

## 1987 Public Programs

Our first, official public program held on May 30th was by all accounts a resounding success! Bill Michael from Lockheed gave a short talk under darkening skies on the Space Telescope. He also provided visitors with pictures and posters of the 'scope.

A secondary, albeit minor event was the premier showing of "Cecil B." Dibbell's super-8 home movie of "The Second Greatest Story Ever Told", better known as: The Building of Fremont Peak Observatory. This 15 minute silent spectacular chronicled some of the milestones of the construction effort. Due to popular demand, the movie will be re-shown at the August 29th Annual Picnic and Star-B-Q.

As you may or may not know, the summer public programs are conducted by Association Members who have been certified on the 30-inch reflector. If you are a certified member, you should have received a "Public Program Signup Sheet" in the mail. If you have received one, and haven't filled it out yet, please do, since we are short of volunteers for some of our summer programs.

If you haven't received a signup sheet, or if you are interested in becoming a certified member, contact Kevin Medlock at 415-654-6796. Kevin will be conducting another certification class soon.

Generally speaking, our formal summer programs are on first and third quarter moon Saturday evenings, from approximately 9PM until midnite. Members running a given evening's program then have use of the scope after midnite. The scope is open to the public on new moon weekends as well, but there is no formal program.

The dates of the remaining formal programs for 1987 are:

- July 18
- August 1
- August 15
- September 12
- September 26
- October 17

A complete schedule can be obtained at the Observatory in the lecture room.

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## **FPOA Elections**

Each year three members of the FPOA Board of Directors are elected by and from qualified Association members. A Board Member serves a three year term of office; therefore every year one-third of the Board is replaced. The election will take place at our annual general membership meeting on August 29th at the "Peak".

Terms of office begin January 1st of the year following the election, and end on December 31st of the third year following the election. Candidates elected this August will begin their term on January 1st, 1988, and serve until December 31st, 1990.

Any general, contributing, sustaining, or life member who will have been an Association member for one year by August 29, 1987 is qualified to vote, and to run for, a position on the FPOA Board. If you are interested in running for one of the open positions, contact the Election Committee chairman Charlie Carlson at 408-923-7592.

The Board positions held by Denni Medlock, Frank Dibbell, and John Stewart are up for election this year. Denni and Frank have agreed to stand for re-election. John, currently the FPOA Treasurer, has declined to run for re-election. In his capacity as the FPOA's first treasurer and a founding member of the association, John saw to it that all our tax-exempt paperwork was in order, in addition to handling all the Association's financial dealings. The Board wishes to thank John for the outstanding job he has done the past three years.

In addition to Frank and Denni, Association members Kevin Medlock, Donn Mukensnabe, and Mike Ryan have been nominated for positions on the FPOA Board. Kevin, builder of the 30-inch and one of the founding members of the Association, has served on the Board previously. Donn was assistant foreman during observatory construction, and spent many weekends, sometimes solo, working on the building. Mike is a long-time amateur astronomer active in local Astronomical societies, and has been an Association member since early 1985.

So remember this August 29th at the Annual Picnic to visit the FPOA Polling Booth to cast your vote!

## **The Upsilon Pegasids**

Interested in participating in a Meteor Shower Watch? Then get involved with the 13th Annual Upsilon Pegasid Meteor Shower Watch! The maximum occurs near full moon (around August 8th), so optimum viewing will probably be the weekends of July 24th and August 1st. The current focus of research is on photographic patrol of the shower radiant.

The ideal camera is a 35mm with a fast 50mm lens, using either Kodak 2475 or T-Max 400 film, and exposures of 5 minutes or less. The camera should be pointed directly at the radiant. For further information on this event, contact:

**Hal Povenmire  
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Indian Harbor Beach, FL 32937  
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## The August 29th Annual Meeting & Picnic

Reserve August 29th on your calendar for the annual FPOA General Membership Meeting and 2nd Annual Picnic & Star-B-Q. We had such a great success with our "no-host" barbecue last year that we decided to repeat it!

The FPOA will provide, free to members and their immediate families, a hamburger and a soft drink. We need member volunteers to bring the accouterments, such as salads, brownies, watermelons, etc. to "round out" the feast. If you want to bring something, call food coordinator Frank Dibbell at 408-255-6386.

The Observatory will be open from 1PM on for self-guided tours of the facility. The barbecue fires will be started around 3, and we'll start the feast around 4PM. At dusk, if interest demands it, we'll show the silent film, "The Making of Fremont Peak Observatory". The evening will be topped off with a star party featuring the 30-inch reflector.

And, if you've been a member for at least a year, please stop by the voting booth in the observatory to cast your ballot to fill the three empty seats on our Board.

A (very short) formal meeting will be called at 7PM to announce the winners of the election, to introduce the new and old Board Members, and to make whatever other announcements might be necessary.

Please plan to attend our social event of the year!

## Fundraising Notes

John Gleason has generously donated a complete C-90 telescope to the Association to be used as we see fit to raise money. Accordingly, the FPOA Board has agreed to raffle the C-90 at our annual meeting on the 29th of August. Ticket prices are tentatively set at \$2.00, and will be available at the Peak.

Charlie Carlson has checked into selling candy as a fundraiser. The candy is that "World's Finest Chocolate" which is so popular with Scout and school groups. Basically, we sell the candy on consignment, and make \$0.50 per bar. More details will be available at the meeting.

If you have a fundraising idea, present it to the FPOA!

You are cordially invited to the 2nd Annual  
**FPOA Family Picnic & Star-B-Q**  
to be held at **Fremont Peak State Park** on  
Saturday, August 29th, 1987  
beginning at 3:00 PM

This invitation entitles you and members of your immediate family (husband, wife, children) to a free hamburger and a soft drink. Please be prepared to present it when accepting your meal. If you have a special guest you would like to invite, please call Frank Dibbell at 408-255-6386 so that we can make arrangements for extra people. Thank you.