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UACNJ Meeting Notice

(Correction on last issues notice.)

The next meeting of the UACNJ will be held on Saturday, Jan. 28, 1995 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon at the Sperry Observatory Cranford, NJ. AAI are our hosts. Please try to have the representative from your club attend.

When the newsletter editor makes simple mistakes like incorrectly announcing the next meeting date, that person should be step down. Please consider taking on this responsibility or recommending someone who might be able to. Speak to any officer or trustee or attend the next UACNJ meeting.

UACNJ Special Events

(Addition to last issues notice.)

International Astronomy Day will be held on May 6 th., 1995. It will be supported by the UACNJ with a day of astronomy events and observing at Jenny Jump Observatory. From 3 PM until 10 PM, this event is directed towards the general public.

Committee Staff Needed

All committees need additional staffing. If you are interested in serving on, or starting, a committee, please contact any officer or trustee. Existing committees are:

Credentials
Finance
Publications
Membership
Observatory, Planning and Light Pollution
Messier

Planning for UACNJ Events, 1995

What would you like to see happen in 1995? Please contact your club representative with your ideas. At the January meeting we will be finalizing the calendar of events for the year.

Should we have a state wide messier observing contest?

What other events would you and your local clubs like to see the UACNJ support?

New Jersey Astro-photography Workshop. Planning for April/May?

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A simulated space shuttle mission at the Buehler Challenger and Science Center?

A club trip to Liberty Science Center or another science center?

A club trips to each of the planetariums in the state for a special presentation?

Summary of the Year 1994

With the end of one year and the start of another it is usual to look back and see what has been accomplished, so here is our year in review: Within the inner workings of the UACNJ the officers (and others) have been working very hard to bring the association out of the infancy stage.

Foremost in these efforts was the work to become Incorporated. This involved many hours of unfamiliar work by people who had little prior experience with the famous red tape of state and federal governments. It is unrewarding (and unrewarded) work that gets little acknowledgment, but it is necessary.

Part of our incorporation was the obtaining of non-profit status and a tax exempt certificate and number. More paperwork, red tape and the services of an auditor/cpa, and the purchase of an embossed seal. I am glad that someone else took the trouble to do all of this work before I took office.

On the Jenny Jump Observatory front; the most important part was the negotiation and signing of a lease. More necessary work that had to be done.

Other work at Jenny Jump includes the physical construction of the observatory. Plans were drawn and approved, construction was completed and we are awaiting a good day to install the 16" telescope. (Are you planning to attend the inauguration party?)

More work was done on the house itself. A swarm of people doing plumbing, electrical, carpentry, paneling, plastering, caulking and all the other "This Old House" type of work to make it comfortable for the rest of us.

Other people contributed money, supplies, services, furniture, computers, a sound system, audio visual equipment and a whole variety of other objects that add to the vacant house to make it a comfortable place to be.

Other club accomplishments include the purchase of a tent for use by any member club; an enlarged speaker's list, several coordinated attempts to do real research; two major events for the public and a weekly public night during the warm months.

All of these people deserve a big hand and a note of thanks for the time and effort they contributed. Here is a big **THANK YOU** for all of those who were involved. They all look forward to see you help the UACNJ in an area of your choice.

President's Corner

Hello! I am your new president and would like to introduce myself to you. My name is Bruce Rights. I am a member of Amateur Astronomers Inc., Hopatcong Area Amateur Astronomers and the Montclair Telescope Club. I live up in the middle of Sussex county under dark skies (in New Jersey?). I use a 10" Meade LX-200 and a Celestron C-90 to observe. I work for Summit Public Schools doing audio-visual, tv and computers. If you wish to contact me please call me at work at 908-273-4041 (fax 908-277-1787). I have an e-mail address of Rights @pilot.njin.net Please let me know how I can help make the UACNJ better.

One of the problems of allowing the President to edit the newsletter is that there is little control over what gets put into it. It is my opinion that the premiere issue of each year should be used to allow the newly elected officers to tell of the direction that we would like the association to go. Some of the following are ideas that have been agreed on but not yet implemented, others are my own ideas about our future directions.

UACNJ would like to send its newsletter to each club's newsletter editor so they can include some of the UACNJ news in your local club newsletter. Please submit your newsletter editor's name and address to the UACNJ secretary.

UACNJ would like each club to exchange newsletters with the other clubs. This is about 15 extra copies. UACNJ will supply each newsletter editor with the addresses of their fellow editors.

UACNJ would like to have a copy of your club membership list. There are times when we need to track down or contact members of different clubs. These lists would not be used for commercial purposes nor would they be sold.

I challenge the UACNJ to raise fifty thousand dollars in money, goods or services for the year 1995.

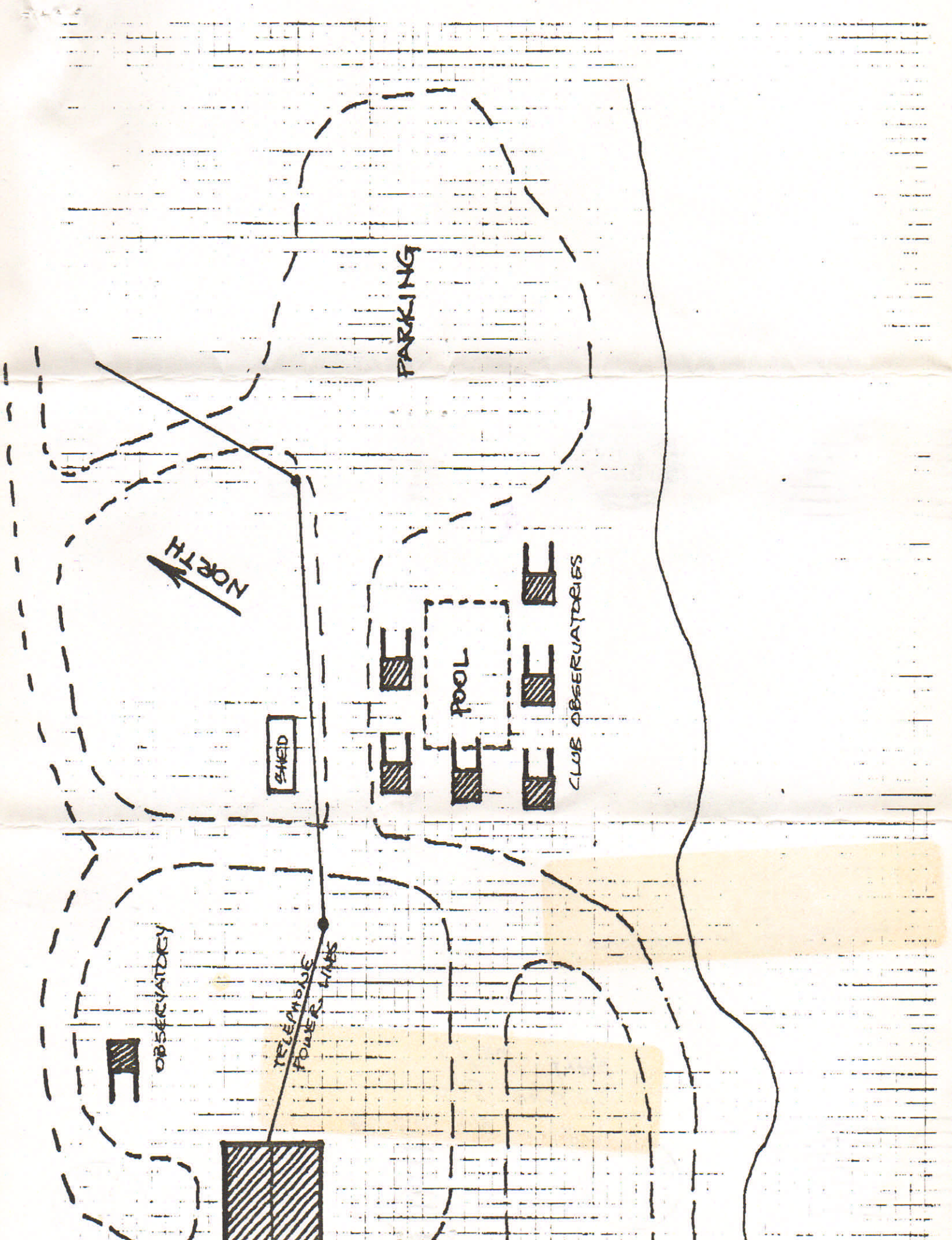
I challenge each member to recruit 2 more members. Jenny Jump needs to raise the level of involvement of individuals to survive.

Should we re-name our observatory? Shall we have a contest for the best name? Or do we want to name it for a sizable cash donation? (\$10,000)?

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I would like to publish 3 club profiles in each issue of the newsletter.



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