

Special Meeting . . April 15 , Regular Meeting . . April 29

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TWO MEETINGS, FRIDAY 15TH & 29TH

This month there will be two meetings, both on a Friday, and both at Phoenix College, room C102 at 8:00 PM. The first meeting will be a special meeting requested, as per the bylaws, by six club members. This special meeting, on April 15 will be involved with some suggested changes in the bylaws. Complete details are included elsewhere in this newsletter.

The second meeting, on April 29, will be the yearly business meeting at which time the officers and directors for the next year will be elected. Also to be discussed will be the fate of the 24 inch scope. Please plan to attend both meetings as a number of very important items will be examined.

Another reminder is in order here also. The Phoenix Astronomical society, in cooperation with Phoenix College will be offering this summer a course called Astronomy for Hobbyists. This course will be for people who have not had any previous experience with scopes and could just as well be called "Everything (almost) that you've ever wanted to know about telescopes but didn't know who to ask". Dates are from June 7 to July 5 inclusive from 7:00 to 10:00 PM each Tuesday evening in room E112. If you happen to know of some people who might derive some benefit from this course, please let them know. Additional details will be coming out shortly, but additional information can be obtained immediately by calling Phoenix College, 264-2492 and asking for either Dean Waldron or myself. Hopefully, if this course is a success, it can be offered on a regular basis in an effort to inform the public about this hobby.

Hope to see you.

Bill Anderson

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FROM MY LITTLE BLACK BOOK -----

Helen Lines

NGC2392 $7^h 26^m$, $+21^\circ 01'$

ESKIMO NEBULA.

In an 8 inch scope, this BRIGHT planetary in Gemini has a very bright center with frizzy edges - - The first picture we took of it with the 16 inch, We burnt a hole in the film- - -

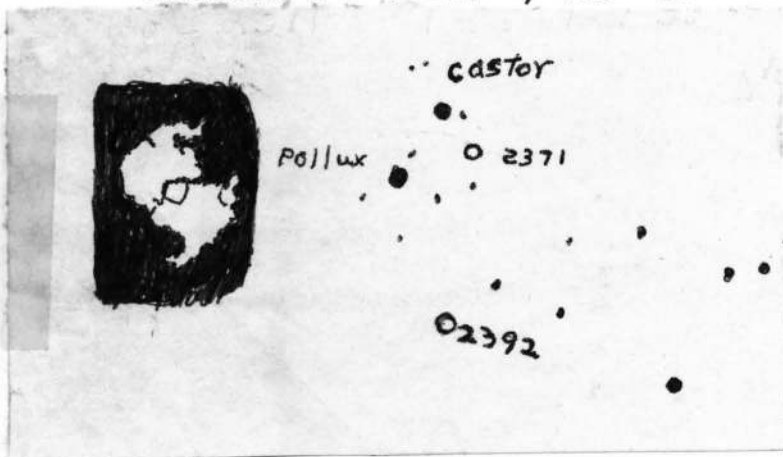


Nebula 8.3 Mag.
Central Star 10.5 Mag.
Diameter: 47" X 43"

NGC2371-2 $7^h 22^m$, $+29^\circ 35'$

A TWO PART NEBULA

About 1/4 of Gemini is out of the Milky Way and this easy planetary is in that section, approximately $2 \frac{1}{3}$ deg. South and 2 deg. West of Castor - The nucleus of both parts were seen plainly in an 8 inch 'scope-



NGC2419 $7^h 34.8^m$, $+39^\circ 00'$

The Lynx, there is a small globular cluster that is half-way out to Andromeda - - It's called the Space Interloper - Look 7° North and about 1° East of Castor - - -

SCIENTIFIC AMERICAN - April -Has an article by Helmut Abt and Saul Levy of Kitt Peak about the "Companions of Sunlike Stars". Even though they can not be seen, the way some were found makes interesting reading. C.V.

Items of business to be considered at Special Business Meeting,

1. A motion to amend the Bylaws of the P.A.S. as follows, relating to Article I:

Retitle first paragraph to read: "A. Membership."

Add following paragraph:

"B. Voting Members. A Voting member of the Society shall be defined as any person holding a regular or sustaining membership with paid-up annual dues. Each such person shall be entitled to one (1) vote in all matters of society business requiring the approval of the membership. In the case of Family memberships, a maximum of two (2) persons of the same household shall vote."

2. A motion to amend the Bylaws of the P.A.S. as follows, relating to Article II, Part C:

Change first sentence to read:

"C. Directors. The Directors shall attend regular meetings of the Board of Directors to be held every two months and meetings called by the President from time to time as required."

After second sentence (unchanged), add the following:

"The regular Board of Directors meetings shall be open to all members of the Society as non-voting observers. The dates, times, and places of regular Board meetings shall be published in advance in the monthly meeting announcement card or any other written or printed publication which may be periodically issued to the entire membership. The minutes of all Board of Directors meetings shall be reported to the membership at the next regular meeting of the Society."

Retitle sentence beginning, "In the event...etc." as follows:

"E. Filling of Vacated Offices."

and add the following (after "...in which such vacancy occurs."):

"In the event any Directorship shall be vacated prior to the expiration of an elected term, a special election shall be held at the next regular meeting of the Society to fill the vacated Directorship for the unexpired term in which such vacancy occurs."

3. A motion to amend the Bylaws of the P.A.S. as follows, relating to Article III:

Delete Parts A and B and substitute following:

"A. Elections for Offices. Election of officers and vacant Directorships shall take place at the annual business meeting of the Society held on the last Friday in the month of April of each year, except as otherwise provided in these Bylaws."

B. Nominations for Offices. Nominations for officers and Directors shall be opened at the regular monthly meeting of the Society held in the month of March of each year to permit consideration of the nominees for one month prior to the election. Nominees for office shall be voting members of the Society. Nominations for office may be submitted by any member of the Society with prior permission of the nominee and a second. Additional nominations for officers and Directors may be submitted by any member of the Society at the annual business meeting."

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4. A motion to amend the Bylaws of the P.A.S. as follows, relating to Article IV:
Change " an amount in excess of One Thousand Dollars (\$1000.00)"
to: "an amount in excess of One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00)"
5. A motion to amend the Bylaws of the P.A.S. as follows, relating to Article VI:
After "The President of the Society"
add the following:
"or a majority of the voting members present at a regular or special meeting of the Society"
and continue unchanged to end; delete period and add following:
"or a majority of the voting members present at a regular or special meeting of the Society."
6. A motion to have copies of the Bylaws of the Society, as amended, printed and distributed to all members of the Society prior to the regular monthly meeting of the Society to be held in March, 1977; to provide funds for such printing; and to provide sufficient extra copies to be distributed to all future new members as required.
7. A motion to form a Committee For Public Education to promote interest in astronomy in the community through P.A.S. activities.
8. A motion to form a Committee for Observing (Observing Committee) to promote and encourage astronomical observations and collect such observations for publication from amongst Society members.
9. A motion to acquire an observing site at Pioneer Road north of Phoenix.

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Nomination Committee Suggestions:
Remember : If you don't come and express your openion
YOU don't have any right to complain about it!

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Nomination Committee Suggestions :

PRESIDENT - - - Bill Anderson
Vice Pres. - - Dick Lines
Sec/Tres. - - - Chuck Nash
Directors : Ted Paoloni, Bob Shappley
Keith Pariezk, Cliff Vaughan

OTHER NOMINATIONS MAY BE MADE FROM THE FLOOR !!!