

Winner of the League emblem contest will be announced at the Convention dinner, Saturday evening. A jury of the president and two past presidents will award the amateur astronomer who has done the most to promote interest during the past year. The regular show of the Morehead Planetarium Friday evening offers a fine attraction. On Saturday, Mr. W. D. Bulloch will put the instrument through its paces, and later a group observing program will be demonstrated under the dome.

It may be possible to charter a plane for a better view of the eclipse. If as many as sixteen persons make reservations, the cost will be about \$13.00 each. If you would like to have the advantage of a higher altitude, write to the chairman of the transportation committee, Dr. Richard C. Davis, Department of Textile Chemistry, North Carolina State College, Raleigh, N. C.

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THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF NCA regrets to announce that because of the continued infraction of the rules of the Naval Observatory and the NCA, it has been found necessary to bar all Junior Members from entering the grounds of the U. S. Naval Observatory on the basis of their NCA membership except as follows: until October on August 9 and 25, and on September 6 and 29. These are open for juniors and will be supervised by Mr. E. H. Jones.

NCA's first regular meeting for 1951-1952 will be held Saturday, September 10.

THE NATIONAL PARK SERVICE under the direction of Mr. Haynes conducted a successful WALK-NIC last month on the night of July 10. Many NCA'ers were there and showed the public astronomical phenomena. Among them were Ned Johnson, Hoy Walls, Janet Perkins, Bob Wright, Mr. Lyons, Miss Heisey, Mr. Brownell, and Ted Jones. Mr. Jones gave a summary to the public of the constellations and planets then present in the sky. ANOTHER WALK-NIC at the same place is scheduled for August 21.

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STAR AND METEOR OBSERVING PARTY

Location: Northern Section Shenandcah National Park
Time: 10 o'clock Saturday morning, August 11 to
4 o'clock Sunday afternoon, August 12.

This is your chance to get away from the city lights for some good star gazing.

The start of all this was a request of the Bureau of Standards that we aid them by plotting meteor paths for the Perseid shower so that they could triangulate the actual path in the atmosphere. They will have parties at Sterling, Virginia, and Derwood, Maryland. I said that we would take the party in the Blue Ridge since it would fit in with the Star Party we had discussed several times in our meetings.

The plan is this. We leave Washington about 10:00 a. m. Saturday morning so as to have a bit of time for fun after we get there. We will camp in a meadow near Range View Shelter (Park Service willing). We do not have use of the shelter. Meals and sleeping will be in the open. For a short shower (rain) we will retire to our cars.

The N.B.S. will provide plotting maps and charts, blankets, cots, and a panel truck to cart our gear. I am bringing a gasoline stove and a large coffee pot and the fixens.

You must bring your own food and cooking and eating utensils. You also bring whatever extra clothing and sleeping equipment you may need. It gets cold in the mountains.

Bring your telescope for star gazing.

We also need reclining beach chairs. If anyone wishes to loan us some we would appreciate it.

We need a minimum of ten observers to make this a success.

Persons interested call or write

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ECLIPSE CONVENTION NEWS

The date is September 1-3 with a warm-up August 31. The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill is the host. Five dollars sent to Elizabeth Fazekas, Convention Treasurer, 3309 Scott Street, Portsmouth, Virginia, will reserve dormitory accommodations for you, balance payable upon arrival.

Whitehead Dormitory at McCauley and Columbia Streets, south of Carolina Inn, has been assigned to convention delegates. Any overflow will be accommodated in Dormitory A at Raleigh Street and Raleigh Road. Register at the exhibit hall in the Planetarium Building, where rooms will be assigned, before going to the dormitory.

Tickets for the banquet are \$2.50 and may be obtained at the time of registration. Advance reservations should indicate whether banquet tickets are to be included. For other meals, the dining room and cafeteria at the Carolina Inn will be open, as will the Monogram Club on Country Club Road.

Information regarding transportation, solar eclipse, weather forecasting stations, maps, exhibits, etc. are available by writing Miss Fazekas. Personal mail may be addressed to delegates at the Astronomical League Convention, Box 1050, Chapel Hill, North Carolina; telephone number at Whitehead Dormitory, 8051; Dormitory A, 2-7041; or Carolina Inn, 2-431.

Besides the annular eclipse--convention keynote--taking place shortly after sunrise Saturday morning--the convention program includes new developments among amateur astronomers in observing methods and instruments. Meteors, the moon, variable stars, planets, and sunspots have their places on the program, as well as interstellar matter. Special service will be available for photographers at the photographic laboratory of the University. Black and white film may be processed Saturday forenoon and in the afternoon by arrangement. Telescopes may be set up for observing in the area just west of the Planetarium. A 15-inch Fecker scope is on the roof terrace.

The instrumentation session is always popular and for that reason was scheduled last on Saturday afternoon so that it can continue as long as necessary. The mass production of telescopes should be of interest to every T. M. group. The exhibit hall in the Planetarium Building will be equipped with 150 linear feet of tables, electric outlets, and wall space for entries of every shape and size. Individuals and societies are urged to take or send entries to make this the biggest exhibit in League history. It will be open to the public Sunday morning. Residents of Chapel Hill and news reporters will be invited to inspect the exhibit. Write to Mr. T. W. Stone, 3220 Hanes Avenue, Richmond, Virginia, describing your entry, its purpose, dimensions, and arrangements required before the convention. A catalog of exhibits identifying each and its owner, will be distributed at the convention. **DO NOT SHIP ANYTHING TO RICHMOND.** Send or take your exhibit to Chapel Hill.