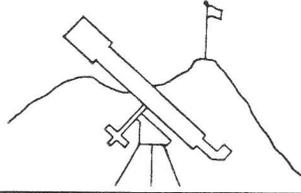
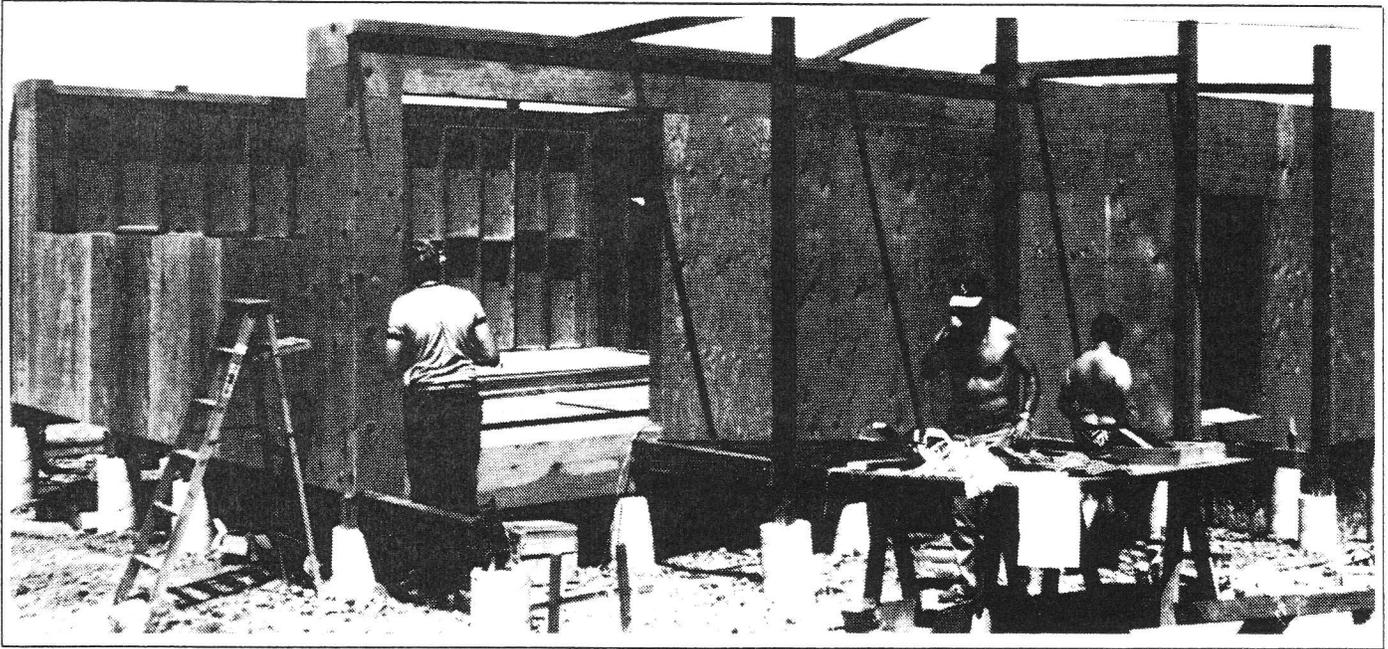


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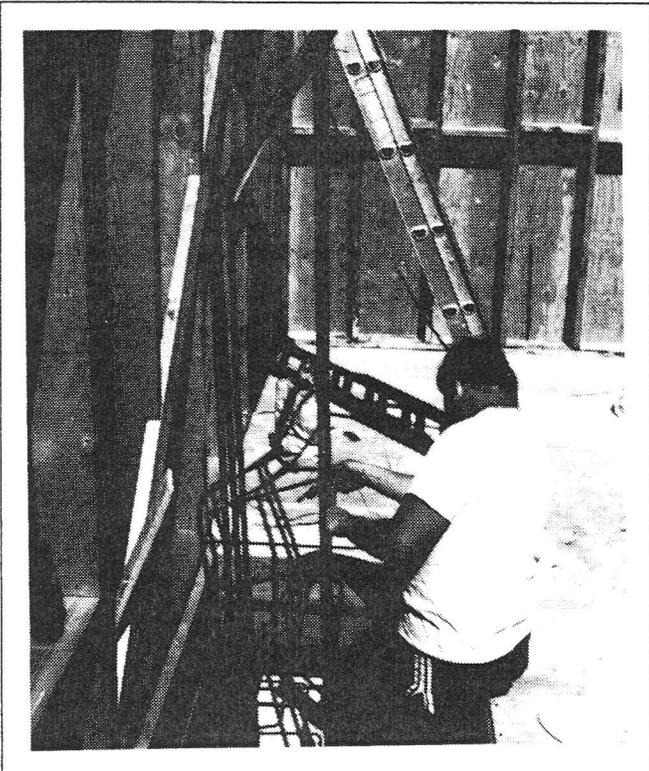
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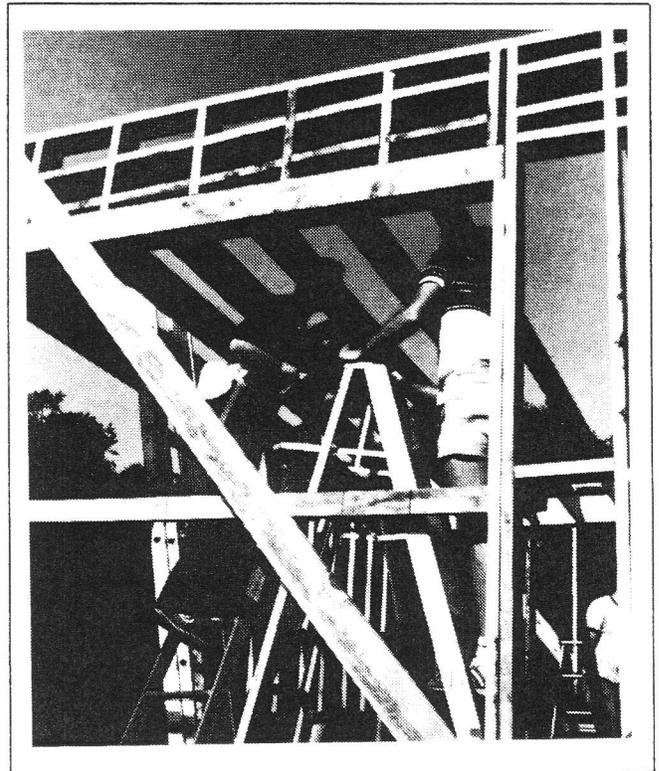
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A view of the south and east walls of the Observatory. The south wall will contain shutters to allow the scope access to the southern horizon. (All pictures by Frank Dibbell).



Association member Donn Mukensnabe installing the re-bar for the north pier of the telescope.



Members Bob Fingerhut and John Gleason putting in the ceiling joists of the Meeting Room.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

August 30th General Meeting

The *Association's* Annual Meeting will be held at the Observatory Site at Fremont Peak State Park on Saturday, August 30th, 1986. The formal dedication of the Observatory will occur at this meeting, and will be attended by local dignitaries and members of the media as well as *Association* members.

In addition to the Dedication Ceremonies, we will be having a general election to fill 3 Board vacancies created by expiring terms of office. The voting polls will be open from 5:00 PM until 6:00 PM on the 30th. *Association* members are eligible to vote and hold a position on the Board after one year of membership.

An abbreviated "Schedule of Events" for the General Meeting follows:

- 3:00 Dedication Ceremonies
- 4:00 Observatory Tour
- 4:30 Old-Fashioned Barbecue
- 5:00 Elections
- 8:00 Star Party

Observatory Stained Glass Window

Denni Medlock has investigated getting a stained glass window with an astronomical motif for our Observatory. Briefly, the Observatory room contains a circular window on the north wall of the sliding roof. The artist Denni has contacted is willing to provide the labor for making the window free of charge; however, the materials will cost around \$350.00, an amount that was not budgeted for construction.

We (the Board) see this as an opportunity for those members who would like to have helped with construction but were unable to do so because of distance, other commitments, etc., to contribute something to our Observatory. Specifically, we are seeking cash donations from the membership at large to fund this window.

Your tax-deductible donation should be made out to the *Fremont Peak Observatory Association*, and sent to Frank Dibbell at the address listed at the end of this newsletter. The Board thanks you all for your support!

Observatory Floor Covering

The members of the Board have been puzzling, haggling, discussing, and otherwise trying to decide what the best floor covering for the Observatory would be. Our choices have been reduced to two: linoleum or indoor-outdoor carpeting. Each has advantages and disadvantages. We (the Board) have decided to let the membership decide which it should be: linoleum or carpet?

If you have a strong opinion, please give me (Frank Dibbell) a call, and let me know your preference. My home number is (408) 735-9597.

1986 Sustaining & Life Members

If you joined as a Life member, or joined/renewed as a Sustaining member in 1986, you have a parchment coming to you! Your parchment will be available for pickup at the General Meeting. If you are unable to attend, it will be mailed to you in September.

PROGRESS REPORT

by Frank Dibbell

Observatory Status

Construction activity has been hot and heavy! At presstime, Don Mukensnoble was positioning the telescope pier forms, and setting the re-bar in preparation for pouring the concrete. Right now we are racing the clock to get the Observatory ready in time for August 30th. If you would like to help, give our foreman, Charlie Carlson a call at 408-923-7592.

The major tasks remaining before Dedication are completion of the sliding roof, finishing the deck and entrance way, shingling the building, and installing the scope. The finishing work, such as electrical, sheet rock, insulation, painting, etc. will be done after the Dedication. If you haven't yet seen the building, take my word for it, it is *very* impressive!

The 30" Scope

Kevin reports that he is working weekends getting the scope prepared for its move to the "Peak". He is currently making the jig plates that will connect the scope to the pier. Most of what needs to be done are detail items, like the

declination drive. The scope will be manually operational on Dedication Day.

1986 ELECTIONS

Retiring Members

The *FPOA* Board is composed of nine members, each of whom serve three year terms. Terms are staggered, so that three positions expire each year. Elections are held at our General Meeting (August 30th this year) to choose the three people who will serve for the coming three years. The positions held by Howard Medlock, Kevin Medlock, and John Gleason expire this year.

Both Kevin Medlock and Howard Medlock have chosen not to run for re-election this time. Kevin, our Telescope Maker Extraordinaire, will be too busy with his new venture involving the computerization of Celestron telescopes to take on the duties and responsibilities of a Board member. He will, however, remain an active *Association* participant, working at Public programs and teaching members how to use the equipment.

Howard Medlock's assistance and political expertise have been of inestimable value in helping us get our *Association* off the ground. Additionally, he is a fine electrician who (will be) doing all our electrical work. Other obligations prevent Howard from serving another term. The Board wishes to thank both Howard and Kevin for the outstanding job they have done as Board members.

The Candidates

Current Board Member John Gleason will be running for re-election. On the ballot with John are Charles "Skip" Whitworth, Charlie Carlson, and Jim Eiselt.

We are still open for nominations, so if you want to run for a position on the Board of Directors, please contact Frank Dibbell by August 23rd. The major requirement is that you have been a member of the *FPOA* for one year by August 30th.

Voting Procedures

The voting poll will open at 5:00PM, and will close at 6:00PM. It will be located in the

Utility Shed behind the Ranger's house. Just as in running for office, you must have been a member for one year on August 30th to be eligible to vote. If you are unsure of the date you joined, please inquire at the polls, as we will have that information there.

Ballots will be available at the polls. The results of the election will be posted by 7:30PM. Questions, etc. on the procedures should be addressed to Frank Dibbell.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AND FAMILY BARBECUE

As mentioned elsewhere in this newsletter, our Annual Membership Meeting on August 30th will be followed by an old-fashioned family barbecue. The *FPOA* will supply hotdogs, hamburgers, and soft drinks. We need some member volunteers to bring things like salads and desserts. If you will be able to bring a salad or a plate of cookies or a cake, please call either Frank Dibbell (408-735-9597) or John Gleason (415-790-9250).

Also, if you are planning on attending, please **RSVP** to Frank Dibbell at the number listed above. We need to get an idea of how many hotdogs, etc. to buy. Thank you for your help and consideration on this matter. One final note: this is an "invitation only" affair for the membership, which includes your immediate family (children, spouses, parents). Non-member guests may attend, food available, for a small fee. If you have an unusual situation, please call me in advance to discuss it.

The purpose of the *Fremont Peak Observatory Association* is to provide educational and interpretive services of astronomically related topics to visitors of Fremont Peak State Park. The *Fremont Peak Observer* is published quarterly, and is the official publication of the *Fremont Peak Observatory Association*. Articles and other items for publication should be sent to:

Frank Dibbell, *FPOA*
710 Georgia Avenue
Sunnyvale, CA 94086

Deadline for articles is the 15th of the month preceding the month of publication.

YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED
TO ATTEND THE DEDICATION CEREMONIES OF
FREMONT PEAK OBSERVATORY

To be held on **Saturday, August 30, 1986**, at **3:00 P.M.**
At **Fremont Peak State Park**
San Juan Bautista, California

RSVP

There will be an old-fashioned family barbecue of hot dogs and hamburgers, compliments of the *FPOA*, following the ceremonies. The evening events will include a Star Party at the observatory site.

The *Fremont Peak Observatory Association* is a not-for-profit organization dedicated to promoting Astronomical education and interpretation at Fremont Peak State Park.

To reach Fremont Peak State Park: Take US 101 (South from San Jose, north from Salinas) to California State Highway 156E. Proceed on 156E approximately three miles, to a four-way intersection. From this intersection road signs will point the way.

RSVP to either Frank Dibbell or John Gleason by August 23 at the numbers listed below.

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