

NO QUORUM, NO ELECTION

Please come to June 4 meeting and make it possible for the NCA to take care of the annual elections. The By-Laws state that it is necessary to have quorum, 25% of the paid members, present to hold elections. Good weather and many other things kept many of the faithful NCA members away from the May meeting. Please plan to be at the June meeting and help to expedite the business of the society.

APPLYING FOR MEMBERSHIP

The following person has applied for Regular Membership in NCA:

William R. Winkle
4691 Homer Avenue, S. E.
Suitland, Maryland 20023

Please contact an NCA Officer or Trustee if you have any comments about this applicant. The members vote on the acceptance of this applicant for membership at the June meeting.

SCIENCE FAIR JUDGING

With the Judging on May 7 of the Montgomery County Junior Division, the list of Science Fair winners for 1966 is complete. Receiving awards in this fair were:

Kurt Amsler
"Analysis of a Theory on the Formation of the Lunar craters"
Belt Junior High

Robert S. Turner (commendation)
"Astronomical Calculator - Stonehenge"
Newport Junior High School

These winners together with those announced in the May Stardust will exhibit their projects at the June NCA meeting.

CONGRATULATIONS Michael B. Jewell

NCA extends congratulations to Mike Jewell, of the Prince George's County Juniors, on his recent award by the D. C. Chapter of the Society of Technical Writers and Publishers. Mike's topic was "A Discussion of Amateur Astrophotography". Mike will also present this same topic at MERAL Convention in Harrisburg, Pa. NCA is very proud of Mike.

NCA COMMUNITY SERVICE

Two NCA'ers, Mr. Hoy Walls and Mr. Bob Wright have given hours of their valuable lives last month to conduct planetarium lessons and observing sessions for school children attending the Mar-Lu-Ridge Camp. Besides the long trip to the camp, which is past Frederick, Maryland, Mr. Walls and Mr. Wright conducted observing sessions and demonstrations on telescope making. The students and teachers were thrilled with the sessions and appreciated the willingness of these NCA'ers to share their knowledge with the children. Mr. Walls and Mr. Wright have gone to the camp in previous years but this year the project included five nights at the camp as well as day classes at the Planetarium.

NCA COMMUNITY SERVICE - Cont'd.

An adult class in "Popular Astronomy" was sponsored by G. W. University and conducted by Professor Ugren of the U. S. Naval Observatory. This class was enhanced on various Thursdays by the NCA members opening and operating the 5" Alvan Clark telescope for observation of particular objects. Mr. Larry White, Mr. Bob Wright and Mr. Bob Bolster and Mr. Bob McCracken very willingly offered to aid in this request. Their untiring service is appreciated.

The Suitland Citizens Association requested a telescope demonstration and observing spot at their benefit Carnival, Friday May 13. On a two-day notice the following NCA'ers happily filled this request and demonstrated telescopes to over one hundred young and old, Geoffrey Hornseth, Mike Jewell, Sheila Duck, Sarah Lichtwanger, Victor Westhall, Paul Powell, John Allen and Ted Noble. Some of the folks expressed great interest in belonging to our society and in the making of telescopes.

These activities and services are an integral part of NCA and the cooperation and enthusiasm of the members is the key to the success of such projects. Thanks very much for such splendid cooperation.

- Margaret K. Noble, President

MERAL CONVENTION HARRISBURG, PENNSYLVANIA ..PLAN TO COME

Fifteen NCA members have already sent their dollar for advance registration for the upcoming convention in Harrisburg. If you are going, please give Bob Wright a phone call 384-6748 and get the information you want. Send in your registration now. NCA always has a good representation at the Middle-East Region Astronomical League Convention. If you are a new NCA member this convention will give you a real sense of belonging. Plan to attend.



Jerome Hudson, James Krebs and a visitor from Delaware Astronomical Society, Mr. Pratt, are examining an interesting photometer at the NCA Hobby Fair that will go to the Harrisburg Convention.

(Photo by Geoffrey Hornseth)