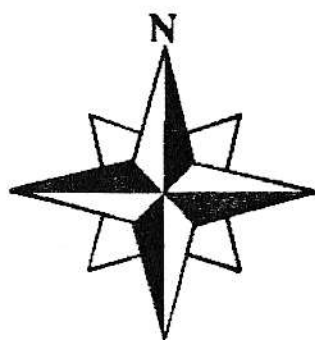

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Galileo Plunges Into Jupiter



Your Caption

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Newsletter

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Hello all new members, (approx. 20) which of course is all of us. I welcome you to the Macarthur Astronomical Society. My name as you well know is Phillip Ainsworth and since moving out here to the Macarthur region I noticed to my astonishment that there is no astronomical society. Having come from the Hurstville/Canterbury Council region I was only 30-40 minutes away from a few societies, namely Sutherland of which I am a member.

I hope to with the aid and knowledge of being in the Sutherland and National Space Society, not to mention The STAR Political party to have a fun, educational and very well run society.

Since I was 12 years old I have been fascinated in Astronomy and always feel I could do more to promote it for the youth in our community. They are our future so I believe we should educate them and keep them interested in space in Australia and the rest of the world.

However I don't only hold the youth important but all ages. For we need keen adults to run societies and keep the space dream alive for all mankind

Kinds Regards,

P.J.Ainsworth

ABOUT THE SOCIETY

I feel Macarthur has been in need for a society for years. With the help of such dedicated members as yourselves I feel we can become one of the biggest societies in Sydney, Australia.

This goal can only be achieved by having fun, hard work, and a unified dedication to make this a success.

My aim is to have our society fully up and running by early next year with regular lectures/talks by Amateur, semi/professionals in the field of Astronomy and or have slide nights of say Viking at Mars, Videos on the Shuttle flights etc.:

However our first night will be exciting not with having speakers but by actually kicking off our society.

This meeting will need to address certain issues i.e.:

1. Membership \$10-20.00
2. Objectives and goals of the society.
3. Voting of who will do what e.g.; President, Treasurer etc.;
4. Peoples skills getting speakers and equipment
5. Who's going to bring the tea/coffee (Social Secretary)
6. Where we can meet and pick the cheapest. (My house will hold 20-25). Who will be doing what President, Treasurer etc.;
7. Borrowing magazines after say 6 months membership

I know we will get this up and running. Already may have a guest speaker in April/May on the shuttle, a Dr of Physics and a SETI scientist.

Newsletter**ASTRONOMICAL EVENTS**

1. Most importantly, Monday January 15th, Macarthur Astronomical Society Meeting at 5 Boobook Place Ingleburn, 2565. It is just off Oxford Rd. Meeting starts 7.30pm and a finishing time is yet to be determined.
2. In December the 8th Aust. the Galileo probe plunged into the atmosphere of Jupiter. For 57 minutes the probe sent back data to the orbiter. However because the Sun moves into conjunction (in the road) of the orbiter and Earth it will be anything up to 2 weeks before any pictures can be transmitted and received. It will also take NASA scientists several weeks to study and analyze the probes Data
3. Japan wishes to launch its shuttle in Australia. Woomera rocket range being in South Australia and largely in the desert is ideal for the \$2 Billion Dollar shuttle. However, Japan does have a launch site and still may use it. (More in next newsletter)
4. The Russians and Americans launch their Mars space craft in Nov-Dec 96 more in next issue.
5. The Shuttle is up again in January, watch out in May for Australian astronaut Andy Thomas
6. Comet Hale-Bop is currently at about 10 magnitude and by early 1997 will reach -2 magnitude. More updates later.

PROFILE

SURNAME--

CHRISTIAN--

AGE--

ASTRONOMICAL INTERESTS--

COMMENTS (say anything you think might aid the society)

e.g.; I can get Carl Sagan in May or I know a scientist from SETI. Any ideas on how we should run the society. Fundraising etc.;

Finally I hope the society gets up and running. I know it will with everyone's help.

I need to put our society into the Campbelltown Library Community Database and booklet.

Also Sky and Space will be publishing a small article on us if I can fill in the survey sheet.

Last but not least in January's Binocular and Telescope Shop monthly newsletter it will be listed as Macarthur Astronomical Society with me as the contact address.

Kinds Regards.

P. S. Amisuth