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NEXT AAAP MEETING

The January meeting of the Amateur Astronomers Association of Princeton will be held on Tuesday, January 11, at Jadwin Hall, Princeton University in Room A-07 at 8:00 p.m. There will be an informal get-together for slide showing and discussion at 7:30 p.m.

Our program this month will be presented by one of our own members, Joe Richey. Joe's topic, Correlation of Astronomical Observation with Radio Transmission, might be strange to deep sky observers, however our nearest star, the sun, exerts a tremendous influence upon our daily lives through its influence upon the propagation of all types of radio signals throughout the radio frequency spectrum. Joe is well versed in this subject. Joe's vocation and avocation has been engineering. He has been associated with AT&T throughout his working life, first as an overseas operator in the Marines, then as Chief Technical Operator for all of AT&T's overseas communications. He has become Assistant to the Editor for the Bell System Technical Journal and finally was charged with AT&T's exhibit department, having responsibility for all of the company's exhibits. Joe has been a member of AAAP since the early 1960's. He is a retired Commander of the U.S. Naval Reserve having been involved with Naval communications during his Navy tenure.

The informal meet-the-speaker dinner will be held at 5:45 p.m. at the Prime Rib on Route 1.

EDITORIAL

As noted in the last issue of the Sideral Times, I am looking for notes about the "doings" of our members. At the moment none have been forthcoming. For starters I would like to have an observation and evaluation of Steve Shutt's new "baby" (because he can hold it in his arms) telescope from Edmonds. Dave Brown has been working on the construction of a telescope and mount that should make interesting reading. These are a couple of items that I know about. What other projects are you members doing? Do you have problems that maybe someone can help you with? This is the medium to use to express yourselves, so send me a paragraph or two, (Jack Power, 102 Upper Ferry Road, Trenton, N.J. 08628).

Dues will be coming due and our subscription notices will be arriving from Sky and Telescope. Please see that these notices are

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delivered to Leith Holloway, 32 Monroe Road, Princeton, N.J. 08540. You might enclose your Club dues at the same time; Leith would appreciate that very much.

OBSERVATORY

The Observatory Committee has been hard at work negotiating our lease with the State of New Jersey for the Observatory at the Washington Crossing State Park. It is all but finalized. Construction will soon begin, so meetings will be held. Bill Phillips would like to see as many members as possible at these meetings. This is a large Association effort and it is going to take the cooperation of each and every member no matter how large or small the contribution might be. (By contribution, I don't mean money, but that's necessary too. I mean labor - both physical and mental). Keep in touch by attending regular meetings.

ASSISTANCE WANTED

After some 30 years I am about to get back into the photographic developing and printing game. I have forgotten all I ever knew so I have been doing a lot of reading. This helps but firsthand experience is the best. Is anyone doing any photographic enlarging and wouldn't mind me observing?

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE SURVEY

Please fill out the questionnaire in last month's Sidereal Times and see that it gets to Steve Shutt, Roxanne Tobin or Jack Power. Thanks. It will be a big help.

The Officers and Editor hope you all had good holidays and we wish all a happy, healthy and prosperous 1977 with many good seeing days and nights.