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Notes From the Annual Meeting

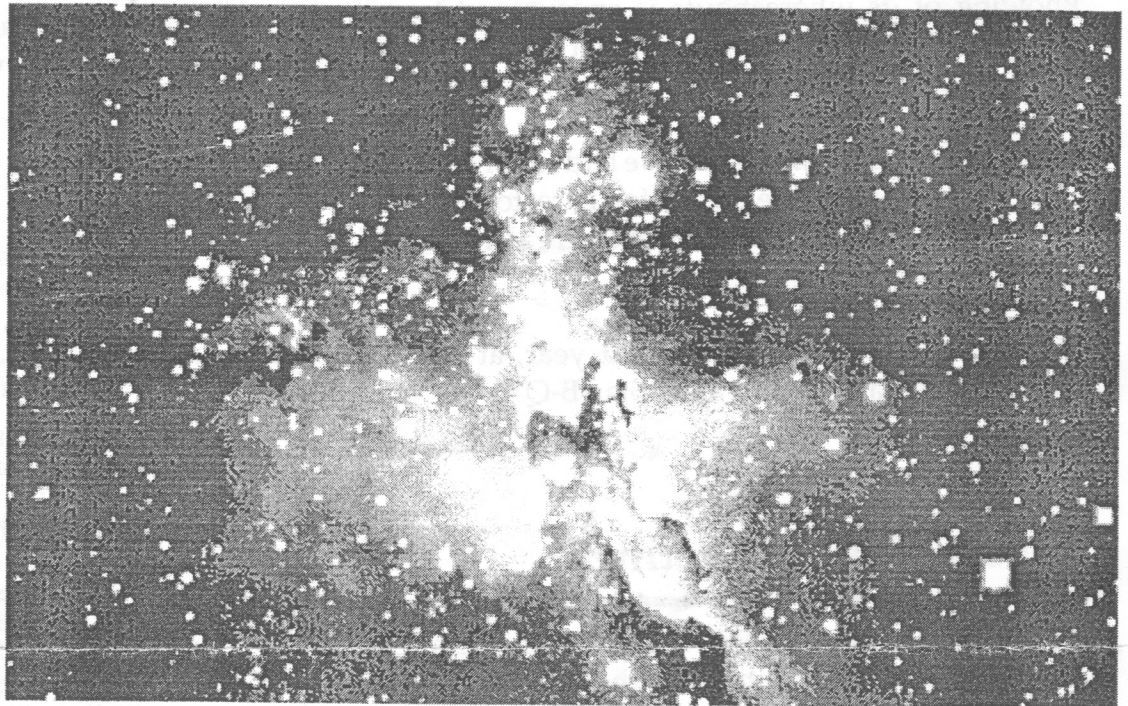
The FPOA's annual picnic and "Star-B-Q", held last August 1st, was an unqualified success! We had great food, lots of good wet fun with the supersoakers, and a fabulous evening for viewing the heavens. This year we had a jointly-sponsored picnic, hosted by the FPOA, the San Mateo Astronomical Society, and the San Jose Astronomical Association. Our combined efforts resulted in a large (over 100 people) and sociable group.

The festivities began around 1:30 in the afternoon with a playful water pistol fight. Frank Dibbell and Paul Medlock were sporting SuperSoaker 50's. A young fellow whose name I didn't catch had a smaller but highly accurate SuperSoaker 30. John Stewart came prepared, with a SuperSoaker 150 (inaccurate, but more than made up for in the volume of water it put out!). Finally, Rick Morales had a garden hose: devastating up close, but the range was limited by the length of the hose. Water play peaked around 4:00, but continued off and on throughout the early evening as new "victims" arrived.

Barbecue fires were started around 5:00 PM. The main course consisted of hamburgers made from
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M16 by Jeff Buell

This picture of M16 was taken by FPOA member Jeff Buell on July 2, 1992. He used hypered Tech Pan 2415 film at the prime focus of the 30-inch scope. No filters were used. This particular photograph is a candidate for the upcoming FPOA brochure.



Special Meeting October 24th

There will be a special meeting of the FPOA membership, to be held on 10/24/92, at 3:00PM, in the Observatory. The purpose of the meeting is to vote on changes to our Bylaws. Details on the next page.

Meeting (from Page 1)

Harris Ranch fresh ground beef (thank you Jack Zeiders - far superior to the Price Club burgers of past picnics!). Chicken and hot dogs were supplied by picnickers as well. In addition to the burgers and dogs, we had salads of all varieties, fresh fruits, cookies, home-baked pies and cakes.

Not everything went according to plan, however. A last minute software incompatibility prevented the creation of the Dubious Achievement Awards certificates, so they'll be given out next time. Also, both our scheduled speaker and our backup speaker (their names shall forever be held in anonymity) cancelled at the last minute, leaving us "speakerless". Finally, the 8mm movie, "The Making of Fremont Peak Observatory", has disappeared (anyone knowing of its whereabouts is encouraged to call Rick Morales. We would like to get it back so that we can convert it to video).

The only item of business that we had to conduct this year was our annual election for Directors. Frank Dibbell, Rob Toebe, and Bob Black were all re-elected for three year terms.

Hope to see everyone again next year, at our 9th Annual General Meeting and "Star-B-Q"!

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Special FPOA Meeting...

A special meeting of the FPOA membership has been called for Saturday, October 24th, at 3:00PM, to be held in the Observatory Lecture Room. The purpose of the meeting is to approve amendments to our Bylaws necessitated by organizational changes in the Department of Parks and Recreation. Prior to these organizational changes, the FPOA was required to have a representative of the DPR on our Board. This requirement has now changed, and it is necessary to modify our Bylaws to reflect that change.

The essence of the Bylaws changes are as follows: remove references to both "Executive Secretary" and "Recording Secretary", and replace them with the generic term "Secretary". Remove the paragraph

that states that the Executive Secretary is a designate of the Superintendent of the Gabilan Mountains district.

Additionally, a paragraph has been added to the Bylaws to clarify eligibility requirements for members wishing to run for a position on the Board.

Copies of the amended Bylaws will be available at the Observatory on the 24th prior to the meeting for any member to review.

If you can make it to the meeting you are encouraged to do so, as your vote on this matter is important.

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