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## *Exploring the Skies

The public viewing sessions will be hold at plonio groveNo. 16. Sembers are invited to bring their telescopes to these sessions which are componsored by the NGA and Park board. Neet at the area provided near the Nature Center, off Glover Road in Rock Creek Paric. If the wather is cloudy, the Nature centor will be used ter an appropriate lecture or a planetariva show. The dates and timas are an follows June 2lst, 9 PM, July 19th, 9 PM. August 23rd, 9 PM, September 13 th, 8:30 PM and October 11th, 8:00 PH.

## National Convention Announced

Members are reminded to prepare for the Thind Annual Astonomers' Convention at Denver, Colorado, August 20th through 23rd. A number of tours have been planned in the area, including five installations, such as the solar warning systam, International Ursogram Union, NORAD and a special shor at Gates Planetariun; a high - altitude etar party with
 ver and dormitories will be available for family use with meals. inly twentieth is the final date for acceptance of abstracts for those who wish to present them; 15 minutes allowed for each presentation. (Thoy will be available in the proceedings if you are not able to attend. ") ' Contact A.R. Gassman, Box 625, Castle Rock, Colorado, 80104, for registration or information. problem in 1962 when planet. Presently he has authored 35 papers dealing with these subjects and geochemistry.

## A"LASORATORY PLANET"

The chemical evolution and present state of the planets may be regarded as resulting from the interplay of thermodynamic and kinetic factors. The relative importance of these factors differs greatly from planet to planet. On cool planets, such as Earth and Mars, the kinetic factor is of overriding importance so that the atmosphere of these planets are grossly out of equilibrium with the minerals of the condensed spheres. On Earth, at least, this has had the interesting result of making possible the chemical "super-organization" we call life and which can exist only in the protection of kinetic barriers. Venus, however, presents us with a different case. Since it is clear that the temperature of large parts of the atmos phere and surface of the planet are high, it is likely that many chemical reactions will approach themodynamic equilibrium on a geologic time scale. Indeed, the detailed chemical characteristics of the planet, as reported by recent planetary probes, strongly supports this 1dea. Thus, we are faced with a planet with many processes having the immediacy of laboratory experiments Because of the similarity of the sizes of Earth and Venus, it is likely that the latter planet provides us with another "earth experiment" run at a high er temperatore. This result has broad inplications for planetology and the future desigh of planetary probe experiments.

## CALENDAR

FRDDAY, June 6th, 1969
Star party for Juniors of D.C., Prince Georges and Montgomery Counties, at Travilah Elementery School, Travilah and Duflef Hilis Road, Gadthersburgh, Maryland. For furthar information please contact Sheila Duck, 474-5617.

SATURDAY, June 7th, 1969
6:15 P.M. Dinner with the Speaker at Bassin's Restaurant, lith and Pa. Avenue, N.W. No reservations are necessary.
8:15 P.M. N.C.A. Meeting at the Departinent of Commerce at N.C.A. Meeting at the Departiment of Commerce at
lith and E Street, N.W. Dr. Robert F.Mueller with and E Street, N.W. Dr. Robert Fon the origin of the atmosphere of Will speak on the origin of the atmoophers of Venus . The
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## TELESCOPE-MAKING CLASSES

Telescope making classes will be conducted at the foll lonini, areas at the given dates:

The Materials Center, Bladensburgh, Marriand. June 3rd 10:1, 17th and 24th from 7:30 to 10:00 P.M. by Ted Noble.
thint Hel-:21-2225. Commity Center, Washington, D.C. June 6th, 13th, 20th and 27th from 7:30 to 10:00 P.M. by Jerry Schnall. Phone EM 2-8872, home; 557-3177, office.

## FIVE-INCH OBSERVING

Larmy Wile will conduct observations though the Fivefrich Clarke refractor at the Naval Observatory fron 9:00 tircugh 11;00 P.M. on Fridays the 13th and 27th of June. Suwner schedule for the 'scope as well as mirror-making and telescope-making classes will be distributed later this montt:

## Treasurer's Report

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## Post-Apollo Problems Discussed

To whom it may concern:- having been away intormittontly, and now back at work, I thought you mieht be interested in one of the talks airod at the Aeroupios Hadicina meeting held during the firat week of May. Probmbly the mont intereuting talk was givem by Dr. Courtland D. Porlins of Princeton Onivoreity, the title of which was, What Next After Apollo3".

Dr. Forkins began by stating what wo all suspect as fact-though rareiy state-nthat the exploration of spaca, the solar systom, the planets and the moon is based largely on the prestige gained-ooven though we have benefitted considarably as a nation from the tachnical advances associated with this-and that, at the present, we are in compatition with the Russians.

Deroloping his thene, he atated that the next most likely goal would be the exploration of the solar system after the Apollo series ends. Of all the planets, Mars would be the most likoly target for exploration, even though Jupitar may woll turn out to be the most intaresting planet in the long run. In the onsuing exploration, both manned-and especially, unmanned-vehicies will benult or this several ares will neceasarily undergo These include , ne lnclude propulion, probay nuclear, he dovlopant of a parmant torm envionent for men progregs in these oreas mey be markally slowed if the procran fatis to rodotine its goals before the protective sial protective umbrella of the Apollo program is withciram

## BREAKTHROHGHS JOUGHT

Supposing that Mars is the next goal after the moon, several major new breakthroughs will have to occur. At the present, using a minimal energy trajactory, a round trip will take about 920 days. The required change in If, instead, we wished to use a is barsly within our present capabilities. of 360 daya, a $\triangle V$ of $76,000 \mathrm{ft} / \mathrm{sec}$ would be needed, which is beyond our present capabiluties. We can compare propulsion systems using the concept of the specific impulso (SZ). The present liquid hydrogen-axygen ( $\mathrm{L} * 0$ ) system has a $S E$ of 425 sec. This will silow us to reach our moon and return, using a vehicle of seven milition lbs. Using a minimal energy trajectory to Mars, an orbiting systen waighing one and one-half million lbs. would be necessary or about seven Saturn V rockets to orbit the ship. If, on the other hand, w could use a liquid-core nuclear propulsion sustem we might have a SE in the order of 825 sec . This would enable us to use a ship weighing about 700,000 pounds and require only five Saturn $V$ rockets to orbit it. If the SE could be incressed to 2000 seo. It would be possible for the ship to weigh little onough so that it could tako off from earth, orbit, fly to Mars and return without any other stops, and do it in a minimal time trajectory too. Sadly we have nothing in this range and research in nuclear propulsion is moving very slowiy. With this and reusable orbiting vehicles it may be possible t decrease the cost of putting one poumd in orbit from about $\$ 1,000$ to $\$ 10$.

The irpression given was not one of unrestrained optimism. it seems hat if ran
 fits they reap are soon forgotiten or attributed to others.

If anyone would care to comment on this or others in this issue, we would appreciate your latters, hopefuliy publishing representative coes next
 edition to act as a rally point for activities. We aim to plase, but to $d$ this we need more feedback than we are getting at present this we need more feedback than we are getting at present.

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## From The JUNIORS

The Junior Division of the NCA has had quite a successful year. There are three regions of tho Junior Division which work both individually and as a group. The main project of the Jund

One of the projects initiated by the Juniors in preparation for the eclipse is the kessier Object Project. In order to be raady for the aclipse it was felt that we should get practice observing with our telescobes and making drawings and photographs of our observations. The Messier Objects, would be a good thing to practice on. Host of these obsarvations will be done during the sunmer months when Sagittarlus, speckied with nebulse, will be visible. Several drawings made during the winter and spring have been turned in. This project serves a two-fold purpose. It not only helps prepare the juniors for the upcoring eclipse, but 2180 provides us with a nice set of drawings of the Messier Objects as they look through a typical amateur's telescope. Since there does not seem to be any Messier Catalog with such drawings, we are thinking of having our catalog published when it is completed.

Much work has been done with astrophotography this past year, with emphasis on recent months on solar eclipse photography. Several of the fall meetings of the PGC Juniors focused prinarily on astrophotography. They discussed different techniques and problems they had encountered. They then went out and ried to apply what the ber of eood meetings and have discussed them.

The Juniors have had severel field trips this past yoar. The Junior Division as a group sponsored a bas trip to Philadelphia in April. The trip proved to be both enjoyable and profitable. We visted Ednand Scientific Co., the Franklin Institute and the Fels Planetarium. Mr. George ific Co., the Franklin Institute and the Fels Planetarium. Mir, George public showing. This trip realized a profit of about $\$ 80$ : In February public showing. This trip realized a profit of about $\$ 80$. In February the co-ordinate systems of the heavens when they went on a trip to the Montgomery Junior College planatarium. Ken Crowley, a Va. Junior, plan ned a very successful trip to the Naval Observatory, where about 30 members observed the moon and the Orion Nebula through the $26^{\prime \prime}$ reIractor. In April, the PGCJunfors took a trip to the area Science Fair at the Uni versity of Maryland.

A small group of about ten Juniors have been getting together quite regularly and travelling out to the country where they have been doing deep-sky observing. A couple have observed over 100 kessier objects. Both the in. -N.C. and the PGC Juniors have done some solar observing at their regualr meetings. A group-observing session held by the Md. mD.C. Iuniors this spring turned out to be such a success that they planned to hold two more along with the PGC Juniors. The first joint effort wasn't completed, because of clcuds; the next is schciulcic For uinc tin. The Va. Juniors have been working on getting key passes to the five-inch Clarke on the grounds of the Naval Obaervatory.

Darrel Freund, a PGC Junior, has done much research in locating a site for the 1970 eclipse. He travelled to Norfolk in September looking for possible sites ner the center of the path of totality. Ho has been puartar for the Astronomical league : oeveral approved sites, including schoot grounds, schol roof tops Nire seves ap... .. sites, open ... $\epsilon_{\text {_is, }}$ etc. He also has many photos of the different and several mase
mese and their plans for this summer. I feel they heve 811 found it quite enjoybie and educetional We are looling fomerd to the event scedvied for this sumper and a successful year starting next September.

## N.C.A. Awards Science FairWinners

As a result of the recent Science Fair, six studentis were awarien one year, Iree memberships in the National Capital Astronomers', The winning entries wore selected by Bob Bolster, They will be presented Jerry Schnall, Larry white and Billicates at the June meeting on the 7 th of June. During the meeting, the exhibits will be displayed for the rembers. The winners are:

Princes Georges County<br>Ronald Griese - Junior Division

District of Columbia John Donovan - Junior Division John Couturier - Junior Division, 2nd Place

Fairfax - Prince Wifliam Counties Debbie Meloy - Senior Divibion Robert McAnaw - Junior Division
*/做s Meloy, having previously won an in award, receives a commendation but not another membershir.
 Space Probe-Mechanics Described
Dr. John Eisele of the Naval Research Laboratory's Cyclotron Branch, spoke on the basic principles of Celestial Orbits, mainly as applied to spacecraft. More than sixty brilliant line-drawings were used to illustrate the mathematics and results of orbits of bodies given various hind without a restartable engine could be put into earth orbit. He emphasized that officiency is gained by launching in such a manner that the earth gives the vehicle an extra "kick by its rotation. An extensive question period followed and later Dr. Eisele joined some members for more abstract discussion at the Hot Shoppe.

NEW MEMBERS
Susan M. Gissler; 1900 Lyttonsville Road, Apt. 1005, Silver Spring, Md. 20910, 588-2845, Regular membership.
Robert J. Tremblay; 7418 Grumman Place, Alextndria, Vireinia, 22306 765-0062, Regular membership.
Ellen Margaret Vartanoff; 6825 Wilson Lane, Bethesda, Maryland 20034, 365-3846, Junior nembership.


## Still MóreOnUFOs, On Mars, Some Books, And Articles

Though to some, UFOs hardly merit the dignity of inclusion in an astronomy tical journal, even if amateur in standing, I would like to report further on them, with your permission.

We might recall Einstein's reported aloofness from the subject ("These people have seen something: what it is I don't know and I'm not curious to know"). He was rumored to have signed a petition, with some 15 other scientists, as I recall, to protest, in the name of planetary diplomacy and ordinary will to survive, the Air Force's interference with, and reported shooting at, such flying objects when they invaded "our" air space.

There has been some reaction to my reference in previous column to what I flippantly called "wrong-way" satellites, one astronomer assorting that there never has been any "wrong-way" for satellites; but that probably what have been observed are the boosters of satellites, such as the Discoverer, put into retrograde orbits with inclinations of $120^{\circ}$ to $160^{\circ}$, from Calicoria in a westwarci orbit, to avoid land.

As we know, some reports do make exciting reading, especially when em e relished a bit in popular, none-too-erudite magazines. And some writers are known for their ability to avoid letting the truth stand between them and a good story. Nevertheless, whether or not the article" mentioned last month was merely a fabrication (which may have been at least partly the case) it did have some appeal to the imagination, somewhat in the tradition of Jules Verne and Jonathan Swift. (I consider it possible, Judging by reports, or I wouldn't have mentioned it.)

Swift's apparently precognitive identification of the satellites of Mars, brings us to Dr. John Eisele's revelation that Phobos and Deimos don't really travel in opposite directions, but, because of the time difference brought about by their different altitudes and velocities in realtion to the rotation of the planet, would appear to do so from the surface. "I would like to think that Swift was told this by the Martians," Dr. Eisele said, with a smile.


Also, off the cuff, he reported having seen an object about ten to fifeteen degrees in diameter in Barstow, California, one night at the end of the academic year of 1964. It looked like the front end of an old-fashioned dirigible, he said, with a nose light shining back over it. It travelled majestically towards the east and he doesn't think it could have been a launch from Vandenburg AFB nor the exhaust configuration of a rocket. Then suddenly it vanished, or perhaps the light went out, concealing it.

Well, whether or not this stimulates any of you anateurs, senior or junions, to scan the skies nor perceptively, perhaps with a moonwatch or other such project, it is hoped that the mystery might give more incentive, or the desire to affirm or disprove the allegations of some writer that we have been under surveillance for many centuries, on the basis of whatever reports we have bert able to glean.

And, as for the raised eyebrows of the more dignified scientific commonits at the reference to UFO's, consider the usual reaction, some 15 or so years ago, to the mention of space travel, ion engines or other such "fantastic notions".
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SIMPLE SPECTROSCOPY
A small $20^{\circ}$ prism isplaced in
 front of refractor objective or at opening of a reflector.


Thanks to Bob Wright


Replica grating taped over opening at one end of box: two razorblades separated by paper-ftimspace at other. 1 and to Jerry Hudson $\$$

An amusing mnemonic device-forremembering the-speetrograptic Startypes: O BAFGKMRNS - Oh, Be A Fine Girl, Kiss Me Right Now-Smack! from Krogdahls"The Attrowomical Universe"
and other sources.

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By the uay, astronamical space enthusiasts might be interestedi in a NaSA publications istrancay in Space, NASA Sp-127, 45 , by Newall smith and Roman Hueller; Ijbr. of Cangress, 66-6193; call number, Q $7 / 136 \chi^{\circ} 187$. and for those interested in a book on UFOS which seens to do the least vialence to scientific orthodogy, I would like to recomend "Identiried Flying Saucers," by nobert Ioftin.

Dr. Eisele recamends these standard works: Whe astranamical thiverse, a college text revised in 1962 (Macicillan); "Principles of stircnary, boll (Holt, kinehart and wistan); also, otto Struvels Astranowy of the 20th Century, written with Velta Zebergs (Hackijlian). Dr. Eisele's own bodk should be mentioned: istrodynamics, nockets, Satellites and space Travel (National book co. of merica).

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A recent report, Fourth International Symposium on pioastranaries and the Exploration of space, edited by Charles H. Hoadman, Habeztas Strughold and Roland Be Kicnell, and spansored by the USAF, Aerospace Eccical Division, Brodis AFB, is quite interesting. It containe many articles relating to the practical business of space exploration as well as several articles on ortiting observatories and the like. The symposian from which the monograph was published was held in November 1968. Oiher than in the Library of Congress, copiex can be obtaned throughs Chief, Ir jut Section, CFSII, Sills Building, 5285 Port Royal road, Springfield, Va. 2151. J.

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## Where Does The True Vernal PointLie?

Sone astrologers, basing their assumption on ald books, say we are 11 ying now in the Aquarian age. And medern astronaners, for practical reasons, have fixed the vernal point at $\hat{O}^{*}$ in aries, preserving the cospe siturtian that prevailed in the Greek epoch. but are we reajiy livis in another periodi Has the true vernal point moved into another constella tion, perhaps beyand these? Best answer uill be pubisked here.
them to the Editors, Star Dust, 1225 Quincy St. N. En, kask. DC, 2001774

This talk to be presented by President George E. Gould of NCA, before the Middle Atlantic Regional Meeting of the Astronomical League, at Bethlehem, Penna., June 14th, 1969. Your Editor hopes that many NCA members will make this important meeting.

The Astronomical Proof of the Error in Einstein's Special Theory of Relativity

Einstein stated (The Meaning of Relativity, 1954 ed.)pps.25,26), That if (1) Time, (2) Length is absolute, and inertial systems $K$, $K$ ' are parallel, then problems encountered in Special Relativity are solved in ordinary Pre-Relativistic physics, using the Gallilean transformations, which are in his words CO-Variant. Einstein used ordinary Euclidean parallel lines.
Eingtein alsostated, That certain conditions of motions of Stars and Planetary bodies approaching the speed of light are continuations of the Invariant Electrornagnetic and Electrostatic formulas of Clerk Maxwell and Lorentz.
Using Einstein's own description of how the problem could be solved using ordinary PreRelativistic Newtonian Celestial Mechanics, I have devised a model using clocks (stars) moving on paralle tices constructed within the framework of Non-Euclidean Hyperbolic Geometry. Inertial system $K$ represents a spacial curve of a Tractrix (Newton's Calculus) and my discovery of the folded Tractrix designated as inertial system $\mathrm{K}^{\prime}$. I demonstrate the analogy of the moving clocks and Retrograde Motion of Mars to explain my concepts of the solution of celestial bodies in motion involved in Special Relativity.


I claim that in Hyperbolic Geometry, Negative Curvature is C 0 -Variant not Invariant, and a Negative Curve is always in the form of a Tractrix and when revolved in a plane of revolution is Asymmetrical not symmetrical. Maxwell's and 'Lorentz' transformations do not allow for this perturbation in orbit and do not the refore contain any values for such observed perturbations in curves in spacial orbits and are therefore incorrect.


GAU'SS' CONSTANT CURVATURE "TORUS"


In 1856 Clerk Maxwell made his famous hypothesis of electromagnetic forces. But he didn't know what form it would take. Thirty two years later. Hertz discovered and published his wave theory. But neither Hertz nor any other scientific investigator has published any paper to date showing the analysis of using the Folded Tractrix to explain the perturbations of electromagnetic and electrostatic lines of force in the phase changes in these lines of force. I have discovered by observations (of magnetic lines of force) of an ordinary horse shoe magnet, that a shift of $90^{\circ}$ of holding the magnet in relation to a plane sheet, upon which iron filings assume the magnetic lines of force of equal and unequal values. The Invariant tranaformations do not provide values in these formulas to compensate for these disturbances or perturbations. I claim the discovery of the CO-Variancy of electromagnetic and electrostatic lines of force in phase changes by transmitting and receiving bodies. the form of $A$ and or CO-V Vriancy condttion existing and not an Invariant transformation that Eingtein claimed or C0-Variancy condition existing and not an Invariant transformation that Einatein claimed as a basis of his Special Theory of Relativity.

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Gould's Proof- The following model is offered.
For parallel lines in inertial systems $K, K$ '; I use the Tractrix $K$, and my discovery of the Folded Tractrix as K '; both of these spacial curves are parallel to the asymptote $X$ and are the refore parallel to each othe r. See Newton's and Beltrami's models. Einstein said that space is a continuum, and he called it "Hyper Space", and alluded to its negative curvatures. He admitted however, that he didn't know what it might look like, or the particular form it occupied. I claim that space could be Eliptical (positive), Hyperbolic (negative) or a combination of both curvatures. I further claim that the three events Einstein postulated as events $0,1,2$ are the minimum points in space lying on a plane intersecting curved space This would be the only way that a Euclidean Plane could solve the problem of time in space. However the purpose of this paper is to demonstrate that Time is not the fourth dimension but may be the 7 th or even larger dimension, becausel claim the 4 th dimension is the limit of Negative Infinity, the 5th dimension is the perturbation of the Folded Tractrix and the 6th dimension is the perturbation of a positive curve that is an exponential in characteristic.


In Fig. $8 \mathrm{a}, \mathrm{b}, \mathrm{c}$, the spacial curvature of the Folded Tractrix is aimilar to half of the apparent retrograde motion orbit of Mars, as we would envision it in space. In Fig.9a,b,c, I place on each Tractrix, K, K', one set of clocks.(stars) The position of each clock on both inextial systems is so that beta and gamma lie equally distant from the zero end of the Tractrix K and the Folded Tractrix K '; and in a similar mannex clocks alpha and delta are placed equidistant from the previous clocks on their respective inertial systems.

Both sets of clocks (stars) move in a uniform motion towards the exponential end trying to reach their common asymptote $X$, and thereby demonstrate ordinary Newtonian Celestial Mechanics. Examination of Events $0,1,2$ show that four different observers in space will observe four different conjunctions simultaneously. In event 2 (time2) Observer $D$ observes the conjunction of two clocks but doesn't know that the conjunction of gamma and delta lie ithin One Inertial System K'. For an interesting analogy suppose that the two inertial ystems started out as a single Tractrix in the vertical position. Now both sets of clock would appear as only two clocks on a single space curve. But the time space dimension We would then be observing the length of the Tractrixes remaining constant,(4th dimension) We would then be obleng The bending of the Folded Tractrix because the zero end must always be touching a zero urvature plane, (and accordig to Gausslan theory, the zero plane would be a cylinder). It must also bend because it is confined in a constricting area. This then is the 5th dimens. Boh of the continuum. I have however placed the distortion of a positive curve as the 6th dimension so that time can be viewed simultaneously with these perturbations taking place.

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