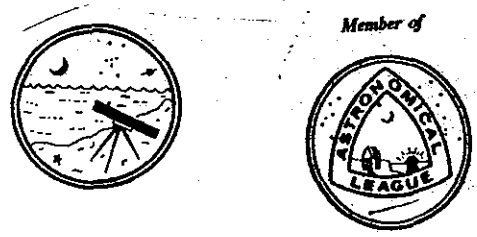


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# Shoreline Amateur Astronomical Association

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## WELCOME TO AMATEUR ASTRONOMY!

Last November, three of us sat for several hours in a local restaurant sipping coffee and arguing and discussing all aspects we could think of on starting a new organization. The discussion centered on four main topics:

- \* 1) Should we or shouldn't we start an amateur astronomical association?
- \* 2) What our assessments were of the chances of success or failure of such an adventure.
- \* 3) What needed to be done to actually get the association going.
- \* 4) Once started, what did we need to do or offer to the membership to keep the association viable and growing?

The decision of the three collaborators was, "Let's try it and see what happens."

As I look at the already growing and enthusiastic membership of our fledgling group, I am pleased at the response to our invitation to those with a love of the sky to join us in the formation and initiation of an amateur astronomy association. If we continue, and even expand, our growth patterns and, most importantly, our enthusiasm, we never need to worry about the health and vitality of the Shoreline Amateur Astronomical Association.

Dr. Phil (Doc) Hill  
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## NEXT MEETING

MAY 18, 1989 7:30 P.M.

West Ottawa Middle School at the Planetarium!

(Take Riley Rd. west from US 31, to 135th. Turn north on 135th to "Y" in road. Take road left at "Y" to MIDDLE SCHOOL. It would be best to park toward the northern end of the east parking lot and enter into the building through the northernmost entrance. This should lead to the planetarium.)

### SHORT BUSINESS MEETING:

Ratify the Constitution- Hill

Refreshments, how to handle?- Hill

Phone tree communications for Star Parties.- Wade

Incorporation as non-profit organization- Wade

Other?- All

### PROGRAM:

Sandy Plakke and Peter Burkey will speak on their upcoming presentations for Astronomy Day May 24, 1989 (see this newsletter for more info).

Star Quiz II- Bob Wade leads us through prominent May stars.

May night sky review

### ASTRONOMY DAY OBSERVANCE:

Plans are partially under way to observe astronomy day ~~on~~ May 24, 1989 at the Herrick Library from 7 P.M. to 9 P.M. in one of their meeting rooms. We will have telescopes on exhibit, poster sessions, and slides. A partial listing of poster topics: Workings of a Clock Drive, Telescope Types, HST (Hubble Space Telescope), Telescope Magnification, Light Pollution, and Astrophotography. Please bring your ideas!

### EXECUTIVE BUSINESS MEETING SUMMARY May 3, 1989

The Executive Board meeting was called to order at 7:30 P.M. by Hill. There was no old business as this was the first meeting.

Copies of various letterheads were distributed and the board approved one known as "The Letterhead". Wade presented the Logo which will appear on most SAAA stuff. Sandy will investigate having nifty lapel buttons made for the membership and certainly to be sold the width and breadth in this great nation.

Wade pointed out that there are some omissions and duplications in the constitution. Some of the duties of the President and Vice President are similar and the privilege for doing the newsletter should be included in the duties of the Vice President. The board decided to address these dilemmas at the May 18 meeting prior to the ratification.

Logsdon showed \$244 in the report from the Treasurer.

Logsdon also passed out brochures from the Vivekananda Monastery that details several astronomy sessions they will offer during May and June because John Dobson, developer of the telescope that bears his name and founder of the San Francisco Sidewalk Astronomers, will be there. Hill decided that he will write the Monastery letting them know we are

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active in the area, observing Astronomy Day on May 24, 1989 at the Holland library, and very much would like to have Mr. Dobson talk to our group.

Plakke suggested that a letter of thanks go to the West Ottawa School Board from the SAAA for letting us use the West Ottawa Planetarium for our meetings. The letter will point out the value of this community resource.

Logsdon reviewed plans for Astronomy Day. The only day available at the library was May 24. Planning has been started to secure that day and to discuss plans with the general membership (see above for more).

Logsdon also detailed SAAA plans to be involved with the Voyager 2 encounter with Neptune this coming mid to late August (see his report below).

Meeting adjourned at 10 P.M..

Secretary, Michael Cote'

### VOYAGER 2 UPDATE

Planning has begun for an observance of the August 24 flyby of Neptune and its moon Triton by Voyager 2. This is part of a national celebration of planetary exploration being orchestrated by the Jet Propulsion Laboratory in Pasadena and the Planetary Society. Holland Community Education plans to videotape the Voyager imagery as it is fed out via satellite from JPL.

Voyager images of distant Neptune already show visible atmospheric structure, in marked contrast to the 1986 Uranus encounter. Possibilities for discovery include ring arcs, new satellites, and detailed views of the mysterious moon Triton.

Your SHORELINE AMATEUR ASTRONOMICAL ASSOCIATION will keep you informed! Submitted by Mark Logsdon.

### APRIL 20, 1989 SAAA MEETING

In our April meeting we elected the following officers:

President	Dr. Phil Hill
Vice President	Dr. Robert Wade
Secretary	Michael Cote'
Treasurer	Mark Logsdon

We discussed that for Astronomy Day that we could not set up a display at the mall; but, plans were to determine whether we could use the Herrick Library. Mark Logsdon will follow up on its availability.

Bob Wade and Sandy Plakke guided us through the night sky with a brief excursion to the far Australian outback skies. I am the first to admit that I found the tour educational.