

# SIDEREAL TIMES

NEWSLETTER OF THE AMATEUR ASTRONOMERS ASSOCIATION OF PRINCETON

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## Important Dates

Tuesday, April 14

Ed Greaney, president, New Jersey Amateur Astronomers, will talk about his group and their observatory located in Voorhees State Park.

Saturday, April 25

Richard and Roxanne Peery talk to NJAA about the AAAP. This meeting is located at Voorhees State Park, time: 8:00 p.m.

Monday, May 4

Board Meeting located at Roxanne Peery's home in Lambertville. Time is 8 p.m. and important topics will include the observatory and fund raising.

Saturday, May 9

NATIONAL ASTRONOMY DAY! See elsewhere in the newsletter for info.

Tuesday, May 12

AAAP Annual Meeting, including elections for officers 1981-82. A Member's Night Program follows.

Monday, June 1

Board Meeting at the home of Kurt Rahlfs in Yardley, Pa.

Tuesday, June 9

Richard Peery will present a planetarium show at the New Jersey State Museum Planetarium located in Trenton. Time of the show is 8:00 p.m., prompt. Map will be included in the next month's newsletter.

July

No regular monthly meeting. Members are invited to attend the Steilafane Convention atop Breezy Hill in Vermont, August 1 and 2.

August

No regular monthly meeting.

Monday, August 31

Board Meeting.

Tuesday, Sept. 8

Resume monthly meetings this month with an astronomy-related film.

Saturday, September 26

AAAP ANNUAL STAR PARTY AND PICNIC!!!

All meetings except the June 9 planetarium show will be held in our usual meeting room at the Institute for Advanced Study on Olden Lane in Princeton. Meetings begin promptly at 8:00 p.m.

Before the meeting, members may want to attend the dinner held for the speaker at the Foolish Fox Restaurant located at the junction of Routes 206 and 518. Dinner is at 5:45 p.m. The June 9 dinner will be held at Ray Agabiti's Restaurant located in Morrisville, Pa. I have to make reservations, so you might want to give me a call (397-3140) just to confirm you are coming so we get a large enough table. Directions are on next month's map.

## Public Observing Sessions

Public Observing Sessions begin on Friday, April 10. The public will leave the Planetarium shortly after 8:30 p.m. and can be expected out at the observatory about 9:00 to 9:15 p.m. AAAP observers who are scheduled for the sessions should be out at the observatory no later than 8:30 p.m. In case of partly cloudy or other questionable weather call the Peerys at 397-3140 or the Planetarium at 292-6333. Pat Kane has the duty on April 10, see March Sidereal Times for the rest of the roster.

## National Astronomy Day

National Astronomy Day is Saturday, May 9th. The only activity currently planned for the AAAP is a public star party held at the observatory that evening in cooperation with the N.J. State Museum Planetarium. The set up is the same as regular public observing sessions-- that is to meet at the Planetarium no later than 8:30 p.m. and proceed out to the observatory if the weather is clear. We are expecting a large number of people to come out so we'd like to have other telescopes set up in the field outside the building. Please call Roxanne Peery if you would like to volunteer your time. The more club members we have the better an image we will present to the public-- we might even pick up some new members. The Museum is celebrating with a full day of activities including special planetarium shows, astronomy films, demonstrations of the solar observatory, meteorite lectures and a T-shirt raffle. The Museum will be open from 10 am to 5 pm.

FOR SALE: 8" f/5 Newtonian with sturdy equatorial mount and pedestal. 2" finderscope, several eyepieces, clock-drive and camera mount w/o T-adaptor. Call Peter Wisnovsky at 609-924-9457.