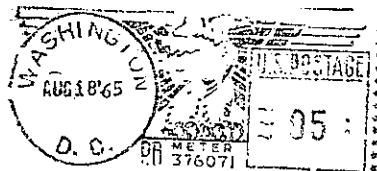
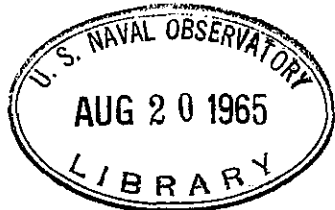


EXPLORING THE SKY

The next Exploring the Sky session at Ft. Reno Park to be held on August 21 at 9:00 PM promises to be something special, for in addition to the regular observing session there will be a guest speaker. Oran Nicks, Director, Lunar and Planetary Programs, Office of Space Science and Application for NASA will be there to tell about the recent flight by Mars.

The remaining sessions scheduled for this year will be held on September 4 at 8:30 PM and on September 18 at 8:30 PM.

THE NEXT REGULAR NCA MEETING WILL BE HELD ON SEPTEMBER 11 at 8:15 PM in the Department of Commerce Auditorium. Plan to come and bring a friend. The guest lecturer will be Oran Nicks, Director of Lunar and Planetary Programs, Office of Space Science and Application for NASA.



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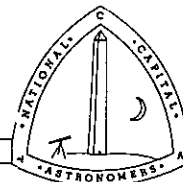
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BOB WRIGHT RECEIVES LEAGUE AWARD



Bob Wright

The National Astronomical League Convention this year was held in Milwaukee on July 2 through July 4. At that time, NCA member, Bob Wright received the League's highest honor, he became the 1965 recipient of the Astronomical League Award. We were pleased, but certainly not surprised to learn that Bob had been given this honor.

Mr. Wright has been very active in astronomical affairs for many years. He is a past president of the Astronomical League and past chairman of the Middle East Region and is at present the Middle East Regional Council Member at the National Level.

In NCA Bob served as president from 1948-1950 and is currently serving on the Executive Board as a Trustee.

The "Wright Observatory" is well known to many NCA members as it is always open for observing sessions or just a friendly visit. It was also the site of a tracking station on the Moon Watch Program. Many people have been introduced to astronomy through Bob's efforts. Anyone who talks with Bob cannot help but "catch" a little of his enthusiasm. All of the officers and members wish to extend their congratulations to Bob.

Other NCA members attending the convention were Miss Nabel Sterns, Mrs. Janet Wright, and Mr. John Westfall.

MIDDLE EAST REGIONAL CONVENTION

The National Capital Astronomers were well represented at the MERAAL Convention held June 25 and 26 in Baltimore.

Friday evening a large group visited the Observatory at the University of Maryland. The location of the Observatory is not well known, but even those who were lost will agree that it was worth the effort to find. Dr. Uco Van Wijk was on hand to greet the group and tell of the future plans for the Observatory. Their current research is concerned with the use of a laser beam to study micro meteor heights. Saturday the general sessions were held in Baltimore. Mr. Franklin Cecil served as Convention Chairman. The program was well planned and the papers covered a variety of subjects.

The banquet speaker was Dr. Whiting Willauer from Georgetown University who you will remember as having been an NCA lecturer last year.

The Prince George's County Juniors had their newly constructed astro-camera on display with photographs they had made using the camera. They also took advantage of the souvenir trade and sold some Aztec calendar replicas for a total of \$20 to turn into the NCA treasury.

Make your plans now to attend next year's convention in Harrisburg, Penna.

NEXT MEETING--SEPTEMBER 11



NCA MEMBER WINE NASA GRANT

Saul Adelman, a University of Maryland Junior, has been awarded a grant to participate in the 1965 Summer Institute in Space Physics at Columbia University. Saul is among sixty college students who have been awarded grants for the space physics program and a parallel program for engineering students, the Summer Institute in Space Science and Engineering.

The winners selected in a nationwide competition are from 45 colleges and 19 states, and from India, Eastern Nigeria, Jordan and Greece. They have received grants which cover the cost of summer tuition at Columbia, a subsistence allowance, round-trip travel from the participant's residence to New York City, and a field trip to U. S. Space Centers, including Goddard.

Saul is a former summer student employee of the Goddard Space Flight Center, who worked under William Bandee in 1963, collecting and reducing data for the TIROS 3 radiation catalogue. He has been a member of NCA for many years and says his interest in space and astronomy began when he was a fifth grade student.

JUNIOR BIOGRAPHY:

Carol Farlow, the Junior Division's new Secretary-Treasurer, will be a senior next fall at the James Madison High School in Vienna, Virginia. She is 16 and has been an NCA member since September 1963. She has been very active in the Virginia Region and has won numerous prizes and awards in local science fairs in the last two years. She will spend this summer at the Ohio University Summer Institute doing research in physics. Besides astronomy her hobbies include math and music appreciation.

New Members

NCA welcomes the following new members and hopes that they will take advantage of the opportunities offered to its members.

Regular Jerome A. Hudson
1802 Abingdon Drive #201
Alexandria, Virginia

Junior Members..... Bruce W. Becker
5517 Border Drive
Washington, D. C. 20022

Patrick Kellogg
11132 Waterview Cluster
Reston, Virginia

Douglas Moore, Jr.
5423 Brown's Lane
Washington, D.C. 20022

NCA Science Fair Award Montgomery County Jr. Div.

Star Dust went to press before the Montgomery County Junior High Fair was judged, but now we are pleased to announce that Raymond Finkleman had a prize winning entry "A Planetarium". Raymond had his project on display at the June Meeting and received his NCA Award Certificate but he too should be honored by an official announcement in Star Dust. Congratulations to Raymond Finkleman.

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Membership Renewal

This form is for use by members that either (1) renewed their memberships last year, or (2) joined at the September 1964 meeting. Other members will be billed individually by mail. Complete the form and return with dues to the treasurer:

Frederick D. Cornelius
3101 Chichester Lane
Fairfax, Virginia 22030

Checks and money orders should be payable to National Capital Astronomers, Inc.

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Check appropriate line below and remit accordingly.

_____ Joint membership, with Sky & Telescope\$9.50

_____ Regular membership, with Sky & Telescope\$7.50

_____ Junior membership, with Sky & Telescope\$5.75

_____ Junior membership, without Sky & Telescope\$1.75

Notes: Junior members turning 18 before September 1, 1965 must renew as regular members.

Junior members not presently Sky & Telescope through the society may subscribe by remitting \$5.75. Once begun, the Sky & Telescope subscription must be continued as a condition of membership.