

President's Report

by Dave Scherping

THERE WILL BE NO PAC MEETING JULY 25th.

NEBRASKA STAR PARTY

At the time this newsletter comes out, NSP will be well underway and hopefully going as well as planned. For those who couldn't make it, I'll give a full report in the August newsletter. Also, we'll be submitting articles to Sky & telescope, Astronomy, Amateur Astronomy, & The Reflector.

The 3rd annual NSP will be held August 10-17, 1996 at Merritt Reservoir, NE. One of the highlights of next year will be the Perseid meteor shower, which will peak on Tuesday August 12th. Mark your calendar & plan to attend. It should be a great time.

MAHONEY PUBLIC OBSERVING NIGHT

We'll again host one of our public observing nights at Mahoney State Park on Friday August 4th. We'll be setting up at the soccer field again. In June, we had a great turnout. Let's make it two in a row.

PAC PICNIC

There was a typo in my report last month. The date of the PAC Club Picnic will be Saturday August 26th. We'll meet at Hyde Observatory at 5:30 for a potluck picnic and then migrate to the Atlas site for observing later on.

SORRY there's no Astro-Man or Calendar included this month. I've been so busy with NSP that I didn't get them done.

MEETING ADJOURNED...

Secretary's Report by Brian Schaaf

The June 27th PAC meeting was rather quick with several brief reports...

The Atlas Site news is that a light shield will be (is?) purchased and installed to cover the bright obtrusive light as discussed, motioned, and carried at the May meeting. Thank you Randy Volk and Larry Hancock!

Erik Hubl and Carroll Moore recently attended a meeting with the Game and Parks Commission authorities. They discussed lighting in parks throughout the state as it pertains to prevention of light pollution. Details will probably be forwarded at a future PAC meeting.

The NSP registration table/ traffic control/ site set up/ meeting room volunteers list was passed around. There is (was) plenty of preparation yet in the few remaining days before NSP 95. Next year's Nebraska Star Party will be August 10-17, 1996 to encompass the Perseid meteor shower on Monday and new moon on Wednesday. Look for NSP 95 photographs and articles in autumn issues of ASTRONOMY and SKY & TELESCOPE magazines as some attending members will outline these during NSP and will submit them soon for publication.

Earl and Marge Moser attended the Mid-States Astronomical League Convention in Little Rock, Arkansas, where Earl read the annual PAC report of activities and number of PAC memberships.

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The July PAC meeting is CANCELLED due to NSP. The next PAC meeting will be August 29th.

The next scheduled Mahoney Star Party is August 4th at the soccer field of the Mahoney State Park. It will start at about sunset as usual. Bring your telescopes, but most importantly bring yourself. If you don't have a telescope you can be of great help anyway, because there are many questions asked by the general public. I was kept very busy during the last Mahoney Star Party with such questions and found the subsequent discussions to be very rewarding.

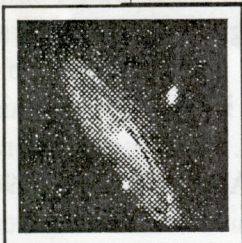
The annual PAC picnic is scheduled for August 26th at Hyde Memorial Observatory at 6:00 pm and will be followed by a star party at the Atlas Site weather permitting. Please ignore the August 19th picnic date, as this is incorrect.

Prairie Peace Park Announcement

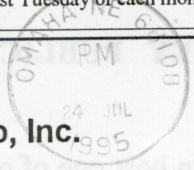
Prairie Peace Park, located on exit 388 (Crete/ Pleasant Dale) on 1-80, was one year old on June 10th this year. During Earth Day in the month of May the park director, Lincoln Justus, inquired whether anyone would be interested in constructing an outdoor scale solar system model. Interested? He may be reached at Prairie Peace Park at (402) 795 2144.

EDITOR'S NOTE: This newsletter perhaps sets a new record for length, 2 PAGES!!! Although if I think back really hard I can remember a few newsletters back in the 70's that were about this long. Anyway, with all of the activities concerning the NSP going on, people just haven't had time to work on articles. The good news is that with all the activities this month, I'm sure we will have a ton of things to report about in next month's

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