



ABOUT THE SOUTH SHORE ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY JANURAY 20, 1978

MONTHLY MEETINGS. On the first Wednesday of each month the society meets at the South Shore Natural Science Center, Jacobs Lane, Norwell at ~~9:00~~ 8:00 PM. This meeting is a combination business meeting and astronomical lecture or program. Some of the recent programs have included movies and slides which were: "The Motions of the Planets," "New Astronomy Books," "Photography of Deep Sky Objects," "The October, 1977 Solar Eclipse Expeditions," and "The History of Astronomy in Eastern Massachusetts." We try to make our programs instructional to all those interested in astronomy. Upcoming programs are available in our newsletter or by calling club officers. The meetings are open to the public free of charge.

Monthly Notices of the South Shore Astronomical Society is our club newsletter, sent to all members before the monthly meetings of the society. It is a 2 to 3 page publication which contains an article about recent solar activity, the planets, and a club calender. Other articles and information of interest are also included each month. It is available free to non-members at the monthly meetings or by sending a self-addressed stamped envelope to: SSAS, 50 Reservoir Road, Cohasset, MA 02025.

CLUB TELESCOPE. The society has a 10 inch Cassegrain-reflecting telescope. This telescope is now nearing completion and will be permanently mounted at the South Shore Natural Science Center in Norwell. This is a very large telescope and will be completed in the spring of 1978. It will be used for public observing, section meetings, and some research.

MEMBERSHIP is open to all persons interseted in astronomy. Dues are \$12 for each year which includes a subscription to the magazine Sky and Telescope (usually available at \$10 a year), The Monthly Notices, and membership in the Astronomical League. Members get the newsletter Reflector from the league as well as other materials and publication at a very low cost.

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SECTIONS. The society has six sections each covering a branch of amateur astronomy. A section is lead by a coordinator who plans observing sessions and other meetings. The primary goal is education and they are conducted at a non-technical level. The meetings of the sections are printed in the newsletter and are given at the monthly meetings. Members as well as non-members are encouraged to contact the coordinators. The are:

- a. Deep Sky Objects Section, Donald Greely, Hingham, 749-3645.
- b. Lunar and Planetary Section, Jack O'Leary, Hanover, 878-9007.
- c. Astrophotography Section, George East, Randolph, 963-2265.
- d. Solar Section, John Nicholson, pro tem, Weymouth, 335-7178.
- e. Telescope Making Section, Michael Gurnis, pro tem, Cohasset, 383-1715.
- f. Variable Star and Occultation Section, Scott Obreza, Hanover, 878-4283.

OFFICERS. Our officers will provide any information about the society.

President John Nicholson (335-7178)

Treasurer Richard Cutler (328-3817)

Vice President Michael Gurnis (383-1715)