Event - The Excursion To The 45th Parallel. Again please let us know, and remember to bring the equipment we suggested if you have it.

In regard to the events that have already taken place, some photos were taken which have been mounted on bristleboard to make a display for "Clubs Night" and "for posterity". Who would not want to join when he sees all the fun we have?

2. THE ANNUAL ASSEMBLY

From June 30 to July 3rd, two members of our centre, Paul Brown and I, attended the annual Assembly of the R. A. S. C. in Toronto. It was most interesting, educational, and enjoyable - the sort of thing to inspire one with enthusiasm for his hobby because he gets to see what other members and centres are doing, and, believe me, what some of them are doing is nothing less than fantastic. I wish that all of you could have had the chance!

A 16-page report prepared by the First Vice-president of the Society was accepted, and it is a report which has implications for all centres and all members, and which, I feel, proposes certain things which could be very helpful to our centre.

I intend to give you a fairly extensive report on the Assembly and on the report I just mentioned. This will take place, I hope, at one of our meetings in September or early October.

3. The Departure Of A Good Member

You may have heard that Paul Brown will be leaving our centre this summer. Paul has been our representative on the National Council for several years, was President of the Kingston Centre for several years, and has done a lot that has not been seen or recognized by most members of our centre. He has attended more National Assemblies than anyone in our centre, and you need only read the minutes of National Council meetings to know that he is an active participant. I know he will keep up his interest in the Society which has surely not heard the last of him.

Until we can get something more material to express our wishes, let us just say: "Good luck to you, Paul, and to your wife in your endeavours in Calgary!" Godspeed!

4. Next Year's Plans

Some thought has been given to meetings for the coming year. As President of the centre for the coming year, I want to tell you that you should feel free to give me any suggestions

many centres do not try to have one every two weeks, and so we should be able to incorporate a number of your ideas.

I see no reason to change our schedule for meetings - every second week on Tuesday nights - for noone has said that this poses any problem.

Two or three guest speakers are being considered for the meetings and I hope arrangements can be confirmed before too long.

By the end of August I hope to print in the newsletter a schedule of the meeting dates along with what will take place at each of them.

Again, write to me or write to Doug if you have any suggestions for the coming year.

5. The Newspaper Column

You may have seen that efforts made to get a regular weekly column in the Whig-Standard seem to have failed. After work that had gone on for months in this direction, two columns which I wrote appeared on June 4th and June 11th, and we understood that it would become regular and weekly. However, the newspaper decided to discontinue it in deference to a monthly column devoted to astronomy. I want to thank Paul Brown for the help he gave^{me} in this matter.

6. A WELCOME

A hearty welcome to Mr. Donnelly of Hay Bay who has been attending all our meetings since the time of my newspaper columns! We hope you get to enjoy the centre.

Leo Enright

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Remember our last big GIVE-AWAY when Paul won in the COLD NIGHT CONTEST?????!!!!

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THE MOSQUITO CONTEST!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Complete in 25 words or fewer the following statement:

THE LAST TIME I WAS OUT OBSERVING THE MOSQUITOES WERE SO BAD THAT:

DEADLINE: Noon UT Ides of Oct. Bring to meeting or mail to Leo
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