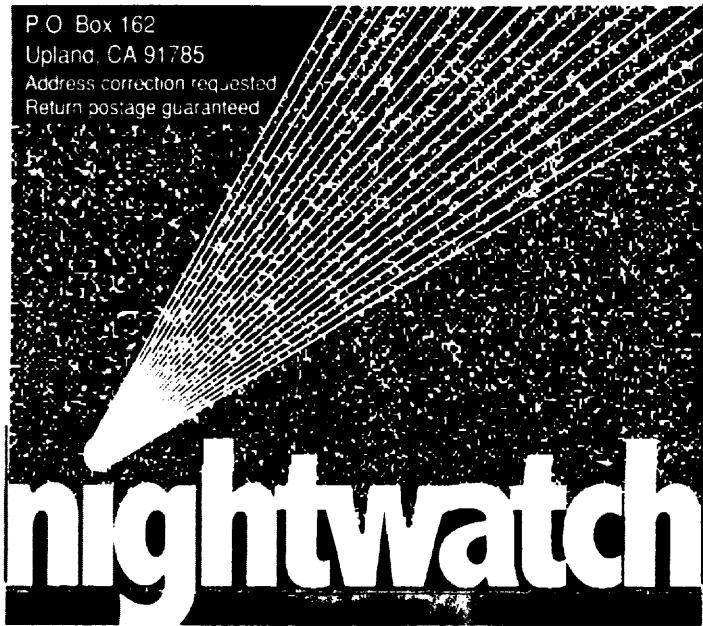




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President's Message

The club's dinner party was very nice. It was a gathering of old and new friends.

There was a death in our membership, Dean Davidson. We will all miss him!!

I went to Yesterday Ranch 12-19-98, for the star party. It was clear but had 20 - 30 MPH winds, so I left at 6:20 PM.

I will be coordinating alternate star parties to Death-Valley January 15-16, February 12-14, and March 12-13.

Joe Hillberg

bins was already there. The sky was overcast on Friday, the 23rd so we did not get in any viewing

On Saturday morning I drove to Beatty for breakfast and to get some gas. On the way back I did some sight seeing. I stopped at Rhyolite and saw the house made of bottles and some other buildings made of brick. There are a number of sculptures made by several different European artisans and one made by an American. Every year some of the artisans returned and made more sculptures.

I then went through Titus Canyon. It

Death-Valley Trip January 23-24, 1998

The star party at Death-Valley was enjoyed by those who attended. I took Zack with me to Death-Valley. When we arrived at Mesquite Springs we found Owen Rob-

PVAA Events Calendar

Month	Star Party	General Meeting	Board Meeting
January	16	8	29
February	13	5	26
March	20	5	26
April	17	2	23

was only 28 miles but it took over 4 hours. Half the time was spent looking at the scenery and the ghost town of Leadfield where a post office was opened in August of 1926 and closed in February of 1927. Down the road there were some small petroglyphs including a man and a big horn sheep. I then proceeded through a narrow canyon to the end of the road. It was a very nice trip I would like to take again.

When I returned to Mesquite Springs, Ron Hoekwater was there and Sally Bartlay arrived later. Saturday night was excellent for observing. The Zodiacal Light was very easy to see. That night was the best I have seen the Hosehead Nebula through Ron's 22 inch telescope. I was also able to see some filaments in the Crab Nebula in Ron's telescope.

Hope to see more of you next time, **January 15-16-1999.**

P.S. For Titus Canyon you will need a high-clearance vehicle.

Joe Hillburg

EDITOR'S NOTE

This is the large type edition of the Nightwatch.

January Meeting

Bob Branch will be the featured speaker. He will present "Women in Astronomy".

NEWS ITEM

In February the Russians will deploy a 25 meter reflector and direct it's reflected sunlight Earthward. The light should be 10 times brighter than the Moon. They hope to be able to build even larger reflectors to illuminate the Arctic regions of Siberia.

The Dark Sky Association of Tucson is against the project citing light pollution environmental impact, and the potential to use the technology to create advertising in space, and the inability of individuals to choose their own type of illumination.

Photonocs Spectra, November 1998

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