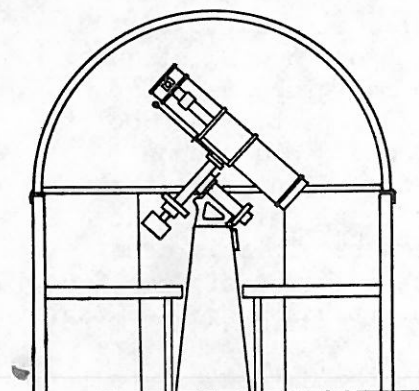




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DECEMBER MEETING: Our annual Christmas Party will take place on December 13, 1968 at 8:00 PM, at the Museum. As usual, this meeting will combine a serious program by Olga and Ed Lindberg, "TYCHO BRAHE", with the more distaff side of our roving - roaming photographer-treasurer, Edith Geiger's annual presentation of "FACES IN THE CROWD". Naturally, this promises to be an informative as well as entertaining program and we urge all to come and bring their friends, etc. Welcome Ed and Olga, and welcome, too, Edith(!)!

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NOTE FROM THE PRESIDENT: At each meeting there are some members who bring along evidences of their astronomical activities - drawings, photographs, mirrors, etc. And at each meeting these members display their accomplishments rather furtively to a select or non-select group of interested members. Well, actually, we all are interested in the activities of our members. Therefore it has been decided to devote some time at each meeting to very brief reports of members concerning their activities or at least to an official display of their achievements - please display all your items of interest to the rest of the membership on the long table in front of the room. If you do not have any labels to go with them, see one of the officers and we'll arrange for a quick labelling prior to the meeting. Henceforth, any member who is seen displaying any drawings, photographs, etc. in a furtive manner (other than on the table) will be fined one dollar!

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NOTE FROM THE TREASURER: At a recent meeting of the board of directors it was decided to change our fiscal year so that it coincides with our meeting year, i. e. from September 1 to August 31. During the change-over from January 1969 to August 1969 dues will be as follows: Family membership (ordinarily \$ 8.00)= \$ 4.50; Individual membership (ordinarily \$ 5.00)= \$ 3.00; Student membership (ordinarily \$ 3.00)= \$ 1.50. Please note that this reduced membership applies only for the change-over, and reduced rates are payable either at the December 1968 or January 1969 meeting. Regular membership rates for 1969-70 become then payable in September 1969. So please bring your reduced dues to the next meeting. Edith Geiger will have a table set aside for the business transaction. By paying now you actually save! So please pay now!!

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NIAGARA FRONTIER COUNCIL OF AMATEUR ASTRONOMICAL ASSOCIATIONS. *

The third meeting of the NFCAAA was held at the Buffalo Museum of Science on November 2, 1968. The chairman was Ralph Dakin of Rochester, N.Y. (elected to this position at the previous meeting for the period of one year) with our own Ed Lindberg serving as secretary. Nineteen delegates representing the following clubs were in attendance: Buffalo, Finger Lakes (Geneva), Hamilton (Ontario), Lockport, M-31 Society (Erie, Pa.), Rochester, and Syracuse. Among the items discussed and decided upon were the following: 1) A listing of participating clubs with information about their meetings and other activities will be sent regularly to each official delegate who will pass it on to his club officers for dissemination among members. This is done to encourage visits by interested persons to other clubs. 2) The question of fees for guest speakers was left to the decision of each individual club. It was suggested that speakers be at least re-imbursed for their travel expenses. 3) Individual clubs are urged to exchange their newsletters with other clubs and to make them available to their membership. 4) It was decided not to draw up a charter and by-laws for the NFCAAA on the grounds that so far the meetings have been very successful without them. 5) Each club represented at this meeting was charged one dollar to defray mailing expenditures. 6) The Syracuse group, which is going through a low period of activity, was assured that it could draw from the speaker pool, despite the fact that it is not now contributing to this pool. It is one of the functions of the NFCAAA to help new or struggling clubs with programming of meetings. 7) A telephone link has been established between Newfane, Lockport and Batavia for the purpose of rapid communication of information concerning auroras, halos, etc. - The next meeting of the NFCAAA will take place on Saturday, April 26, 1969, at the Buffalo Museum of Science. (the above has been condensed from the official minutes of the NFCAAA). *

WE EXTEND TO ALL MEMBERS AND FRIENDS THE BEST WISHES FOR THE HOLIDAY SEASON. *****

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