

MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING OF THE AAVSO  
HELD AT THE ALTAMONTE SPRINGS INN AND RACQUET CLUB  
ALTAMONTE SPRINGS (ORLANDO), FLORIDA  
MAY 26-27, 1979

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The Saturday morning AAVSO business session was called to order by President Marvin Baldwin at 9:15 AM. Mr. Charles Cole, President of the Central Florida Astronomical Society, welcomed the AAVSO to the Orlando area, and Secretary C. B. Ford summarized the minutes of the October, 1978, General AAVSO Meetings, which were approved.

In the absence of the Treasurer, his Interim Report for the six months ending March 31, 1979, was read by the Secretary. The details of this report appear elsewhere in this issue of JAAVSO.

The AAVSO Director, Mrs. Janet Mattei, read a list of 151 new memberships approved by the Council at its meeting on May 25, 1979. Of these, 64 were new to the Association, and 87 were changing from existing annual to sustaining membership. The Director then announced the names of 5 members deceased since October, 1978: Messrs. H. Beidler, J. Ruiz, and D. Taboada; Miss Margaret Harwood and Mrs. Walter Reeves. Members stood in respect for a moment of silence.

The President called for Committee Reports, and the following were duly presented and discussed. These reports appear separately in this issue of the Journal.

Solar Division	C. Hossfield
Standard Charts Distribution	J. Mattei
New and Preliminary Charts	C. Ford
Eclipsing and RR Lyrae Variables	M. Baldwin
Photoelectric Photometry	H. Landis (read by J. Mattei)
AAVSO Variable Star Atlas	C. Ford and C. Scovil
Telescopes	C. Scovil
Nominating Committee	P. Taylor (read by Pres. Baldwin)

The final report above listed the following as nominated for election to the AAVSO Council in October, 1979:

*Winston Wilkerson	NY	*Dorrit Hoffleit	CT
Michael Mattei	MA	Peter Collins	AZ
Richard Lynch	RI	Robert Adams	MA

(\*for re-election)

These nominations were approved by general vote.

Mrs. Mattei then presented her Director's Interim Report for the period ending March 31, 1979. Highlights included:

- (1) A grant has been made from NASA in recognition of the AAVSO's contributions to the HEAO x-ray satellite programs; \$5800 due to be received in October 1979.
- (2) Observation key-punching at HQ is now up to date; two new CETA workers hired, thanks to a new C. B. Ford Grant.
- (3) Publication of observations in Reports nos. 38 and 39 has been further delayed due to changes in the computer system at Harvard Observatory.
- (4) A part-time corresponding secretary has been hired and is making good progress on the backlog of the Director's correspondence.
- (5) The discovery by member Gus Johnson of a Supernova in M100.
- (6) The generous bequest of \$5000 soon to be received by AAVSO from the estate of deceased member Herbert Beidler of Chicago.
- (7) The current status of the Director's grant request to

NSF, to cover publication of observations from 1963 thru 1977 (which is apparently receiving favorable consideration).

This report was applauded, and the meeting was opened for papers at 11:30 AM. Those numbered 1 and 2 on the following list were given before adjourning for lunch at 12:15 PM.

The Saturday afternoon session convened at 2:05 PM. President Baldwin briefly introduced Past-President Cyrus F. Fernald and Mrs. Fernald, who were present for a limited time only. Mr. Fernald read his paper on the history of his 8-inch Springfield telescope which has recently been donated to the Central Florida Astronomical Society. He also reviewed statistics regarding the variable star observations he has made over the past 40 years: 118,551 with this 8-inch in Maine, plus over 15,000 with various instruments since he moved to Florida about 1960.

Mr. Fernald's talk was followed by the awarding of a special plaque to the CFAS President, Mr. Cole, on behalf of both the AAVSO and Mr. Fernald, this plaque to be mounted on the 8-inch as currently installed at its new location, about 25 miles east of Orlando.

A group photograph, including the Fernalds, was taken outside the meeting auditorium, before the meeting re-convened for continuation of the papers session. Papers numbered 3 through 10 on the following list were duly presented and discussed. Some abstracts and full texts of these papers appear elsewhere in this issue of JAAVSO. The Saturday afternoon session adjourned at 5:20 PM.

The scheduled banquet on Saturday night was attended by nearly 100 people, and the speaker, Dr. Alex Smith from the University of Florida, presented an excellent illustrated talk on Quasars which provoked an active question-answer period lasting until about 11:30 PM. On Sunday morning, May 27, a busload assembled for the scheduled trip to the 8-inch Springfield's new site, where the awarded plaque was temporarily installed during dedication ceremonies. Members and guests also inspected other observing equipment of the CFAS located at the site.

A visit to Cape Kennedy Space Center, which consumed the balance of the day, was very well organized and was of great interest to all.

Clinton B. Ford  
Secretary

LIST OF PAPERS PRESENTED AT THE MEETING OF THE AAVSO HELD MAY 26-27,  
1979

1. (a) "Some Remarks on the Discovery of the Recent Supernova  
by Gus Johnson."  
Janet A. Mattei  
(b) "Amateur Photographs the Supernova (Ken Johnson)  
Peter Collins
2. "The Long Period Variable, Z Tauri"  
Richard Lynch and Janet A. Mattei (Read by R. Lynch)
3. "A Study of the Dwarf Nova, UU Aquilae"  
Jack Davis and Janet A. Mattei (Read by Janet Mattei)
4. "Observing Under Adverse Conditions"  
Robert M. Adams
5. "Variables in the Bright Star Catalog"  
Dorrit Hoffleit
6. "The Present Sunspot Numbers"  
Herbert Luft
7. "The McWilliams Magnetometer"  
Casper Hossfield
8. "A New Meteor Shower?"  
Harold Provenmire
9. "An Amateur Photometer"  
Charles Cole
10. "Variable Stars and the AAVSO"  
Janet A. Mattei
11. Slide show of IAU Colloquim No. 46 in New Zealand and visit  
with Tom and Mary Cragg, Australia, November-December 1978.  
(Presented Friday night, May 25).  
Clinton B. Ford

## List of New Members accepted at this meeting.

ABBOTT, James F., MA	KOHL, George A., AZ
ALBRECHT, William B., HI	KOSHIRO, Masami, Japan
ATKINSON, Howard C., CA	KURLANDER, David J., MD
BAKER, Arnault P., NY	LaBROSSE, Jean C., Canada
BARONI, Sandro, Italy	S LANDRY, Richard M., LA
BOYD, Andrew D., CA	LEONARD, Jeffery L., NC
BRODUER, Richard C., MA	LINES, Richard D., AZ
BROOKS, Roy A., MA	LUFFMAN, James M., AR
CAVAGNA, Marco, Italy	McNAUGHT, Robert H., Scotland
CINQUEGRANI, Michael A., MD	MORAVEC, Dennis J., CO
CLEMENTS, Gregory L., PA	MURPHY, Richard S., CA
CROISANT, Scott N., MI	MUZINICH, Richard P., CA
CROSINA, Enrico, Italy	NELSON, Robert H., Canada
DONALDSON, Bill S., Canada	NEWMAN, Paul J., TX
DORR, M. Michael, IL	NOWAK, Garry T., VT
EVANS, Charles L., VA	PENNINGTON, Lydia I., NE
FARMER, Kenneth R., TX	PETTENGILL, Dwynal B., FL
FAUSEL, Charles A., MI	PICKERT, Donald J., NY
FIKE, Thomas W., IL	POSSIDENTO, William, NY
GAGNON, Donald, Canada	REAVES, Richard E., CA
GENET, Russell M., OH	ROBOTHAM, Robert A., Canada
GORSKI, Larry M., IL	RUHL, James F., Jr., AZ
GRUNANGER, Michael, Austria	RYAN, John D., WI
HALLQUIST, Micael R. A., OH	SANDIFER, Joseph M., GA
HARVAN, Richard P., PA	SOLOSKY, Philip J., MI
HAWLEY, Robert C., NJ	THOMPSON, Craig, AZ
HENRY, George W., OR	TORRES, Francisco M., Spain
HOLCOMB, Joseph E., TX	TOWNSEND, Thomas G., DE
JOHNSON, Jaurvon W., MD	TURNER, Douglas K., NY
JOHNSON, Kenneth, AZ	VAN VLECK OBSERVATORY, CT
JOHNSON, Timothy W., IN	WESOLOWSKI, Michael E., Canada
KEITH, Darryl J., MA	WHITE, Jason, CA

S = Sustaining

## List of Members changing from Annual to Sustaining.

ARIAIL, Robert B., SC	GILLEN, Michael P., IL
BARNHART, Stephen F., OH	GRIESE, John W., III, CT
BEAMAN, Barry B., IL	GROSSMAN, Arnold S., CA
BREIDSTER, Carrie E., NY	HARVIN, James A., FL
BROWN, Malcolm B., PA	HAYDEN, Edward R., CT
BUSS, Robert A., ND	HEIFNER, Mark A., CO
BUTLER, Thomas M., MO	HENDERSON, Ronald, IL
CHANDLER, Richard W., LA	HILL, Dolores H., AZ
CORTNER, David, TN	HILL, Richard E., AZ
CURRIE, James D., OH	HOFFLER, G. Wyckliffe, FL
DANSKIN, Keith H., NH	HUBER, Kenneth C., IL
DAVIS, Jack F., MD	JACOBS, Alan P., WI
DeBERRY, David W. TX	JAMES, Robert A., WI
DOERR, Charles H., OH	JONES, Mike I., TX
EAST, George H., Jr., MA	KOEHLER, Karl F., AZ
EDWARDS, Daniel J., MD	KRUTA, Jaroslav, Czechoslovakia
ELLIOT, James L., MA	LARSEN, Fred, CA
FERGUSON, Alice H., Puerto Rico	LEMAY, Damien, Canada
FISHER, Gordon F., TX	LONG, James W., MA
FOJO, Manuel, CA	LUFT, Herbert A., NY
FRANK, PAUL K., OK	MATTEI, Janet A., MA
GARCIA, Jaime R., Argentina	MATZEK, Othmar, Austria
GIANNINOTO, Joseph F., NY	MAYER, Ben, CA
GILCHRIST, Robert S., CT	MAYER, Ernst H., OH

## List of Members changing from Annual to Sustaining (Continued)

McGOWAN, Laurence, MA	SHINKFIELD, Reginald, Australia
McKEE, Marguerite Ann, FL	SHINN, B. Franklyn, Canada
McKEOWN, Kevin M., CO	SKILLMAN, David R., MD
McLAURY, Ralph L., OK	SKINNER, Charles R., Jr., NJ
MENOHER, Pearson T., CT	SMITH, J. Russell, TX
MISHLER, Jerald R., OR	SPEERING, John D., GA
MOLNAR, James, VA	STANTON, Richard H., CA
MONSKE, Robert, PA	STEFFEY, Philip C., CA
MORRISON, Warren C., Canada	STRAZDAS, Richard J., MA
MULAC, Richard A., WI	VALDEZ, Michael, CA
OSORIO, Jose Ripero, Spain	VAN ORDEN, Timothy D., NY
PATTERSON, Russel H., Jr., NY	VAN TIL, Alan E., IL
RATTLEY, Gerald W., CA	WEBB, William V., OH
RIPPLE, Morris, NM	WEBER, James W., WA
ROYER, Rev. Ronald, CA	WELTHER, Barbara L., MA
SABIA, John D., PA	WEST, Frederick R., CT
ST. PAUL'S SCHOOL, NH	WINDSOR, Richard T., TX
SAKSEK, Jeffrey A., AZ	ZARBA, Joseph R., MA
SEBASTIANO, Paul A., VT	ZIT, Raymond E., WI
SHERMAN, Barry N., Canada	

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## INTERIM TREASURER'S REPORT: October 1, 1978 to March 31, 1979

<u>RECEIPTS</u>		<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	
Dues: Annual (jr.)	242	Salaries & Payroll Tax	16868
Annual (reg.)	5864	Rent	5137
Sustaining	3844	Light & Heat	621
Advance	45	Telephone	610
New Members	426	Data Processing	1912
Application Fees	48	Mailings	1830
Contributions	1384	Printing	782
Subscriptions	1937	Insurance and Alarm	893
Charts and Atlas	820	Empl. Health Insurance	404
Chart Cat. Man. PEP	144	General Office	2828
Misc. Sales	1134	AAVSO Journal	1325
NOAA Grant	1055	AAVSO Circular	451
AAVSO Circular	604	Solar Division	1016
Book Sales	1860	Ecl. Bin. & RR Lyr	106
Meetings	1564	Cost of Books	637
From Endowment Fund	15715	Sales Tax	3
		Meetings	1268
Total	<u>\$36691</u>		<u>\$36691</u>

R Newton Mayall, Treasurer