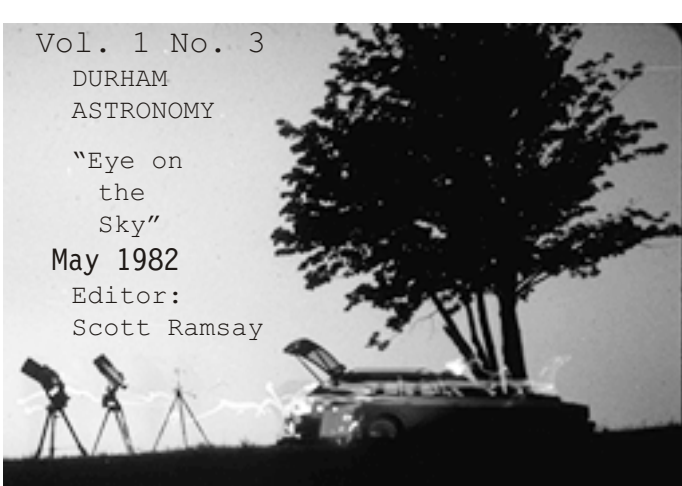


"Eye on  
the  
Sky"

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NEWSLETTER OF:

The Durham Region Astronomical  
Society

Upcoming Meetings

Saturday, May 8 8:15 P.M.  
Saturday, May 22 8:15 P.M.  
Saturday, June 12 8:15 P.M.

Meetings are held at 759  
Glencairn St., Oshawa (near the  
airport. For more information  
contact Walter MacDonald at  
579-6615.

Events in May and June

(All times are in UT unless  
otherwise noted)

Sat. May 8, 00 45 – Full moon  
Sun. May 9, 00 – Mercury at  
greatest elong.  
east (21°)  
Thu. May 13, 05 – Mars stationary  
Sun. May 23, 04 40 – New moon  
Mon. May 24, 03 – Uranus station-  
ary  
Sun. June 6, 15 59 Full moon  
Mon. June 21, 11 52 New moon  
Mon. June 21, 17 23 Summer sol-  
stice

\*\*Astronomy Day\*\*

This year Astronomy Day is being held on May 1st. This is the first Astronomy Day for the DRAS and it promises to be exciting. There is going to be a display set up in the display case just inside the main doors at the McLaughlin Public Library. On the afternoon of May 1st, there will be a display set up in the main reading room of the Library. The display will feature slides, movies, telescopes, and much more.

Astronomy Day is a big event for members of the astronomical community. Astronomy Day was started in the United States in 1973. Today Astronomy Day is celebrated in May, throughout the U.S., in Canada, the United Kingdom, and New Zealand; it is also celebrated in October in Australia.

Astronomy Day is a big event and I hope you will enjoy it.

Clear Skies!  
Scott Ramsay  
Durham Astronomy

CARL SAGAN Is Coming!

The University of Toronto presents the Welch Lectures in May and this year Carl Sagan will be one of three lecturers. The details are as follows: Monday May 17,, 3:45 P.M., Medical Sciences Auditorium, and Tuesday May 18, 8:00 P.M., Convocation Hall.

The other two lecturers will be Dr. Desmond King-Hele of the Royal Aircraft Establishment on artificial satellites, and Dr. R.R. (Bob) Wilson of Columbia University, founder of the nuclear accelerator Fermilab.

for more information contact the Department of Physics, University of Toronto.

Next issue: Information on the upcoming total lunar eclipse on the night of July 5/6.

A Poem For Astronomy Day

The Pied Peepers of Osh

Oshawa builds a pretty good car, with a reputation that's  
spread wide and far;  
But cars are not all they have – no by jeepers  
When you talk to the guys with the Schmidt Cassegrain  
peepers.

Their names are Walter and Steve and Scott  
And about their passtime they talk quite a lot.  
For they're the charter members of a new Oshawa game  
That will slowly but surely gain immense local fame.

These three wonderful guys with their magnified eyes  
Are our first practitioners of a long known art  
Who end their day when most days just start.

On a very clear night there's something they do  
That's highly technical and commands a view  
Of faraway sights in the deepest sky  
Beyond altitudes where birds can fly.

They're Scott, Steve, and Walter of this here place  
They're the core and foundation of Oshawa's space race  
They're the visual eavesdroppers on the Universe place.

And someday we know if there's no life on Mars  
They'll find us a home somewhere else in the stars.

The pied peepers of Osh  
Let's give them a hand  
Scott, Steve, and Walter  
The best eyes in our land.

Les MacDonald  
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