

Sidereal Times

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Next Meeting: Tuesday, November, 11.
Jewett Hall, Princeton University, RM. A-07 8 p.m.

Speaker: Boris Terezhko, President of the New Jersey
Astronomical Association.

Topic: Mr. Terezhko is scheduled to speak about some of the
problems that the N.J.A.A. confronted in the erection
of the Alden Observatory at Voorhees State Park.
Needless to say, AAAP members should receive some
solace in the realization that they are not the
first travelers on a hard, rocky road.

AAAP Activities:

"We are actors in a great cosmic play where the
performers include the atoms, the galaxies, and the
eternal intangibles." Dr. Harlow Shapley

Here are a few activities that AAAP members might
consider in order to get into the act:

1. Cleaning and polishing the AAAP 6" Fitz Refractor.
Although the historic telescope has a temporary home
at the residence of AAAP Director John Church, the
telescope still use some carefully applied elbow
grease. The AAAP will provide members with an
opportunity to become more familiar with the scope.

2. Anyone desiring to use the 6" refractor may
contact John Church (799-0723) to make arrangements.

3. John Church is also willing to conduct informal
workshops on astrophotography. Mr. Church will pro-
vide the observing space and knowledge. Members

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must supply the reflex camera and film.

- 4, Make arrangements to observe the occultation of Cappa Geminorum by the asteroid eros on January 23, 1975 at 7:19 p.m. Many members have expressed interest in this astronomical event and revised predictions (See Norm Sporling's article in this month's Cluster) suggest a favorable path for observing from our area. Also, the event should provide an excellent test of the resolving capability of your telescope!
- 5, AAAP members are invited to set their telescopes alongside those of the New Jersey State Museum Planetarium. Star Parties will be held at the Washington Crossing State Park Nature Center from 8 to 9:30 p.m. each Friday in November. For further information contact Dick Peery (609- 292-6333).
6. The Morris Museum of Arts and Science in conjunction with the Morris Museum Astronomy Club will Sponsor an "Astronomy Day" on November 9. A wide spectrum of activities will be presented including: NASA movies, computer demonstrations, Apollo 12 lunar rocks, adult workshops, A telescope exhibition, and an exhibit of Luminous Star Charts.

Wanted: Mirror above 6", f/6-10 willing to pay as much as \$55.

Contact Robert Gordonker, 921-7352 after 5 p.m.

Photographs of an astronomical nature for Cluster cover.

Contact Dick Peery, 609-292 6333.

\$ Sale: 6", f/10 Cassegrain by Morlin. Includes Mount Drive, 2 eyepieces, diagonal drive control. New Condition. Asking \$425. Contact John Edwards, 2772 Nottingham Way, Tronton, N.J. 08619, 586-1556.

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