

THE SHORELINE OBSERVER



*Newsletter for the
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September Meeting

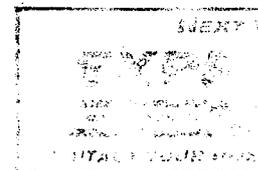
The September meeting of the Shoreline Amateur Astronomical Association will be held on Thursday, September 19th, beginning at 7:00 PM in the West Ottawa Middle School Planetarium in Holland, Michigan. The agenda will be as follows:

- 7:00-7:15 Socializing. Refreshments to be provided by Arlin Ten Kley.
- 7:15-7:30 General Business Meeting. See below.
- 7:30-8:45 John Dobson Himself, amateur astronomer *extraordinaire*. Slide program too, methinks.

1991-1992 Dues Lowered

At our June meeting the membership voted to lower the basic club membership rate. Previously, Junior or Senior Contributing Members paid \$10/yr and Regular Contributing Members paid \$20/yr. The rates are now \$5/yr for Junior/Senior Contributing Members and \$15/yr for Regular Contributing Members. The additional cost for Full membership, which includes either *The Observers Handbook* or *Astronomy* magazine is currently \$14. **Remember that membership payment for the 1991-1992 year (September-August) is due by the September meeting.**

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From the President...

As the autumnal equinox approaches and a new school year begins, the SAAA is getting ready for another year of meetings and activities for the amateur astronomer. We are starting the year off with a *big bang* at our September meeting where our featured guest will be our friend John Dobson. Once again, John will treat us to his rare style of showmanship mixed with wit as he enlightens us with *his* version of the universe.

However, there are also several very important business matters that must be addressed. Firstly, membership dues must be paid for the new fiscal

year. See the previous article for amounts. Secondly, we need to nominate officers for the 1991-1992 term. Three offices are available: President, Vice-President, and Secretary/Treasurer. If you are interested in becoming more involved with the organization, or feel that you have untapped administrative or leadership skills to contribute to our group, please let someone know of your willingness to hold or run for an office. The jobs are not very time-consuming, nor are they difficult. They *are* very important in that the executive board directs the goals and activities of the club, and, more importantly, acts as our voice to the public.

So plan to attend the September 19th meeting and bring a friend! With a good turnout, we can settle business matters quickly and sit back and enjoy an evening with Dobson. See you there.

Oh, by the way... If you see Rob Tuls around, thank him for the good job he did as Secretary/Treasurer earlier this year. We appointed Mark to temporarily fill his place as Rob had other commitments to fill: Uncle Sam.....

Fall Star Parties

We will hold two to three star parties this month and next, depending on cooperation from the elements. Mark Logsdon (772-4904) will host our kickoff star party at his home off Ottogan Ave, (see map below) on Friday evening September 27th.

Bob Wade (396-3614) will host the next star party on Friday evening, October 4th (October 11th is the rain date). See map below. You are invited to come and bring a friend. Please call ahead and let them know if you are coming.

