

THE NEWSLETTER OF THE
KINGSTON CENTRE --ROYAL ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY OF CANADA
AND
THE QUEEN'S UNIVERSITY ASTRONOMY CLUB



Greetings again!

Hope we all have a good year, 1977-1978, in our astronomical endeavours!

As I mentioned in our last newsletter, I want to make a list of the dates of our meetings, and give some idea of what will take place at them. The following schedule cannot be a final one for several reasons, one of which is that the guest speakers have not yet indicated the dates on which they can come and speak at our meetings.

The following noted individuals have been invited to come and talk to us: 1) Dr. Alan Batten, President of the R. A. S. C., and a professional astronomer at the Dominion Astrophysical Observatory in Victoria. At the Annual Assembly, he expressed a wish to visit all the centres in Canada during his presidency, and he has already visited about half of them.

2) Dr. John Percy, a Toronto astronomer, First Vice-President of our Society, editor of our Handbook, and a man who has a great interest in the R. A. S. C..

3) Dr. Bridle, who needs no introduction to many of us because of the talk he gave last year.

DATES	<u>The Schedule</u> PROBABLE AGENDA
Sept. 13	-Discussion of plane -Report of Summer Activities, photos, etc... -The membership campaign -The A.A.F.T.J. project (Come and find out.) -The newsletter: name, logo, etc....
Sept. 27	-Reports from test night's eclipse observing sessions by various members. (We hope!) - Report from Doug on last Saturday's National Council meeting in Toronto. - Payment of membership fees by <u>all!!</u> Let's get it done in one meeting and give the secretary a break. Remember: "DUES ARE DUE: PAY TO SUE."

Keep this newsletter on file in order to remember dates.

Oct. 11	- Lee'Report on theAnnual Assembly - Announcement of the contest winners. If you haven't entered yet, DO SO! -Plans for observing tomorrow's partial solar eclipse.
Oct.25	- We hope Denis will speak to us on the topic: The photo-electric photometer I built. Reports of the eclipse observations. - our plans for observing the Taurid, Leonid, and Geminid meteor showers.
Nov. 8	- one of our special guest speakers, I hope.
Nov. 22	-Display night - for all materials except books. Bring your projects, astrophotos, small equipment, etc. , etc.....
Dec. 6.	- 'The Astrolabe: The History, Construction, and Operation of An Amazing Device.' -a talk by Leo.
Dec. 20	-Display night Books and periodicals Bring all sorts of printed materials relating to Astronomy and the allied arts and sciences.

As Mentioned,the agenda may be changed.

Don't be afraid to suggest topics that should be added.

Here are the dates for the meetings in the first half of 1978:

Tue. Jan.10
Jan.24
Feb. 7
Feb.21
Mar.7
Mar.21



Tue. Apr.4
Apr.18
May 2
May16
May 30
Jun.13
Jun27

More information from the Compendium Of Esoteric Facts Column

A recent book says that very few astronomers, amateur or professional, have seen all of the Messier Objects, yet a noted astronomy magazine (in fact, Astronomy, August,1977, on pages 42to 49) carries an article by an American amateur who "recently observed 103 Messier objects in a single night!" THAT'S RIGHT! 103 IN ONE

NIGHT!

Leo