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Newsletter for the

Milwaukee Astronomical Society

September 1993

From The Editor

After the sad loss of our president and friend Doc Wiesen, the MAS Board acted to fill the vacancies in our organization. **Matthew McNeely** was elected as President, **Tim Burrus** as Vice President and **Paul Sorenson** as a board member. We welcome them

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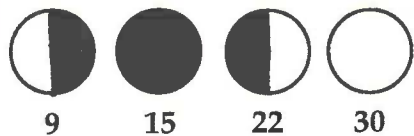
to their new positions and extend thanks for their volunteered commitments.

Reminder: there are a still a few Open Houses left this season, all volunteers are appreciated!

-Tom Gill

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Program/Meeting

Our speaker for the first meeting of the season, September 17, will be MAS member **William Albrecht**. His topic is "Reminiscences of An Ancient Astronomer." William, who lives in Pahala, Hawaii, is our westernmost and southernmost member. The meeting starts at 8pm at the MAS Observatory rain or shine.

-Tim Burrus



Board members note: the September board meeting will be held just before the program/meeting.

Calendar of Events

- September 10-13, Friday..... **ASTROFEST**
- September 17, Friday..... **8:00 pm Program-Meeting**
Board meeting at 7:30 pm
- September 24, Friday..... **OPEN HOUSE - Pluto, 8pm**
Deadline for next Focal Point
- October 6, Wednesday..... **First Wednesday Meeting**
7:30 at the Observatory
- October 8, Friday..... **OPEN HOUSE - Saturn, 8pm**
- October 11, Monday..... **MAS Board Meeting**
7:30pm at Observatory
- October 22, Friday..... **8:00 pm Program-Meeting**

Saturday Nights—Member night at Observatory—Call key holder

Library News

We are pleased to announce that **Mary Ann Tangney** has volunteered to take on the duties of Assistant Librarian. Our deepest gratitude goes to **June Regis**, the "retiring" Assistant, who began in 1987 to get our library set up according to professional standards of cataloging and organization. June will continue to maintain the principal accession records.

John Wiesen, number one son of our late president Dr. Richard, has donated a number of books and periodicals from Doc's library. Thanks to this generous memorial, we will be able to appreciate more fully the breadth of his interests. Space permits only and idea of what to look for:

Telescope Making magazine - many gaps filled in our collection
The Griffith Observer - several years' worth
ASTROPHOTOGRAPHY - 4 books and a pamphlet
CELESTIAL MECHANICS and ASTRONOMICAL MATHEMATICS - 7 books
COSMOLOGY and GENERAL ASTRONOMY - 7 books
ATLASES and PICTORIAL GUIDES - 4 books (including Vehrenberg)
...and many more.

Some of the record number of attenders at the August First Wednesday have beaten you to the borrowing "punch," so hurry on out for a good selection.

-Sally Waraczynski

Shopping, Anyone?

From your grocery shopping comes funds for library materials. The MAS receives 1% of the cash register receipts from ALL CUB food stores & from 3 selected Pick 'N Saves: at Tri-City, 6312 S. 27th St., 68th & State, 124th & Capitol. If you shop at any of these stores, please save the receipts for us (you must ask for the "We Care" sticker at PNS). Bring the receipts to meetings, drop them in the deposit box in the Observatory or mail them to **Karen Wesener**, 8150 Legend Dr., Franklin, WI 53132-9623. Ask friends, relatives and neighbors to save them also. To those of you already participating - Thank You!

So You Want to Be Famous?

Earn your Messier, Herschel or Burnham Club Certificates and be famous! The Messier Club is a set of 207 of the best deep-sky objects in the sky while the Herschel Club requires you to observe 400 much more challenging objects and the Burnham Club consists of 87 multiple stars that can be seen with the smallest of telescopes. To help you in this quest for fame, the MAS has Observing Club Booklets available for both the Messier and Burnham Clubs. Just send an 8.5 by 11 in. envelope with enough postage for 4 oz. (98 cents) to: Lee Keith, MAS Observing Clubs Coordinator, 8150 S. Legend Dr., Franklin, WI 53132-

Doc Wiesen Memorial Fund

The MAS Board is in the process of deciding how to best utilize the funds received from the Richard Wiesen Memorial Fund. If you have an opinion on the matter, please contact president Matthew McNeely. If you would like to make a contribution to the fund, make a check payable to the Milwaukee Astronomical Society and forward it to Marty Brunet, Treasurer, 2329 Hughes Lane, Waukesha, WI 53188.

Southern Skies - Revisited

MAS member **Alan Dyer's** informative and entertaining talk on the Southern Skies will be broadcast on the award-winning show "The Starry Messenger" (produced by member **Jim Kube**). The show is carried on Crown (ch 13A & 9B) and Warner (ch 11B) Cable TV. Check local listings for time. The show also includes interpretation for deaf viewers.

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MAS Observatory

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For Sale

C8 w/tripod, wedge, 8x50 right angle finder, 12v converter, 40mm Super Plossl, 25mm Kellner, 16 & 9mm Naglers (!), barlow, LPR filter, case, COMPLETE astrophoto package: Nikon camera w/intenscreen, adapter, T-ring, off-axis guider, balance system, illum. reticle. Hardly used, like new! \$1295. Call Lee Keith 425-2331.

Orion alt-az slo-mo control. Fits on camera tripod or any 1/4-20 bolt. Brand new. \$35. **Prinz Tripod**, medium duty- good for small refractor or copyscope, tubular legs, opens to 60", \$35. Both for \$65. Tom Gill, 476-6986

Saturday Night Keyholders

Sep 4	Terry Ross	784-2093
11	Tom Schmidtkunz	352-1674
18	Peter Smitka	785-0926
25	Virgil Tangney	327-7976
Oct 2	TBA to find out who keyholder is on Oct 2, call FP editor	
9	Ken Waraczynski	321-0918