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NEWSLETTER OF THE AMATEUR ASTRONOMERS ASSOCIATION OF PRINCETON, INC.

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- Tuesday, May 12: *ANNUAL MEETING, featuring election of officers for 1981-1982. The program scheduled is a Member's night. Bring your slides, photos or tall tales.*
- Tuesday, June 9: *Dick Peery will present a planetarium show at the New Jersey State Museum Planetarium in Trenton. Meeting time is 8:00 p.m. A map is included in this issue of Sidereal Times. The dinner will be held at Ray Agabiti's, also shown on the map.*
- Monday, June 29: *Board Meeting to be held at the home of Roxanne Peery. Time is 8:00 p.m. Call 397-3140 for directions.*
- JULY: *No general membership meeting is scheduled.*
- Monday, July 20: *Board Meeting, time and location to be announced.*
- Friday, July 31: *Start of Stellafane in Vermont. Stellafane is probably the most interesting and enjoyable Star Party you'll ever attend. If you haven't done so before I urge you to take a weekend off and go.*
- AUGUST: *No general membership meeting is scheduled.*
- August 10: *Start of the Astronomical League Convention held in Kutztown, Pa. The AAAP will set up a field trip for Saturday, the 15th. Call Roxanne Peery for further details, or watch the next issue of ST.*
- Tuesday, Sept. 8: *We resume our regular monthly meetings at the Institute for Advanced Study with the film "The Bermuda Triangle Mystery--Solved", an excellent film based on the book written by Larry Kusche, which examines the myths involved with a skeptical eye.*
- Saturday, Sept. 26: *AAAP Annual Picnic to be held at Knox Grove at Washington Crossing State Park (NJ side). Starting time is 3:00 p.m. More information is found elsewhere in the newsletter.*

All meetings with the exception of the June planetarium show are held at the Institute for Advanced Study on Olden Lane in Princeton. Park in Area B and walk to the nearest entrance. Meetings begin at 8:00 p.m., and end at approximately 10:00 p.m. The June meeting will be held at the Planetarium on West State Street in Trenton (next to the Capitol building). Meeting time is 8:00 sharp.

Before each meeting an informal dinner is held at a local restaurant. It's a good chance to meet the speaker for the evening and sometimes we even discuss club business, ways to solve the world energy crisis, and other important bits of trivia. Either way it's a lot of fun and we'd like to see more members attend these dinners. For each meeting except June we will meet at the *Foolish Fox* located in Rocky Hill at the junction of Route 206 and 518. The dinners start at 5:45 p.m. The June dinner will be at *Ray Agabiti's* in Morrisville, Pa., at 6:00 p.m. If you plan to attend this dinner please let the Peerys know by Monday, June 8 so reservations can be made for a large enough table.

The April meeting of the AAAP was held on April 14th at the Institute. Our speaker was Mr. Ed Greaney from the New Jersey Astronomical Association which meets at Voorhees State Park. Greaney gave us some information about his organization and its observatory. Actually, it seems as if the two clubs really have quite a lot of similarities and we hope that this exchange of information and ideas between our two groups and perhaps other astronomy clubs in the area will help further our organizations. The more--the merrier! Three other members from NJAA also attended the meeting. The third AAAP 50/50 was won by Kurt Rahlfs so he is now \$8.50 richer.

A field trip is currently in the works for the Astronomical League Convention held this August in Kutztown from August 10 through the 16th. Further information will be coming in the next issue after the AL sets up its schedule and sends out a registration packet. Right now the AAAP is thinking of a one day trip on Saturday the 15th. Events that day include talks, a tour of Pulpit Rock, Telescope Fair and evening banquet. We will have a sign up sheet for interested members at the next two meetings or you can call Roxanne Peery to register.

The Nominating Committee chaired by Jason Albert met in March and April to select a slate of officers for the 1981-1982 year. Their selection is listed below. Nominations for officers from the floor will be accepted at the May meeting prior to the election.

- Director: *Roxanne Peery*
- Assistant Director: *Kurt Goepfert*
- Treasurer: *Doug Wurzler*
- Program Chairman: *Kurt Rahlfs*
- Secretary: *Kathy Yaros, Marc Halfon*

Public Observing Sessions began on April 10th. The first session was attended by 20 people. It was a night that was partly cloudy so the observing was done from the Museum's parking lot. The only things of interest that night were the planets and moon so light pollution was no problem. Actually it was fortunate that we observed from the lot because a reporter showed up from the Trentonian to take our picture. His photo appeared in the Sunday, April 13 edition. Perhaps future evenings will be clearer. A duty roster for key-holding club members is found below. A club member should try to get to the observatory between 8 and 8:30 p.m. on the nights he is scheduled. Sometimes last minute planning, as in the case of partly cloudy skies, is necessary. In such cases the planetarium phone number is 292-6333. If you are scheduled for a night and can't make it please call Roxanne Peery or another key-holder so the observatory is covered. The Public sessions end on May 22.

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| May 1: Roxanne Peery (397-3140) | June 5: Leith Holloway (924-2480) |
| May 8: John Church (799-0723) | June 12: Kurt Goepfert (201-584-3882) |
| May 15: Kurt Rahlfs (215-493-0561) | June 19: Roxanne Peery (397-3140) |
| May 29: Pat Kane (882-1275) | June 26: John Church (799-0723) |
| | July 3: Kurt Rahlfs (215-493-0561) |
| | July 10: Doug Wurzler (799-0250) |

