



THE SPECTRUM

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SEPTEMBER MEETING: Our first meeting of the new season will be held at the Museum of Science on Friday, September 12, 1969, at 8:00 PM, EDT. Our speaker will be Mr. Richard Karlson, who will present an illustrated lecture on STONEHENGE, the Neolithic structure which according to some authorities was some sort of computer. Mr. Karlson is associated with Eastman Kodak and he is a member of the Astronomy Section of the Rochester Museum of Science. He has visited Stonehenge on several occasions. We are happy to welcome to our association MR. RICHARD KARLSON!

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DUES ARE DUE AGAIN: Our members will recall that last year we changed our fiscal year to make it coincident with the meeting year (see Spectrum, December 1968). Dues are payable during September 1969 to cover the coming year (September 1969 to August 1970). Dues are as follows: Individual Membership = \$ 5.00; Family Membership = \$ 8.00; Student Membership = \$ 3.00 (High School and College). Please pay promptly - see Edith Geiger at the September meeting.

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* SPY AND TELL * The Lindbergs (Ed and Olga) just returned from Europe - they traveled through Finland, Norway, Sweden and also visited Paris. And they were exhausted! Visited several astronomical observatories, were wine and dined in Helsinki ... * * * ... Fred Flederbach is touring astronomical points of interest in Munich and Paris * * * ... * * * Our best wishes go to Walter Semerau who recently retired from the Linde Division of Union Carbide. Walt was concerned that lack of work would drive him insane, but he is busier now than ever (can anyone imagine Walt not being busy???) ... * * * ... Speaking of Walt - August issue of SKY AND TELESCOPE carried some of his very fine solar pictures obtained with his new Littrow Spectrograph - Spectroheliograph. * * * ... * * * And latest issue of the REFLECTOR, the Astronomical League Bulletin had an article by Orrin Christy and also reprinted Kurt Erland's "How many Stars?" ... * * * ... Understand that most of the star parties were rained or clouded out, except Stoklosa's - sorry I missed all; but here is one for REAL enthusiasm: Richard Janas bicycling from Buffalo to Les Stoklosa's star party - had a flat tire in Hamburg, hitched a ride with his bike under his arm, and then carried it up a 45° slope! Don't know about his return trip to Buffalo, but wish more members were that eager!!! * * * ... * * * Fred Price, our president, again vacationed in England and (supposedly) visited astronomical facilities. He is working on a text book (Molecular Biology?) ... * * * ... If we reported nothing about YOUR summer activity, it's because nobody told us.*

* B.A.A. ASTROPHOTOGRAPHY EXHIBIT STILL NOT READY * We are still waiting patiently for YOUR promised photographs for the up-coming astrophotography exhibit. Due to various unforeseen circumstances, the opening of this important exhibit had to be postponed - so there is still time for YOU to enter your photo. The exhibit is now scheduled for late October 1969. P L E A S E S U B M I T Y O U R P H O T O S B E F O R E T H E E N D O F S E P T E M B E R (submit to E. Both, Buffalo Museum of Science, Buffalo, NY 14211. Any size, black and white, or color). eeb.

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ALAN GEE MOVES TO BOSTON - Although not a member of the BAA, Mr. Alan Gee is well-known to many members. His association with the museum over the past ten years represents a milestone in the growth of Kellogg Observatory. He built and donated a 6-inch f/10 refractor, a prominence monochromator, the heliostat, telescope and relay system of the Solar Lab, and he completely overhauled the drive system of the 8-inch Lundin refractor. Because of his frequent business trips to Europe, Alan Gee found it necessary to move to Boston, Mass. He will continue to serve on the museum's Board of Managers. Buffalo's loss is Boston's gain - we are grateful for all the help he so generously gave and we are richer for having had the privilege of his association. eeb.

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