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**** THE PRAIRIE ASTRONOMER ****

As usual our meeting will be held at 7:30 pm in the Olin Hall of Science on the Nebraska Wesleyan Campus. This months program will be presented by Merton Sprengle. He will show movies from Sky Lab and NASA pictures of Venus, Jupiter and Mercury. There will be refreshments and a drawing for a door prize.

Sorry, no Presidents report this month.

-----OBSERVING REPORT-----

As of this writing I haven't been out to observe, but I will have some new objects by meeting time. However, I would like to again mention the upcoming occultation of Venus by the thin crescent moon on the morning of July 17th. Now this occultation has me excited for several reasons. First I've never seen a true occultation (real good for an observing chairman). Second, the graze line of this occultation will pass through Central Nebraska, and third, the combination of blazing Venus sliding behind a crescent moon some 10% sunlit will make it a really spectacular sight. By meeting time I'll have the full dope on the particulars, but I'm mentioning it now so that every club member will put some thought into the hope that the club, as a whole, will be able to travel up and view this spectacle, something which has not occurred in a good many years.

Brian Rugg
Observing Chairman

-----GATEWAY SHOW-----

Our next public sky show will be held Thursday, June 27th, Or in case of clouds on Friday, June 28th. I hope that more than four (4) people with two (2) telescopes between them can show up this time!

SEE YOU AT THE MEETING
