

THE NIGHT WATCH

Pomona Valley Amateur Astronomers

January 1987

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE: I hope you all had a very nice Holiday. We are off to a brand new year that promises some exciting events. I hope that you will be as enthusiastic as I am to participate in them. I look forward to seeing you at the meetings. My apologies to Tony Cook for not mentioning his name as Speaker for the Nov. meeting.

BOARD MEETING: Tentatively scheduled for Friday, Feb. 6th at 7:00PM. Officers unable to attend please call Bob Hibble at (714)989-3680. Members at large welcome, call for directions.

JAN 16th MEETING: Dr. Bob Chambers will lecture on eyepiece optics. 7:30PM at Millikan Hall, Pomona College.

JAN 31st STAR PARTY: will be held at the Victorville site (again). Take I-15 north past Victorville to the Bell Mountain exit. Turn left (east) at the stop sign; go several miles until you cross the RR tracks and then Bell Mtn Rd. Go 5.5 miles further to "THE" Joshua tree- the site is on the right.

IMPORTANT DATES FOR 1987:

	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D
Meeting	16	20	20	17	15	19	17	21	18	16	20	18
St.Pty.	31	28	28	25	30	27	25	22	19	24	21	19

Other dates: May 22-25 Riverside Telescope Maker's Conference, Big Bear, CA
 Jul 11-17 Astronomical Society of the Pacific Conference (see below)

LECTURE: Hans Boesgaard, an Astronomer working on the construction of the 10 meter Keck Telescope in Hawaii, will speak at Pomona College on ~~Feb. 10th~~ ^{APR. 7TH} at 4:00PM.

MIRROR MAKING CLASS: Gene Fair, internationally known mirror maker and astronomer (and member of our club), will conduct a class (soon) on making your own mirror. The cost will be for materials only, as follows:

Size	Blank	Tool	Grit	Aluminizing	Total
6"	\$12.00	\$ 7.00	\$ 6.00	\$16.50	\$ 41.50
8"	\$23.25	\$10.00	\$ 8.00	\$22.00	\$ 63.25
10"	\$58.75	\$16.00	\$10.00	\$27.50	\$112.25

These costs are substantially less than you would have to pay if you were to try this on your own. You will also be getting some of the finest instruction in the world. We are going to start with just a small group, so if you are interested, you need to get signed up right away. Those who have already indicated interest are:-

Dr. Bob Chambers	Jerry Rosenblatt	David Thompson
Bob Hibble	Stephen Simon	Ernie Williams
Ray Magdziarz	Elihue Stanback	

CONVENTION: The Astronomical Society of the Pacific will host The Astronomical League, and The Western Amateur Astronomers (of which this club is a member), at Pomona College on July 11-17, 1987. One of the ways this club could help out is to help operate Pomona College's 12" and 22" telescopes during the evening hours, for which we need volunteers. If you would like to help out with this project, leave your name with Bob Hibble or any of the other officers.

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