

ABOVE THE FOG

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FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

I would like to thank the Officers and Board of the SFAA for their support in the past year and in particular in the last two months. I have had a struggle recently with illness which forced me to drop out of all volunteer activities. Our new President, Michael Portuesi and Treasurer, Lorrie Boen, deserve special thanks for taking on an additional workload. Thank you!

In this New Year I would like to point you to a great new book by Norm Sperling, whom many of you know. Norm has been active in Astronomy as an editor at Sky and Telescope, a planetarium director and co-designer of the Astroscan Telescope among other accomplishments. His book is titled "What Your Astronomy Textbook Won't Tell You" with a forward by David Levy.

In teaching intro Astronomy at the college level Norm has found a great need to supplement traditional texts and created this book to fulfill that need. The chart that Norm created on page 69 in Comparative Planetology is worth the price of the book alone! This is a piece of original research that will clarify the evolution of our solar system. Check out his website at www.everythingintheuniv.com

The SFAA is in great hands with Michael and the new officers and board and I urge you to come to a board meeting and get involved! I have enjoyed all the friendships I have made, and all the interactions I have had with our members at meetings and star parties. Once again, I thank you all, for your contributions to public astronomy and your contributions to our club!

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IMPORTANT DATES

JANUARY 8 - BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
JANUARY 11 - ANNUAL AWARDS DINNER

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CLUB TELESCOPES

The SFAA owns 3 club loaner telescopes, Dobsonian/Newtownian reflectors: 6" f/10, 8" f/7, and 10" f/8. These are available for extended periods (30 days or more) to SFAA members. These are generally very fine scopes, easy to use and well-suited for deep sky, planets, and star parties. The loaner custodians are Pete Goldie & Sarah Szczechowicz, located in San Francisco. If you are interested in borrowing a scope, or if you have items you can donate for the loaner program (eyepieces, star maps/books, collimator, etc.) please contact them via email (pg@lbin.com) or phone (415-206-9867). Email communication is preferred and strongly recommended for a quick and accurate reply.

Above the Fog is the official bulletin of the San Francisco Amateur Astronomers. It is the forum in which club members may share their experiences, ideas, and observations. We encourage you to participate by submitting your articles, announcements, letters, photos, and drawings. We would also like to hear from our new members. Tell us about yourself – what you have done in the past and what other clubs you have joined. **The deadline for the next issue is the seventh day of the month.** Send your articles to Phil Estrin at pestrin@dir.ca.gov.

HUNT FOR PLANETS WITH DR. GEOFF MARCY AT W.M. KECK OBSERVATORY

The Astronomical Society of the Pacific (ASP) has announced a unique fundraising auction -- an observing night at the W.M. Keck Observatory in Hawai'i with internationally renowned astronomer Dr. Geoff Marcy.

The ASP has pledged to donate 5% of the auction proceeds to the amateur astronomy club of the winner's choice.

The highlight of the five-day/four-night trip for two is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to spend a night in the Keck I control room with Dr. Marcy and his team during one of his scheduled observing runs. Dr. Marcy will host dinner that evening, and the winner will be able to sleep overnight at the VSQ (Visiting Scientists' Quarters), which is open only to astronomers. The auction package includes round-trip airfare for two, resort accommodations, car rental, meals, and a behind-the-scenes VIP tour of the W.M. Keck Observatory conducted by a Keck staff member.

Potential bidders may visit the ASP Web site at <http://www.astrosociety.org> immediately to get full information and to be notified exactly when the auction will begin. The auction will be held in January 2003 on a popular auction Web site. The winner can schedule the trip to coincide with any of Dr. Marcy's scheduled observing nights in 2003.

SFAA ANNUAL AWARDS DINNER
Saturday, January 11, 2003
Dinner begins at 7:30 p.m.

Basque Cultural Center
599 Railroad Ave, South San Francisco
(650) 583-8091

!!! GOOD NEWS !!!
Due to a cancellation, we have a private dining room that holds up to 50.
Please send your check in early!

Banquet Menu

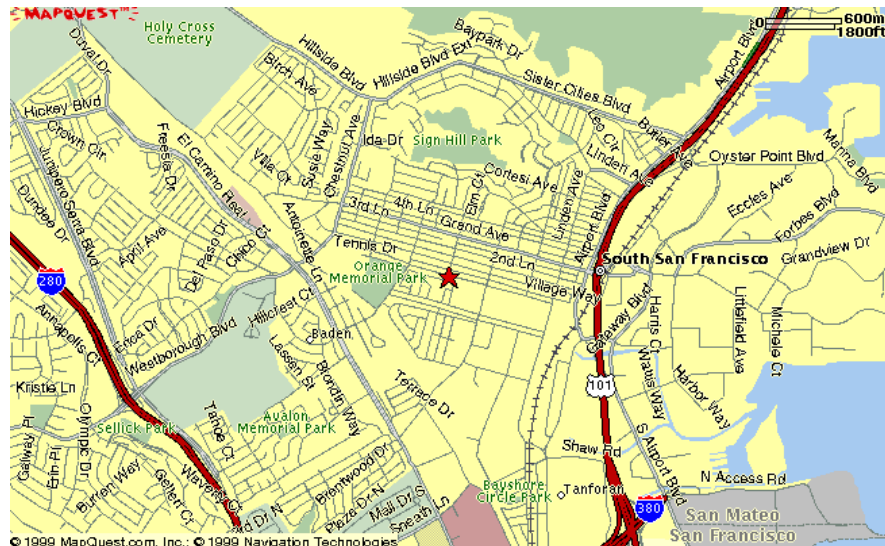
Prime Rib with Scalloped Potatoes & Vegetables (\$27.00)
Breast of Chicken Chasseur with Vegetables & Rice (\$22.00)
Vegetarian Pasta (\$18.50)

Includes Soup, Salad, Bread & Butter, Ice Cream and Coffee
(Tax and gratuity is included in price)

Please send a check or money order **payable to San Francisco Astronomers Association**, along with your choice of entrée, to Lorrie Boen at 765 Geary Street #302, San Francisco, CA 94109 by **January 4, 2002**. Any requests received after this date cannot be guaranteed.

Directions to the Basque Cultural Center from Highway 280 coming from San Francisco

Take the Westborough exit near South San Francisco. Turn left at the light. (heading toward San Francisco Bay). Turn right at El Camino proceeding South. Two or three blocks later turn left onto West Orange heading toward San Francisco Bay. Go for some distance (what would be about 5 blocks except there are almost no side streets) Turn right onto Railroad Ave. Drive a few blocks and then turn right into the parking lot of The Basque Cultural Center at 599 Railroad Ave.



AMATEUR ACHIEVEMENT AWARD OF THE ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY OF THE PACIFIC

Given yearly since 1979, this international award recognizes significant contributions to astronomy or amateur astronomy by those not employed in the field of astronomy in a professional capacity. Past awards have recognized a series of discoveries or research projects (comets, variable stars, supernovae, occultations, astrophotography, etc.) or a combination of work in astronomical research and leadership in the arena of amateur astronomy.

The award consists of a plaque and \$500 and expenses to attend the 2003 Meeting of the ASP. Nominations may be made by anyone (see below for the rules.)

A list of past winners can be found at: <http://www.astrosociety.org/membership/awards/pastamateur.html>

Nomination forms can be found at <http://www.astrosociety.org/membership/awards/amateur.html>

THE LAS CUMBRES AMATEUR OUTREACH AWARD

Established by Wayne Rosing and Dorothy Largay, this new award seeks to honor outstanding educational outreach by an amateur astronomer to K-12 students or teachers, and to the interested lay public. "Amateur" is understood to mean someone who does not receive compensation (other than expenses) for such activity and does not receive the majority of his or her income from a profession in astronomy. The award consists of \$500 and a plaque; it is presented at the Society's Annual Meeting and the winner's way is pay to that meeting.

Nominations for this award may be made by any member of the astronomical community.

Nomination forms can be found at: <http://www.astrosociety.org/membership/awards/cumbresform.html>

-- HOW TO NOMINATE --

Please fill out the form (or send a sheet with the information the form requests) for the award.

At least one, but preferably three, letters of support (from someone other than the nominator) are required. These should be requested by the nominator and should be sent with the nomination if possible. E-mailed forms and letters are acceptable, but should include the full name, mailing address, and e-mail of the sender.

All materials must be received in the office of the Astronomical Society of the Pacific (see below) on or before January 10, 2003. For more information, please contact Marilyn Delgado, the Society's awards coordinator, at: mdelgado@astrosociety.org

Send complete nominations to Marilyn Delgado at the above e-mail, or at: Amateur Achievement Award [or Las Cumbres Award] Astronomical Society of the Pacific, 390 Ashton Ave., San Francisco, CA 94112.

For further information, contact Andrew Fraknoi, Astronomy Department, Foothill College, 12345 El Monte Rd., Los Altos Hills, CA 94022, Tel (Mon - Thu): 650-949-7288, Tel (Fri): 415-337-1100 x 120, FAX: 415-337-5205 E-mail: fraknoiandrew@fhda.edu

LEONID MULTI-INSTRUMENT AIRCRAFT CAMPAIGN 2002 LEONID MAC MISSION BEST YET

Peter Jenniskens

The NASA and USAF sponsored 2002 Leonid MAC mission was a great success. Both aircraft were above clouds and under perfect conditions for viewing both of the 2002 Leonid storms enroute from Torrejon, Spain, to Offutt AFB near Omaha, Nebraska. All instruments worked as expected and aurora, moon, and meteors made the view scenic and truly spectacular at times. The Leonid meteor storms occurred much as predicted. European observers saw the peak at 04:09 UT (ZHR = 2,300/hr - with the absolute scale still rather uncertain), while observers in the America's witnessed a storm peaking at 10:50 UT (ZHR = 2,600/hr). Both peaks were narrow, with a full-width-at-half-maximum of only 0.52 and 0.50 hours, respectively. Both peaks were also rich in faint meteors. As a result, the near-full Moon and bad weather at prime observing sites made visual observations from the ground difficult. Preliminary results from 1-minute counts gathered by Morris Jones and seven other members of the flux measurement team on board NASA's DC-8 Airborne Laboratory during the 2002 Leonid MAC mission show a very precise flux profile. Preliminary results (with a 3-point average and given in 2-minute intervals) are presented in the Table below.

These 2002 Leonid storm observations provide important new data for dust trail models. The dynamic models by Lyytinen et al. and Vaubaillon were only minutes off from the observed peak time. The fact that the flux profiles are narrow is very significant, because it demonstrates that the dust trails do not widen over time, as in the models by Lyytinen et al. (radiation pressure) and those by Asher & McNaught and Vaubaillon (a.o., from dynamic forces). In fact, the measured width is only slightly narrower than predicted by Jenniskens, who had 0.64 and 0.60 hrs, respectively. In addition, the strong showing in Europe confirms the small trail shifts noticed earlier. The most important result may have been the high abundance of faint meteors. While predicted in some models, the distribution of meteoroid sizes in the trails is still poorly understood, and the new observations will help put constraints on this variable.

A high background of activity persisted between the two storm peaks. That background may reflect the 1833 dust trail encounter (Lyytinen's prediction put the encounter

time at 06:36 UT), or it could be a manifestation of the Leonid Filament.

Graphs of the results have been posted at our website: <http://leonid.arc.nasa.gov>. Results of other scientific efforts will be posted as they become available.

The flux measurement team consisted of Morris Jones, Chris Crawford, Jane Houston-Jones, Bob Lunsford, David Holman, Peter Gural, David Nugent, and Ruediger Jehn, the latter representing ESA. The data were analyzed by Peter Jenniskens, Morris Jones, David Holman, Chris Crawford, and Peter Gural. A further improvement of results is expected when the sky limiting magnitude and magnitude size distribution have been studied in more detail, and when also the FISTA video tapes (operated by Mike Koop) have been examined. Also, Jim Richardson and a team of observers gathered additional data from a ground site at Mount Lemmon Observatory in Tucson, Arizona.

We thank the aircraft operators at NASA Dryden Flight Research Center, notably mission managers Bob Curry and Chris Jennison, and at the USAF 418th Flight Test Squadron, especially mission managers Don Bustillos and Jon Haser for their heroic efforts to make the 2002 Leonid MAC mission possible. Some 300 people took responsibility for bringing various aspects of the campaign together. Our host at Torrejon in Spain was Juan Perez-Mercader, the director of the Center for Astrobiology (CAB). Capt. Rafael Gomez-Blanco made the logistic arrangements. The mission was sponsored by NASA's Astrobiology Program (Mike Meyer), NASA's Planetary Astronomy program (John Hillman), and by NASA Ames Research Center (Greg Schmidt). Support was also received from the Center for Astrobiology and the European Space Agency. The participation of individual research teams was made possible by local institutes and organizations. The mission was executed as part of the Aerospace MOIE program (Ray Russell). I also thank Hal Roey, Brenda Simmons, Debbie Kolyer, Sue Lehr, Edna deVore, and Chris Chyba of the SETI Institute for their efforts on behalf of this final Leonid Multi-Instrument Aircraft Campaign.

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3.417	236.5853	514	66	5.350	236.6665	520	184	7.700	236.7653	140	38
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4.350	236.6245	1562	99	6.617	236.7197	280	51	8.633	236.8045	212	48
4.383	236.6259	1467	97	6.650	236.7211	204	41	8.667	236.8059	286	41
4.417	236.6273	1471	91	6.683	236.7225	164	35	8.700	236.8073	147	31
4.450	236.6287	1193	83	6.717	236.7239	155	42	8.733	236.8087	171	34
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4.717	236.6399	821	111	6.983	236.7351	157	29	9.000	236.8199	146	37
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9.667	236.8479	261	33	10.700	236.8913	2154	99	11.733	236.9348	331	38
9.700	236.8493	282	36	10.733	236.8927	2255	114	11.767	236.9362	389	57
9.733	236.8507	328	39	10.767	236.8941	2817	124	11.800	236.9375	324	46
9.767	236.8521	203	31	10.800	236.8955	2410	110	11.833	236.9389	271	38
9.800	236.8535	285	39	10.833	236.8969	2820	111	11.867	236.9404	339	50
9.833	236.8549	354	52	10.867	236.8983	2702	151	11.900	236.9418	260	47
9.867	236.8563	275	33	10.900	236.8997	2667	106	11.933	236.9432	221	40
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10.033	236.8633	314	38	11.067	236.9067	1360	105				
10.067	236.8647	322	31	11.100	236.9081	1270	112				

Silicon Valley Astronomy Lecture Series

Wednesday * January 29, 2003 * 7 p.m.

Dr. Gibor Basri (University of California, Berkeley) will give a non-technical illustrated talk on *Failed Stars or Supergiant Planets: A Cosmic Identity Crisis* in the Smithwick Theater, Foothill College, El Monte Road and Freeway 280, in Los Altos Hills, California Free and open to the public. Call the series hotline at 650-949-7888 for more information. Co-sponsored by: NASA Ames Research Center, Foothill College Astronomy Program, SETI Institute, Astronomical Society of the Pacific

Dr. Basri, who has made pioneering observations of the mysterious objects called "brown dwarfs," will discuss the shadowy realms that lie between being a planet and being a star -- a realm which we have only been able to get information about in the last few years. In the process, he will explain how astronomers are learning to make more sophisticated distinctions about exactly what it takes to be a star.



Benjamin Dean Lecture Series Presents

Dissecting Solar Systems

Dr. Jack Lissauer, NASA-Ames Research Center

Earthlike Planets: How They Form and How We Can Find Them

January 21, 2002 – 7:30 p.m. – In the Planetarium

NASA's Kepler Mission is being designed to detect earthlike planets in extra-solar planetary systems.

Tickets - \$3.00 each

DEAN LECTURE INFORMATION LINE: (415) 750-7141

NCHALADA LXIII

The sixty-third meeting of the Northern California Historical Astronomy Luncheon and Discussion Association will be held at the Chabot Space and Science Center on Saturday, February 1, 2003 starting at 10 AM.

The morning session topic will be History of Astronomy on the Internet, chaired by Bruce R. Mehlman. The topic should be read as resources on the internet for the history of astronomy.

In the afternoon Celeste Burrows of the Chabot Space and Science Center will lead a discussion on Astronomical Instruments from 200 BCE to 1600 CE. This will cover everything from the first serious instruments to just before the invention of the telescope.

Please forward this mail to anyone who would be interested in these subjects, or in the history of astronomy in general.

To be added to (or removed from) this list, please contact me, Bruce R. Mehlman, at mehlman@earthlink.net.

For more information about the group, please contact Norm Sperling, nsperling@california.com.

The NCHALADA web site is at www.nchalada.org

SFAA 2003 Calendar

JANUARY

- 8 Board Meeting
7:00 p.m.
- 11 Annual Awards Dinner
6:30 p.m.

FEBRUARY

- 8 City Star Party
5:30 p.m.
- 12 Board Meeting
7:00 p.m.
- 19 General Meeting
& Lecture
7:00 p.m.

MARCH

- 8 City Star Party
6:00 p.m.
- 12 Board Meeting
7:00 p.m.
- 19 General Meeting
& Lecture
7:00 p.m.

APRIL

- 5 Mt. Tam Star Party
7:00 p.m.
- 9 Board Meeting
7:00 p.m.
- 12 City Star Party
7:30 p.m.
- 16 General Meeting
& Lecture
7:00 p.m.

MAY

- 3 Mt. Tam Star Party
8:30 p.m.
- 10 City Star Party
8:00 p.m.
- 14 Board Meeting
7:00 p.m.
- 21 General Meeting
& Lecture
7:00 p.m.
- 31 Mt. Tam Star Party
8:30 p.m.

JUNE

- 7 City Star Party
8:30 p.m.
- 11 Board Meeting
7:00 p.m.
- 18 General Meeting
& Lecture
7:00 p.m.
- 28 Mt. Tam Star Party
8:30 p.m.

JULY

- 5 City Star Party
8:30 p.m.
- 9 Board Meeting
7:00 p.m.
- 16 General Meeting
& Lecture
7:00 p.m.
- 26 Mt. Tam Star Party
8:30 p.m.

AUGUST

- 2 City Star Party
8:00 p.m.
- 13 Board Meeting
7:00 p.m.
- 20 General Meeting
& Lecture
7:00 p.m.
- 30 Mt. Tam Star Party
8:00 p.m.

SEPTEMBER

- 6 City Star Party
7:30 p.m.
- 10 Board Meeting
7:00 p.m.
- 17 General Meeting
& Lecture
7:00 p.m.
- 27 Mt. Tam Star Party
7:30 p.m.

OCTOBER

- 4 City Star Party
6:30 p.m.
- 8 Board Meeting
7:00 p.m.
- 15 General Meeting
& Lecture
7:00 p.m.

NOVEMBER

- 12 Board Meeting
7:00 p.m.
- 19 General Meeting
& Lecture
7:00 p.m.

DECEMBER

- 10 Board Meeting
7:00 p.m.
- 17 General Meeting,
Elections &
Member's Night
7:00 p.m.

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