



WELCOME TO THE 41ST STELLAFANE MEETING ON BREEZY HILL
SPRINGFIELD, VERMONT. SATURDAY, AUGUST 9, 1975
"The Birthplace of Amateur Telescope Making"
1925 - 1975

On Friday evening, August 8th, 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 newly reconditioned 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 a pre-dedication viewing by Stellafane Convention goers on Saturday morning, August 9th, from 9:00 to 11:00 o'clock. Look for the sign on the Hartness House lawn pointing to the entrance.

The STM's have been granted permission to issue a limited edition pewter reproduction of one of R.W.P.'s famous TN castings - proceeds from the sale of these plaques will go toward defraying the costs of establishing the museum and restoring the Hartness Turret Telescope. Samples will be on display at the museum and orders may be placed during the above hours.

Telescopes to be judged for Mechanical Excellence must be properly registered and tagged and on exhibit by 12:00 noon at the latest. Judges will start the judging as soon thereafter as possible in order that they may be free to participate in the afternoon talks under the tent.

JUDGING COMMITTEE: Paul Valleli and James Daley / Co-chairmen

Fred F. Chellis	George Keene	Henry E. Paul	John E. Welch
Ralph K. Dakin	Edward Lindberg	Fred Lossing	Bert Willard
Warren Fillmore	Gene A. Lucas	Alan Rohwer	George Wood
John F. Gregory	Allan Mackintosh	Roger Tuthill	

AFTERNOON PROGRAM

Paul Valleli of Burlington, Mass. will monitor informal talks under the tent from 2:00 P.M. to 4:00 P.M.

"Experiments with Fired Clay Mirrors" - Donald C. Dilworth; W. Medford, Mass.

"The Optics of Galileo and Newton" - Ralph K. Dakin; Pittsford, N.Y.

"An Electronic Guider for Astrophotography" - Dr. George East, Jr.; Randolph, Mass.

"Local Polish - Thin Flint - Glass Ring" - making America's first commercial telescopes - Norman Sperling; Princeton, N.J.

"Precise Alignment of the Equatorial Telescope" - B.L. Souther; Ellicott City, Md.

At the close of the session, Allan Mackintosh will preside over the Mak Club meeting.

EVENING PROGRAM

Ralph K. Dakin of Pittsford, New York, is the Master of Ceremonies this year and he will preside over the Twilight Talks from 8:00 to 9:30 P.M. Saturday night.

"Words of Welcome" . . . Gov. Joseph B. Johnson

"Stellafane Shadowgram" . . . Walter Scott Houston

"Why Not an Armchair Astronomer" - an entertaining talk illustrated with colored slides by Kenneth J. Brown; Astronomy Section of Rochester Academy of Sciences.

Judging for Optical Excellence will take place immediately following the evening program (weather permitting.) The newly restored 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 will be required to cover the expenses of the meeting. You are urged to pre-register by mail 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

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

Pre-register by mail before AUGUST 1st and save your money and the Committee's time. The registration fee is \$3.00 if received before August 1st. 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, no refunds. Pick up your name tag (already filled in with your name) at the registration desk on Saturday morning.

All non campers will please park their cars in orderly lines as directed. NO OPEN FIRES PERMITTED. Sleeping in the clubhouse or observatory is not permitted. There will be controlled traffic for round trips from the parking area to the summit for unloading only. Water will be provided at the camping area starting Friday night. No Commercial displays will be allowed anywhere on the hill (including the camping and parking areas.)

For hotel, motel, and room reservations, write: The Hartness House, 30 Orchard Street, Springfield, Vermont 05156, Attn: Mr. Kingsley Smith.

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
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Walter Wheeler