



WELCOME TO THE 42nd STELLAFANE CONVENTION ON BREEZY HILL
SPRINGFIELD, VERMONT - SATURDAY, AUG, 6, 1977
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On Friday evening, Aug. 5th, 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 Hartness - Porter Museum of Amateur Telescope Making, located in the underground rooms at Hartness House, will be open for Stellafane goers on Saturday morning, August 6th, from 9:00 to 12:00 noon. 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 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 to the convention and to enter it in the contests. Awards will be given for "The Best Junior Telescope" (made by a person under 16 yrs 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 at that time. Judges will start judging as soon thereafter as possible in order that they may be free to attend 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 accepted in the contests.

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

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

AFTERNOON PROGRAM

George E. Gould of Rockville, Maryland will monitor informal talks under the tent from 2:00 p.m. until 4:00 p.m.

"Design Considerations for Telescope Automation" - Mark Trueblood, Washington DC

"Building and Debugging Electronics for Telescope Automation" -
Vince Sempronio (A1C) USAF Washington, DC

"Fantastic Primitive Sundials" - Zvi Gazari, Rocky Point, NY

"Black Holes - A Recycled Universe" - Dr. John Eisle, Hillcrest Heights, MD

Following the afternoon talks there will be a meeting of The Mak Club, which will be chaired by Allan Mackintosh.

EVENING PROGRAM

Allan Mackintosh of Bloomington, Indiana 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

"Eclipse Chasing Around the World"..... Ralph Dakin

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 over all flashlights during observing hours.

A registration fee is required to cover expenses of the meeting. You are urged to pre-register by mail before July 24th, using the enclosed registration card. 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 24th. It will cost you \$4.00 if you choose to wait and register at the gate. 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 already be 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 contests.

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

A STATEMENT ON COMMERCIAL EXHIBITS TO OUR CONVENTION GUESTS

To maintain the strict spirit of amateur telescope making, unique to Stellafane Conventions, no exhibits of a commercial nature will be allowed near the clubhouse, in the camping field, or in any other area where convention guests may 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 any 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