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CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES

(All activities are PM and are at the Observatory unless noted otherwise.)

September 5 Tues. LAS Meeting 7:30
13 Wed. KCO Public Nights begin 8:00
9 Sat. Cookout/Observing night 6:00 (last chance, maybe)
12 Tues. Board Meeting 8:30
17 Solar Sunday 1:00 to 3:00

October 3 Tues. LAS Meeting 7:30
7 Sat. Cookout/Observing night 6:00 (last chance, really)
10 Tues. Board Meeting 8:30
15 Solar Sunday 1:00 to 3:00

Sat. 28 BIG NYC BUS TRIP !!! (details in the article)

November 7 Tues. LAS Meeting and election 7:30
11 Sat. Observing night 9:00 Featuring Jupiter and Saturn!
12 Solar Sunday 1:00 to 3:00
14 Tues. Board Meeting 8:30
KCO Public nights end probably on Nov 15

December 5 Tues. LAS Meeting (Christmas party) 7:30
9 Sat. Observing night 9:00 Featuring Jupiter and Saturn!
10 Solar Sunday 1:00 to 3:00
12 Tues. Board Meeting 8:30

KEYHOLDER LIST 2000

All Keyholders have the keys to the gate and the LAS observatory. Only the observatory assistants also have the keys to Keystone College Observatory's classroom building and the dome. So for the most comfort while observing on unscheduled nights, contact Jo-Ann and John first. Ray says that he and Nancy like to get to the observatory early, sometimes even before nightfall (!), so if you think the same way, call them first.

John D. Sabia 586-0789
 Jo-Ann Kamichitis 343-4006
 Ray Krake 344-9105
 Joe Krott 587-5917
 Carol Leola 586-1582
 Ron Murazzi 945-9645
 Don Murray 343-2394
 Jim Spangler 587-3972
 Mike Hodowanitz 383-7165
 Dave Barrett at PMO 842-1500
 Mark Thomas 868-1033

KCO phone 945-3665 (let it ring for a long time since people are not usually inside and it takes them time to respond)

LAS members are encouraged to bring up their own scopes but there are several scopes available up at the observatory for member use, including the club's 17½" Coulter Dob, homebuilt 12" Dob, and the 8" f/10 Dob. Members must be trained and checked out on the use of the 11"SCT before they can "solo" on it.

EDITOR'S REQUEST Please send any articles, poems, observations or pictures you'd like published in the newsletter to the editor at the address listed on the last page. I really prefer articles to be sent as TXT files (no other format please) to me at this e-mail address. JoAnnKami@aol.com

Pictures preferably in GIF or JPG format may also be sent to that address. I can read other formats though so if you're not sure, just ask me in an e-mail. I can also scan in prints to be used in the newsletter.

Jo-Ann Kamichitis

COOKOUTS CONTINUING

Due to the great success of the cookout /observing sessions, we're extending them into October (weather permitting of course). Seems like the prospect of a midnight hot dog snack really brings out the observers!

Please, when parking and setting scopes up in the back field, try to do so as compactly as possible. We're starting to have a problem with space. Look at the advantages. If you set up close to another scope there's less tramping around you'll have to do to observe what they want you to see in their scopes!

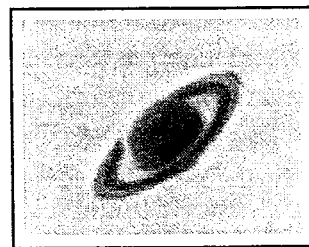
CHRISTMAS PARTY SCHEDULED

(What already!)

As usual, everyone is asked to bring something to the party and you will be reminded of that by an e-mail and a phone call.. The party will be at KCO as before. There is almost no business conducted at this meeting, just eating ... and observing if it is clear.

YOUR BIG CHANCE TO TAKE CONTROL!!

We're looking for people who want to hold office or serve on the board in 2001. If you want to nominate yourself or anyone else (with their consent of course) just call one of the officers. A preliminary list of nominees will be announced at the October meeting and elections will occur at the November meeting.



The BIG LAS BUS TRIP 2000!!!
American Museum of Natural History in NYC

Leaving from Keyser-Oak Shopping Center, Scranton PA.
 at 7:30 AM

Leaving AMNH, NYC at 6:00 PM.

Cost **\$20.00 per person (only covers the bus fare)**
 Please make out your checks to the Lacka. Astro. Society
 and mail the form to:

Jim Spangler
 103 Terrace Drive
 Clarks Summit PA 18411

Please make reservations by Oct 10th so we can determine if we must cancel the bus. Seats are given out on a first come, first served basis. You may contact Jim until Oct 26th to see if any seats are left. If there is a huge amount of interest we can always schedule another trip in the spring of 2001.

Other costs, as taken from the Museum's web site
 (<http://www.amnh.org/welcome/>)

Suggested Museum admission, including the brand new Rose Center for Earth and Space is \$10.00 adults, \$6.00 children, \$7.50 students and seniors. Admission is free for Museum members.

Admission Packages

- Option A - Museum and Rose Center Admission*
 Includes the Museum's 42 exhibition halls
 and the new Rose Center
 Adults \$10.00
 Children (2-12) \$6.00
 Seniors/Students \$7.50
 Adult Members Free
 Children Members Free
- Option B - Museum and Rose Center Plus Space Show
 Includes the Museum's 42 exhibition halls and
 the new Rose Center plus the all new Hayden
 Planetarium Space Show
 Adults \$19.00
 Children (2-12) \$11.50
 Seniors/Students \$14.00
 Adult Members \$9.50
 Children Members \$6.00
- Option C - Museum and Rose Center Plus a Special
 Exhibition or MAX® Film
 Includes the Museum and the new Rose Center
 plus one of the following: Fighting Dinosaurs
 or IMAX® Film
 Adults \$15.00

- Children (2-12) \$9.00
 - Seniors/Students \$11.00
 - Adult Members \$7.50
 - Children Members \$4.50
- Add-Ons to Options B and C Add any of the following:
- Fighting Dinosaurs or IMAX® Film
 Adults \$6.00
 - Children (2-12) \$3.50
 - Seniors/Students \$4.50
 - Adult Members \$3.00
 - Children Members \$2.00

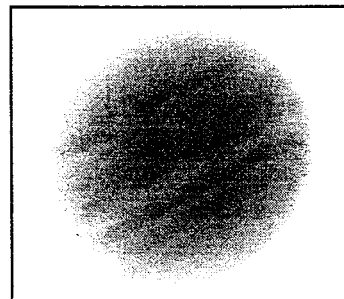
*Suggested donation for the Museum and the brand new Rose Center for Earth and Space. Admission fees help support the Museum's scientific research, exhibitions, and educational programming. Please pay the full amount. If this is not possible, please pay what you can. Thank you.

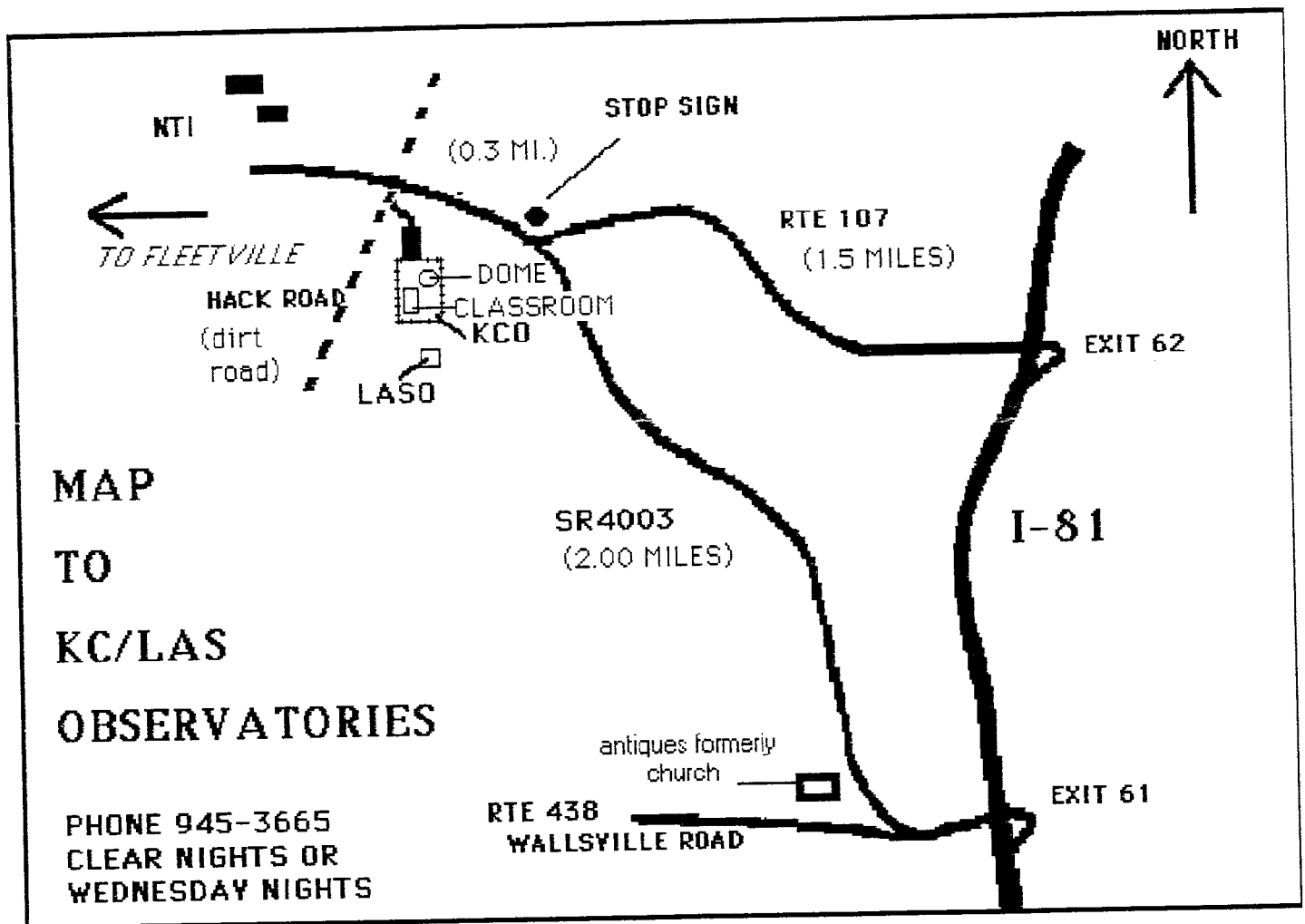
Advance Ticketing

Space Show in the new Hayden Planetarium:
 Tickets for the Space Show at the new Hayden Planetarium can be purchased online or by calling 212-769-5200, Monday through Friday, 8:00am-5:00pm and Saturdays, 10:00am-5:00pm. For pricing information and to order tickets online, see <http://www.amnh.org/rose>.

You can also order tickets for a specific IMAX film, a special exhibition, and lectures and special events via phone at 212-769-5200, Monday through Friday, 8:00am-5:00pm and Saturdays, 10:00am-5:00pm. American Express, MasterCard, or Visa accepted. If you order more than two weeks in advance you will receive your tickets by mail. Otherwise, you will be given specific instructions by the reservations operator.

Location: The American Museum of Natural History is located at Central Park West and 79th Street in New York City.
 Hours of Operation: The Museum is open every day except Thanksgiving and Christmas. Sunday-Thursday 10:00am to 5:45pm. Friday and Saturday 10:00am to 8:45pm.





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