

# Sidereal Times

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## FROM THE DIRECTOR

Wow! My last "From the Director" message. It's been, as they say, a wild and crazy two years.

The four Spring Observing Sessions are now a thing of the past and were quite successful. Two clear nights (a batting average of 500) brought about 55 people to the observatory. One of those nights featured an occultation of the Beehive Cluster.

This Summer, the AAAP will handle eight Friday evening observing sessions at the observatory. The summer sessions are run in the following manner: the observatory will be open to the public from 9 - 11 pm or so.

(Keyholders should arrive at 8:30 pm.) The keyholder will present a packaged slide program followed by observation on clear evenings. On cloudy evenings, the slide show will be given only. The summer sessions will begin June 18 and run to August 6. Only one keyholder will be assigned each week but others are encouraged to attend. A duty roster is in this newsletter.

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### May 1, Saturday

Observatory Cleanup & Junk Removal  
Volunteers are needed, contact Roxanne at 397-3140 (bring mops, cleaning agents, etc.).

### May 4, Tuesday, 7:30 pm

AAAP Board Meeting at the Peery residence.

### May 11, Tuesday, 8 pm

Dr. Julius Benton of Questar Corp. will speak on the design and construction of optics for the MAKUSTON telescope.

### June 6, Sunday

Nature Day - see "From the Director" for details.

### June 8, Tuesday, 8 pm

(Note, this is last regular meeting until Sept.)  
Nobel prize winner for co-discovery of 3-degree microwave radiation, Dr. Robert Wilson of Bell Labs, will speak on research in millimeter astronomy.

### June 18 - August 6

Public Observing Sessions - see "From the Director" for details.

### September 25, Saturday, 10 am - 5 pm

### September 26, Sunday, 12 noon - 5 pm

Quakerbridge Mall Exhibit - see reverse side.

The following is a slate of officers for the upcoming elections in May:

for Director	Kurt Goepfert
for Assistant Director	Marc Halfon
for Program Chair	Dave Crisp
for Treasurer	Doug Wurzler
for Secretary	Kurt Rahlfs

Before regular Tuesday evening meetings, members may want to relax and enjoy dinner with the guest speaker at the **Foolish Fox restaurant** located at the junction of Routes 206 & 518 in Rocky Hill, NJ; 5:45 pm.

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FROM THE DIRECTOR  
Nature Day is  
Sunday, June 6.  
This is an event  
sponsored by the  
Audubon Society to  
raise funds for the  
Nature Center.  
Nature Day will  
feature lectures,  
hikes, pony rides,  
raffles, a hot-air  
balloon, and an open  
house with solar  
observations at the  
observatory. A star  
party will follow in  
the evening from 8 -  
11 pm. Volunteers  
are needed to handle  
telescopes and  
answer questions.  
Last year this event  
attracted 4500  
people to the Park  
so it's a great way  
to publicize the  
AAAP.

Finally, if any of  
you want to find me,  
I have retired to my  
observing site in  
Lambertville with  
the 13", 8", 5", and  
other telescopes we  
Peery's have  
collected. Happy  
Observing!

Roxanne Peery

This is the last  
Sidereal Times of  
the 81-82 season,  
save the May issue  
for Summer  
information.

Editor's Note

# QUAKERBRIDGE MALL EXHIBIT IS ON

AAAP has confirmed with the Quakerbridge  
Mall management that a written application  
for use of the Community Booth has been  
received and that the booth has definitely  
been reserved for use on Saturday, September  
25 from 10 am - 5 pm and on Sunday,  
September 26 from 12 noon - 5 pm.

The booth is pentagonal with 78" on each  
side and a 23 1/2" wide counter all around.  
The booth has a conical roof, is paneled  
from floor to counter, and has an electric  
outlet. It is located on the main level in  
front of Friendly's Ice Cream and has ample  
room alongside for setting up a telescope  
and other exhibits.

Now that we have the time and the place,  
your help will be needed to produce  
something of interest. In addition, to  
people to man the booth, exhibits are needed  
to put on, in, and around it. We would like  
contributions in the form of ideas,  
sketches, photographic prints, and/or  
slides, charts, posters, and equipment. If  
you have contacts at Princeton University,  
the Institute for Advanced Studies, Space  
Studies Institute, or similar institutions,  
we would appreciate your help in obtaining  
additional material for exhibits or  
pamphlets to be handed out (not sold) to the  
public.

Please let us know what and how you would  
like to contribute. Contact Jay Albert at  
(609)443-6191, or Roxanne Peery at  
(609)397-3140.

## Observatory Duty Roster CALL KEYHOLDER BEFOREHAND

<u>Fri</u>	<u>Person</u>	<u>Phone</u>
04/30	K. Rahlfs	(215)493-0561
05/07	R. Peery	397-3140
05/14	J. Church	799-0723
05/21	L. Holloway	924-2480
05/28	K. Goepfert	(201)584-3882
06/04	D. Wurzler	737-9353
06/11	M. Halfon	443-5866
06/18	R. Peery	397-3140
06/25	A. Esposito	396-3630
07/02	J. Church	799-0723
07/09	K. Goepfert	(201)584-3882
07/16	D. Wurzler	737-9353
07/23	M. Halfon	443-5866
07/30	K. Rahlfs	(215)493-0561
08/06	L. Holloway	924-2480