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Our next meeting will be 7:30, Tuesday, June 27, in the Olin Hall of Science on the Nebraska Wesleyan campus. The program will consist of a discussion of observing techniques for solar eclipses. Of course there will be plenty of discussion on other topics, plus refreshments.

On July 10, our club will be at Gateway to give a public show of the partial eclipse. This will be discussed at the meeting.

The President's Report

I will be on my way to Nova Scotia for the eclipse at the time of our June meeting, so Dr. Manthey will take over for me. There are several things of importance to be discussed at the June meeting. Firstly, the slate of candidates for office in the Astronomical League will be presented and voted upon. Secondly, plans for the club's pres entation of a partial eclipse show at Gateway on July 10 must be discussed. I have asked Jess Williams; Dr. Manthey, and Lawrence Pilgram to outline a program of publicity, solar viewing, and safety.

Five club members attended the Mid-State's regional convention in Missouri on June 2, 3, and 4. As usual a fine time was had by all. I was elected Mid-State's regional chairman for 1972-73; Nick Pottorf, vice-chairman; and Jerry Sherlin of Omaha, secretary-treasurer. Since the national Astronomical League convention for 1973 will be held in our region, then, as chairman of the Mid-States, I have no regional convention to worry about next year. But -- there is still talk of having the national convention in Lincoln instead of Omaha next year. What ever the decision, it looks like a busy year ahe d for the club.

One more thing, we are planning our club picnic for August 5 at

Wagon Train Lake near Hickman. So try to keep that date open.

Earl Moser