

S T A R D U S T

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NOTICE: October Meeting, Monday October 20, 1969

Room V 107 Math-Physics Building

University of Alberta

8:00 pm

GUEST SPEAKER: Dr. D. Hube

TOPIC: Radio Observations of the Planets.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:

1. Our next meeting which will be held one week later than usual on the 20th of October and will mark the official start of the new season.
2. This meeting will be the time for election of your new executive for the coming year and it is hoped that as many members as possible will be able to attend.
3. The guest speakers that we have for the coming year indicate that this will be one of our great years.
4. Tickets for our annual banquet that will be held at the Faculty Club will be available at the next meeting. We are honoured to have our National President, Professor J.E. Kennedy as our guest speaker.
5. With regards to the contests, all entries are to be turned in at the next meeting and the awards will be presented at the banquet.

OBSERVING:

We would like to thank Mrs. Ebbers for her hospitality in allowing the observers group to meet on their farm North East of Edmonton on Friday evening September 26th. Although the sky got quite hazy after the group arrived a good time was had by all.

THE OCTOBER SKY:

During the month of October the observing will become more interesting as many of the winter stars are starting to make their appearance above the horizon around 11 o'clock. Mercury will be in a reasonably good position for observing in the morning as it is at its greatest western elongation on the 14th and will be about 16° above the horizon at Sunrise. On the evening of the 21st the Orionid meteor shower reaches its peak. Saturn reaches opposition of the 28th.

Let us hope that the October sky is clearer than we experienced in September.

PLANETARIUM NOTES:

The Queen Elizabeth Planetarium is currently presenting "Autumn Splendor". Apart from the beauty of the September sky we featuring photographs of Mars taken by Mariner 6 & 7 and photographs taken on the Moon during Apollo 11.

The fourth annual conference of the Planetarium Association of Canada was held in Vancouver September 2nd to 5th. There were a total of 51 delegates registered from Planetaria across Canada and the United States. The Conference was well organized and all of the sessions were excellent. Dave Rodger and his staff did an excellent job of hosting this Conference.

Many of you have seen the H.R. MacMillan Planetarium and for those who have not, if you are ever at the Coast do not miss it as it is the finest to be found.

Just a reminder to members. Our treasurer attends all meetings and he is very pleased to see old friends and meet new ones. He is also pleased to accept your annual dues that are now due.

The Friday evening Observer meetings have resumed at the Planetarium and these are being well attended. It is good to see the active interest of these members. The group is also taking the 10-inch reflector out on the patio for Public viewing after the Planetarium show. This assistance is appreciated by the Planetarium staff.

FOR SALE:

8" F8 Reflector. What offers?

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