



WELCOME TO THE 41st STELLAFANE CONVENTION ON BREEZY HILL
SPRINGFIELD, VERMONT SATURDAY, JULY 31, 1976
"The Birthplace of Amateur Telescope Making"
1926 - 1976

This is the 50th Anniversary of the first Stellafane Convention which was held on July 3rd, 1926.

On Friday evening, July 30th, at 8:30 o'clock, Walt Wheeler of the Springfield Telescope Makers will monitor talks under the tent. If you wish to contribute a short, interesting talk for this session then you must submit a short description of your presentation with your registration form. Such talks are limited to 25 slide pictures and 15 minutes speaking time. A 35 mm slide projector and a 16 mm movie projector will be available for your use.

Following the slide show, the Porter Turret Telescope will be open for observing the heavens (weather permitting).

The newly established Hartness-Porter Museum of Amateur Telescope Making, located in the underground rooms at Hartness House will be open for Stellafane goers on Saturday morning, July 31st, from 9:00 to 11:00 o'clock. Look for the sign on the Hartness House lawn pointing to the entrance.

Light lunches will be available at Stellafane on Friday night and Barbequed Chicken dinners will be available (\$3.75) for Saturday lunch and supper, as well as other snacks and goodies.

This is a convention of amateur telescope makers. If you have built a telescope, we encourage you to bring it with you to the convention and enter it in our contests. Awards will be given for "The Best Junior Telescope" (made by a person under 16 years of age), and "The Best Ladies' Telescope," as well as for other special categories. Judging for Mechanical Excellence will commence at 12:00 noon. Please have your instrument on display by that time. Judges will start judging as soon thereafter as possible in order that they may be free to participate in the afternoon talks under the tent. Judging for Optical Excellence will commence immediately following the evening talks. Only telescopes which are operative both mechanically and optically will be acceptable in the contests.

JUDGING COMMITTEE: Dennis DiCicco and James Daley, Co-chairmen

Mario Antonucci	Ralph Dakin	George Keene	Camille Melancon
Fred Baker	Donald Dilworth	Fred Lossing	Richard Sander
Jonas Carol	Walter Farrar	Thomas Madigan	Roger Tuthill
Fred Chellis	Moody Kalbfleisch	Jean Majeau	Robert Vangor

AFTERNOON PROGRAM

Allan Mackintosh of Bloomington, Indiana will monitor informal talks under the tent from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

"A Simple Cross-Hair Micrometer" - Dr. Sidney Ingram, Bedminster, N. J.
"Making Maksutovs" - Dr. Ferdinand I. Baar, Rome, N. Y.
"Occultations" - Dr. Wayne H. Warren, Jr., NASA Goddard Space Flight Center, MD.
"You Can Observe in the City" - E. Talmage Mentall, Dorchester, Mass.
"A Simple Roll-off Roof Observatory" - Michael Mattei, Littleton, Mass.

EVENING PROGRAM

Paul Valleli of Burlington, Mass. is the Master of Ceremonies this year and he will preside over the Twilight Talks from 8:00 to 9:00 Saturday night.

"Words of Welcome" Gov. Joseph B. Johnson

"Stellafane Shadowgram" Walter Scott Houston

"Giant Parabola in an Eggshell,
or, A Telescope You Listen

Through" Alan B. Rohwer, Springfield Telescope
Makers

Judging for Optical Excellence will take place immediately following the evening program (weather permitting). The Porter Turret Telescope will be open for viewing the night sky. Red Filters must be used on all flashlights during observing hours.

A registration fee is required to cover the expenses of the meeting. You are urged to pre-register by mail before July 20th, using the enclosed registration card. Please mail the card (with a check for \$3.00 payable to SPRINGFIELD TELESCOPE MAKERS) to:

Fred F. Chellis; 476 Elm Street; Concord, Massachusetts 01742

The registration fee is \$3.00 if received before July 20th. It will cost you \$4.00 if you choose to wait and register at the meeting. Your non-participating guests (wife or girlfriend) are welcome without charge, but please list them on the registration card for our records. No fee for those under 16 years of age. Your cancelled check is your receipt. You will receive no confirmation and there will be no refunds. Pick up your name tag (which will be already filled out with your name) at the registration gate.

IF YOU WISH TO BE KEPT ON OUR MAILING LIST, THEN YOU MUST FILL OUT AND RETURN THE REGISTRATION CARD.

All non campers will please park their automobiles in orderly lines as directed. NO OPEN FIRES ARE PERMITTED ANYWHERE ON THE GROUNDS AT ANY TIME.

There will be controlled traffic for round trips from the parking area to the summit for unloading telescopes for the contest.

Water will be provided at the camping area starting on Friday night.

For hotel, motel, and room reservations, write to: The Hartness House; 30 Orchard St.; Springfield, VT 05156; Attention of Mrs. Ruth Crawford.

A STATEMENT ON COMMERCIAL EXHIBITS TO OUR CONVENTION GUESTS

To maintain the strict spirit of amateur telescope making unique to the Stellafane conventions, no exhibits of a commercial nature will be allowed near the clubhouse, in the camping field, or in any area where convention guests might congregate on Breezy Hill. A commercial exhibit shall be interpreted as: a display of any commercial products which are the property of the parent company, handing out of company literature by company representatives or other persons, and solicitation for periodical subscriptions and other business ventures. Guests are encouraged to report objectionable action to someone of the Stellafane Committee.

STELLAFANE COMMITTEE
James Daley
Alan Rohwer
Berton Willard
Walter Wheeler