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IOTA NEWS

David W. Dunham

<u>IOTA Meetings</u>. There will be two meetings of IOTA this summer, the annual meeting in Texas, and a meeting in Puerto Vallarta just before the eclipse.

An IOTA meeting will be held on July 9th in conjunction with The Eclipse Edge expedition, at the Buganvilias Sheraton Resort in Puerto Vallarta, We are planning to have lectures in the Mexico. morning and a session on video observations in the afternoon. Since not all of the expedition members will be familiar with occultations or with IOTA. we want to include some introductory presentations. Our tentative plans are to have talks on an introduction to IOTA, a talk by Don Stockbauer on grazes and totals, a talk on IOTA/ES, and presentations on the status of the eclipse data reduction and on the progress made in reducing observations of asteroid occultations. In the afternoon, we will discuss video equipment and observing techniques, play tapes of video observations, and (probably) make copies of tapes. We have asked for a lecture hall with visual aids, which should include slide and viewgraph projectors, and video equipment. If you would like to be a speaker or have tapes or slides to show, please let Joan Dunham know before June 26.

The 9th annual meeting of IOTA will be held on Saturday, July 13th, at the Lunar and Planetary Institute: 3303 NASA Road 1: Houston, Texas (just east of the Johnson Spaceflight Center and about 35 miles southeast of downtown Houston). The meeting will start at 10 a.m. and will adjourn at 5 p.m., although informal discussions will likely last into the evening. More information can be obtained from Paul Maley: 11815 Lone Hickory Ct.; Houston, TX 77059; phone 713,488-6871. The (hopefully) justobserved total solar eclipse two days before will be a major subject of discussion. Also, status reports of IOTA's many observational, analysis, and software projects; and plans for future occultations and eclipses, will be presented. If you are interested in giving a presentation, please contact Mr. Maley. This will be IOTA's official meeting for 1991.

<u>Zodiacal Variable Stars.</u> David Herald has crossreferenced the XZ star catalog with the 4th edition of the variable star catalog, to produce tables of data on variability for stars in the XZ. The result is going to be sent to IOTA members in the near future.

Vesta, Myrrha, and Kleopatra. All three of the good 1991 January asteroidal occultations, which were the subject of special articles in the last two issues of ON, were rather well-observed. I will present results of these events at the Asteroids, Comets, and Meteorites conference in Flagstaff, AZ, in late June, so I do not want to dilute that presentation by giving details here. I will give the same presentation about these events at the two IOTA meetings mentioned above, and will publish preliminary outlines in the next issue. Many were clouded out for the Vesta event on January 3-4, but the event was extensively observed by visual, video, and photoelectric means in Michigan. Other useful observations were made in Ohio, and John Holtz observed one event near Pittsburgh, PA. Four valuable chords were obtained on the east side of Vesta by observers in Ontario, allowing a good elliptical fit to be made. The Myrrha event on January 13th was seen (some without optical aid) by many observers in the Tokyo area, although the path was expected to be farther south from the astrometry that was obtained. The Kleopatra path shifted south, so that the northern limit was near O, and the southern limit at O"2 S, on the map on p. 31 of the last issue. Although the path went over several large cities, only 8 observations were obtained, but they were well-distributed across the path. The preliminary analysis shows a remarkable cigar-like shape, 4 times as long as it is widel

<u>William David Dunham</u> was born on January 9th, a little earlier than expected, at 5 pounds 14 ounces. William was my father's father's name (The W. in my name is for Waring, not William). He remains very healthy and brings us much joy, but does mean that we have less time to work on occultations.

Next issue. In addition to William, we have been preoccupied with taking care of the problems associated with withdrawal of most of the U. S. Naval Observatory's support for occultation work; see the next article. So most of my contributions intended for this issue, such as descriptions of the new 80L version of the XZ star catalog and planetary occultation table formats (not covered last time) and notes about special events, will have to wait until the next issue, which is planned for early August. Trv to have your contributions for that issue in by July 25. Information about the July 8th Pleiades passage in Mexico will be distributed separately to those whom I know will be in Mexico that morning.

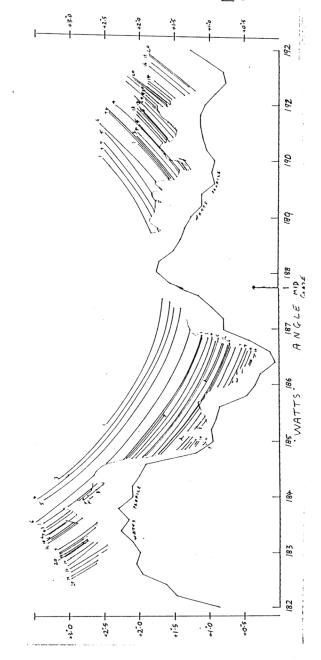
GRAZE OF ANTARES

David Herald

We observed a grazing occultation of Antares near Mangoplan, N.S.W. on 1990 February 18. Conditions were fantastic, and 18 observers recorded 183 definite timings. As far as I am aware, this is the most successful southern hemisphere graze ever. We had observers from Sydney, Wollongong, Canberra, Albury, and Melbourne. We had to rearrange the site location some 12 hours before the event because of the weather -- to a location about 200 km away. One observer blew up the engine on his car getting there.

The reduction provided shows a systematic shift between the reduced data of the two companions. This is most noticeable near Watts angle 187 deg. I have analyzed the systematic shift to get an improvement in the position angle and separation of Antares. From the orbital elements in the <u>Fourth Catalog of Orbits of Visual Binary Stars</u>. I get (for epoch 1990.2) PA = 273.99, separation = 2.70. From an analysis of the relative shifts of the profile for the primary and secondary, I get PA = 275.5 +/- 0.4, and separation = 23.80 +/- 0.10.

[Ed - While this shift can easily be seen in the profile David Herald has sent, it cannot be seen when the profile is reduced to fit in the ON.]



USNO ENDS OCCULTATION PREDICTION SERVICE

David W. Dunham

The U. S. Naval Observatory has been reducing its support for some of its older scientific programs as new ones have been added. As a part of these changes, it is terminating virtually all support of occultation work. Marie Lukac, who has done an outstanding job computing and distributing the detailed USNO total (lunar) occultation predictions to observers throughout the world for many years, will no longer provide this service. She will soon send a final notice announcing this to everyone on her active mailing list. Because of this, prediction requests that Mrs. Lukac has received since January have not been processed; she has just handed them over to me.

An additional change is that the USNO is shifting computation support to distributed computing and will discontinue use of the IBM 4341 some time in 1992. Computations will be migrated onto a network of project-oriented computers. Since all of the occultation software can currently run only on the mainframe computer. I am trying to transport it to other computers. This is difficult. The computer programs were written mostly by Tom Van Flandern ten to twenty years ago, and are optimized for old FORTRAN compilers that are no longer supported.

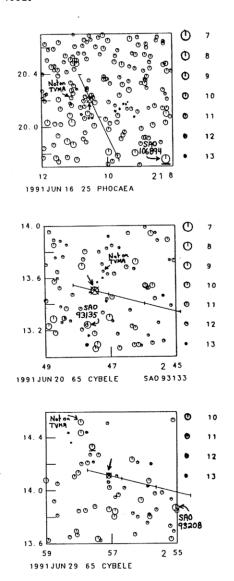
The solar physics division at Goddard Space Flight Center (GSFC), which is interested in IOTA's activities mainly for solar diameter results from our analyses of solar eclipse Bailey's bead timings, has given me an account on an IBM 3081 computer at GSFC. Their allocation on this computer is very limited, not enough to make the extensive computer runs to generate the annual datasets needed for total and grazing occultation predictions, but it should be sufficient for update prediction runs. I have completed most of the work needed to move the main datasets and programs from USNO to GSFC, with much help from Wayne Warren at the Astronomical Data Center, and should soon be able to make update runs there. The first priority has been to get operating at all away from USNO. On about June 10, I will process all of the requests that Mrs. Lukac has received since January.

Hans Bode and other members of IOTA/ES in Hannover, Germany, have offered to help, including translation of the USNO FORTRAN programs into modern VS77 FORTRAN that can be run on different mainframe computers (such as VAXes) as well as on PC's with sufficient hard disk storage (probably about 80 Mbytes) to include all of the datasets needed (the Watts limb correction file is by far the largest, taking about 43 Mbytes). This will be very useful, since the programs might be run in many different places, hopefully eventually in each country with strong programs to observe lunar occultations.

The International Lunar Occultation Centre (ILOC) in Tokyo hopes to be one of the first places to run the programs. Following a letter that I sent to them explaining the situation, they are in the process of trying to get support to run the programs and distribute predictions worldwide, taking over the work that was performed at USNO before February. They hope to distribute the main predictions of total occultations for 1992, probably printing the predictions from a magnetic tape containing the print files that I will generate, and generating the predictions themselves for 1993.

Observers should also be aware that, at some time in the future, they may need to provide reimbursement for the cost of mailing the predictions. There is a possiblity of funding support for mailings for the next year. If that cannot be provided, observers requesting updated total occultation predictions will need to reimburse IOTA for the cost to mail them.

Also, P and L catalog predictions may not be available for 1992, partly because there might not be time to generate the datasets needed for those predictions, and partly because the current series of Pleiades passages ends in the Southern Hemisphere early in 1992.



ECLIPSE NEWS

David W. Dunham

Only plans for this July 11th total solar eclipse limit observations, and grazes during the Pleiades passage on July 8th, are given here.

Northern Limit of July 11th solar eclipse. Alan Fiala, U. S. Naval Observatory, Washington, DC 20390, telephone 202,653-1742, plans to observe near the northern limit on the southeast coast of Maui. The detailed calculations show that sites a mile inside (south of) the actual northern limit are accessible. Contact him if you wish to avoid the crowds and expense on Hawaii Island.

Villa Insurgentes, Baja California, is also at the northern limit. With the stringent travel restrictions, it will probably be necessary to be there the night before the eclipse. Derald Nye, 10385 E. Observatory Dr., Tucson, AZ 85747-9789, telephone 602,762-5504 (home) or 799-4654 (weekdays), plans to observe near there, but only if at least one other person will join him. I hope that someone already planning to observe from Baja will take him up on that offer; that location has the highest probability of any of the accessible limit sites for clear sky.

North of Mazatlan, Mexico. At least one member of the expedition to Mazatlan organized by Paul Maley plans to rent a car and drive to near the northern limit. We also hope to have two or more people from Van Flandern's Eclipse Edge expedition drive to the northern limit from Puerto Vallarta, although the roads are not good and the one-way trip is expected to take 8 hours or more. They would join the Mazatlan effort, driving there the day before. Δ rental car has been reserved for this purpose in Puerto Vallarta. With over 200 people at the southern limit in Van Flandern's expedition, I hope that a few can be persuaded to endure the extra hardship to augment the meager efforts at the northern limit; we need data from both limits to measure the solar diameter. If you are going to Puerto Vallarta, contact me at the address in the masthead, or by phone at 301,474-4722 if you are interested in joining the northern-limit effort. Contact either me or Paul Maley (see IOTA News), or both, if you will be in Mazatlan and want to go to the northern limit.

North and south of Mexico City. Astronomers from Kiev Observatory, who used their photometers under clouds in Siberia last year, plan to observe from the limits near Mexico City. I hope that arrangements can be made for the Soviet astronomers to go to either Puerto Vallarta or Mazatlan, since skies are virtually certain to be overcast near Mexico City.

The only Southern limit effort will be from Puerto Vallarta, mostly from The Eclipse Edge expedition. Hans Bode and several other members of IOTA/ES will be at the Holiday Inn in Puerto Vallarta, and will be joining the IOTA efforts from The Eclipse Edge expedition. Hans can be reached at (49)-0511, 424696 if you want to join the expedition. They will also participate in the IOTA meeting on July 9.

Pleiades passage on July 8. With the Moon only 15%

sunlit, this passage will be spectacular; it is the last in N. America during the current series. Atlas, mag. 3.8, northern limit about 40 miles northwest of La Paz: Richard Nolthenius; Astronomy; Cabillo College, 6500 Soquel Dr., Aptos, CA 95003, phone 408,423-6715 (home) or 479-6506 (weekdays) plans to lead an expedition. Contact him if you want to join the expedition. There is also a graze of a 7.0-mag. star only about 5 miles northwest of La Paz, and Nolthenius has information for that as well. The Atlas graze also passes near Mazatlan, in rather bright twilight. Let me know if you are interested in organizing or joining an effort to observe it.

From Puerto Vallarta, I plan to lead an expedition to near Tuxpan to observe the graze of 5.2-mag. Pleione. which has a companion about 0"2 away, according to speckle interferometric observations. Although the graze occurs in bright twilight (Sun alt. -7 deg), the star's duplicity makes it have special value. graze of 4.2-mag. Merope passes farther south of Puerto Vallarta, but there are no direct roads making it a much longer trip to reach than Pleione. The only accessible sites are farther inland, where there is likely to be more cloud cover. Contact me if you are interested in joining a Pleiades graze expedition from Puerto Vallarta. Total occultations will be observed from the city as well. On the morning of July 7, we will also watch the total occultation reappearance of the 5.7-mag. close triple star, Mu Arietis, with the Moon about 24% sunlit. If you are not in The Eclipse Edge expedition and plan to observe the Pleiades passage from Mexico, I will provide predictions and chart the Moon's path, if you send me a self-addressed, stamped envelope.

Daniel Falla, San Diego, CA, hopes to observe the Alcyone graze near Acapulco. If you are interested in joining this effort, you may reach him at 2408-21 2nd Ave., San Diego, CA 92101-1529.

We are told that the airlines are completely booked for travel to Hawaii, Baja California, and the Pacific coast of Mexico for the eclipse. Would-be observers who have not already made travel arrangements may find it difficult if not impossible to travel by scheduled airline. Michael Crist plans to drive to Puerto Vallarta and has offered to share the information he has on doing that. He can be reached at (615) 259-8772 (daytime) or (615) 446-9236 (6PM to 9PM CDT).

GRAZING OCCULTATIONS

Don Stockbauer

Please send copies of grazing occultation reports to me at 2846 Mayflower Landing; Webster, TX 77598; USA. If a copy can be sent to the International Lunar Occultation Centre (ILOC), this is greatly appreciated; their address is Geodesy and Geophysics Division; Hydrographic Department; Tsukiji-5. Chuo-ku; Tokyo, 104 Japan. For graze reports on diskette, please send me a printed copy of the data file only and send the actual diskette to ILOC. Total occultation reports on any medium need only be sent to ILOC. Due to the use of an inaccurate ephemeris for the 1990 graze predictions (see ON 5 (2), p. 34), 1990 shifts are not directly comparable to those of 1991 and should not be used to upgrade your current version 80K (or equivalent 80L) predictions. Reductions of some well-observed events can be performed to determine the 80K shifts.

Northern limit grazes that occur when the Moon is in Pisces, Aries or Taurus appear to be shifting slightly south of version 80K predictions. Also, the Pleiades star catalog (PLDS) is old enough now (30 years) that it gives poorer predictions than the ZZ for all but the brightest cluster members. The new 80L XZ catalog used the ZZ data for all but the brightest Pleiads.

Jean Schwaenen reported a shift of 0.2" south for the graze of ZC 287 observed on 2/19/91. He warns that he generated his own prediction and thus the shift was not calculated using an ACLPPP profile. Also, the graze of ZC 3512 on 10/31/90 at Champion. PA represents only two of the stations; I have not yet received a full report from the expedition leader.

Several items requested on the graze report form are fundamental; without them ILOC cannot reduce the data. These include the observer's name, longitude, latitude, height, datum, date and time, star name and phenomenon. Others, such as personal equation, accuracy, and certainty code are not absolutely necessary but should always be included to lend confidence to the observations. The graze summary list information requested is mainly for my benefit in writing these articles; the only other way I could obtain it would be to have a copy of the limit and profile predictions (which I also encourage expedition leaders to send). If an observer leaves off a fundamental piece of information, I write and request it; often I also ask for any of the optional fields that were not included. Perhaps this is too much for some people, and the whole request gets ignored. I have a report from a Flint, MI observer who did a graze on 4/28/90 near Howell, MI for which no star number was given. I requested the information on 1/22/91 and have still received no reply; the report cannot be listed in O.N. and forwarded to ILOC without this information.

Benny Roberts writes that he solved the ancient problem of feeling insecure and vulnerable during a recent graze by setting up his telescope directly in the parking lot of his local police station! The station was located in a good position on the profile, and during a preliminary visit he asked for permission to observe there. He also asked that he not be spotlighted or shot during his observations, which (happily) the Mississippi police complied with.

Thanks for the reports; see you next issue.

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900321	2861	57	32-	4S	Webster, TX	1				Don Stockbauer	18	32 3	35
900814	0541				Waldwick, WI					Bob Manske			
900815					Monte Sereno, CA					Rick Baldridge	7N35		
	077999				Saratoga, CA	1	5	1	32	Rick Baldridge	6N35		
	183572	76	22+ 1	1S	Stilson, TX			1	8	Don Stockbauer	2S17	37	70
900927					Wellington, CO	-	28			Steve Albers			
901024					Kolan, Austrl					P. Kearney		54 2	
					Reliance, TX					Don Stockbauer	4S16		
901030	3494	46	88+ 1	3S	Ivancna, Yugo					Rado Klemencic		71-4	
901031	3512	58	89+ 1	9S	Champion, PA					David Dunham	3N16	55-5	50
901111	118518	80	301	6S	Durbin, FL					Harold J. Carney			
901124	164149	75	35+ 1	7S	Eckert, TX	7				Don Stockbauer	5516		
901124	164158	76	35+ 1	6S	Eckert, TX					Don Stockbauer	6S16		
901128	0029	72	75+ 1	6S	Chagrin Falls,OH	2		_		Robert J. Modic	3N16		
					Jackson, MS	1				Benny Roberts	2519	99 1	16
901208	1541	80	57-	6S	Holton, KS	6				Richard P. Wilds	5N18	38 4	14
901208					Kearney, MO	1				Robert Sandy		38 4	
					Eskridge, KS	3				Richard P. Wilds	019	95 5	58
901212	158129	94	18- 1	8S	Eskridge, KS	2	2	1	33	Richard P. Wilds	019	93 7	74
901220	3017	53	11+ 1	5S	MonteBranco,Port	2	12	2	5	Joaquim Garcia	5S16	53 -	-7
901223					Arcadia, FL	1				Tom Campbell	6S16	52-3	38
901223					Lake Placid, FL	3	20	1	20	Chris Stephan	6S16	52-3	38
901229					Pocahontas, MS	1	2	1	33	Benny Roberts	3N17	/8-5	56
				2N	Jackson, MS	1	3	1	33	Benny Roberts	1N	0-6	55
910207	183706	89	41-	6S	Holton, KS	1	2	1	33	Richard P. Wilds	018	34 6	67
910219	0287	83	27+	6N	HoutainLeVal,Bel	2	10	1	25	Jean Schwaenen		4-6	53
910221	075741			8N	Eskridge, KS	2	16	1	25	Richard P. Wilds	1S	8-5	59
910221	0562	66	48+	6N	TheumaBeiPla,Ger					Viertel/Buttner	>8 S	7-5	52
910223	0900				Carcavelos,Port					Joaquim Garcia	0	6-2	29
910320	076021	85	23+ 1	1N	Cascais, Port					Joaquim Garcia	2N 1	0-5	53

Graze List as of 4/15/91

Tony Murray

Response to the article on new double stars in the last issue ($ON \ 5(2)$ p. 55-56) was very good. The table accompanying this article contains 34 new double stars that will now go into the IOTA Catalog of Double Stars of the Moon's Occultation Zone. These reports are from 6 observers in 3 countries. Most of the discoveries were made by Brian Loader in New Zealand and Henk Bulder in the Netherlands. Bulder has timed[u more than 2100 occultations since he began in 1977. This table has 17 stars that he has discovered to be double.

The comments section includes several stars that are not listed in the table. Most of these are correction of mistakes found in previous <u>ON</u> articles and other sources. It is expected that occasional mistakes or oversights will occur as we renew the article and the maintenance of the Catalog after a 10 year hiatus. If you find an error of any sort in the table or comments, please write to me with the corrections. Your help will be appreciated. It is requested that in your letters concerning mistakes and questions that you refer to the star by all of its name/numbers that you have at hand, at least in the beginning of your letter. It is easier to find data on Alcyone = 25 Tau = ZC 552 = DM +23 541 = SAO 76199 =P-248 than it is on P-248.

Observers who time an occultation of a double or triple star, the components of which can be visually separated and who observe a step or fade event involving one of the components, should clearly indicate which component is involved. Appropriate identifications would be N or S component, E or W component, brighter or fainter component. If this is not done, the data are lost. Observers would do well to record the pertinent information in their personal notes as soon as possible after the event to make sure that it is available years later when the report is made.

It is appropriate that we restate Dunham's comments in $\underline{ON} \ \underline{2}$ (1), in which he explained why a double-star occultation that was total would appear different from an occultation of the same star at a favorable graze. "During total occultations, (a fade) often denotes duplicity, but during favorable grazes, continuous fades or brightenings are often due to diffraction of the star's light at the Moon's edge. For total occultations more than 40 degrees of position angle away from being a graze, a fade event more likely would be due to duplicity than to diffraction, whereas the reverse would be true during a graze." This is only to let readers know that fade events observed during grazes receive the code X, but if only one observer reported a fade, the code is K. [ed. note: X is the code for "probably a close double, not certain" and K is the code for "duplicity doubtful".]

Table of	New Double Stars
SAO M N Mag1 Mag2	Sep PA Date Disc
075489 T X 9.0 9.0	134 90Feb02 Bulder
076564 T K 7.7 7.7	353 84Mch09 Bulder
076627 T K 7.4 7.4	286 87Aug17 Loader
076827 T X 10.0 10.0	207 90Jull9 Bulder
076839 T X 9.4 9.4	143 84Mch10 Loader
077106 T X 9.8 9.8	299 90Sep11 Bulder
078490 T X 9.4 9.4	111 85Apr25 Bulder
079412 T X 10.0 10.0	295 90Sep14 Bulder
079578 T X 9.6 9.6	92 89Apr12 Bulder
079925 T X 9.4 9.4	135 90Apr30 Bulder
080574 T X 9.5 9.5	140 86May15 Bulder
080950 T X 7.6 7.6	73 85May26 Loader
092605 T X 9.2 9.2	89 87Dec01 Bulder
092908 T V 9.4 9.4	211 89Jul26 Bulder
092974 T X 9.6 9.6	25 90Dec27 Bulder
093131 P B 9.5 10.0	.06 182.5 83Jan23 Evans
098229 T K 9.2 9.2	345 90Nov09 Bulder
098613 T V 8.9 8.9	120 81May10 Bulder
098830 T X 9.9 9.9	87May06 Bulder
118947 T X 9.5 9.5	116 84Ju104 Loader
119469 T K 9.8 9.8	67 83May22 Loader
139656 T K 9.9 9.9	118 82Ju127 Loader
159887 P X 9.2 11.2	.013 32.9 78Aug13 Edwards
164718 T Y 9.7 9.7	294 83Apr08 Loader
185976 G K 9.2 9.2	165.5 900ct24 Wilds
186040 T K 9.9 9.9	146 85Aug25 Loader
187662 T X 9.3 9.3	79 890ct08 Murray
187760 T K 10.1 10.1	24 89Nov04 Loader
188129 T X 9.5 9.5	83 870ct01 Loader
188423 G X 8.8 8.8	155.5 900ct26Wilds.et.al.
189126 T V 10.0 10.0	32 84Nov27 Loader
189350 T K 10.2 10.2	29 83Nov11 Loader
189405 T K 9.2 9.2	44 83Nov11 Loader
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0707 T B 8.6 8.6	212 890ct17 Loader

Notes for individual stars are given below:

075671: Not in table. This star is ZC 438 = ADS 2253, code 0. H. Bulder's observation of 90Nov30 confirms previously know duplicity.

076131: Not in table. This star is the Pleiad Electra. Bulder's daylight observation of 90Aug30 confirms previously known duplicity.

076472: Not in table. Reported in ON 5(2) page 57. Observers reporting a fade during the graze were R. Easton, R. Wilds, G. Hug, and C. McManus.

076627: This star is ZC 673. B. Loader reports observation of a "possible reappearance, seeing very poor".

079170: Not in table. This star is ZC 1093 = ADS 5781. H. Bulder's observation 87Mar10 confirms previously discovered duplicity.

079238: Not in table. Insufficient data provided.

080950: ZC 1424

092979: This is to correct comment in <u>ON</u> 5(2). R. Sandy did not report that this star, observed during 90Sep09 graze, was double. The code is corrected.

093031: Not in table. H. Bulder's observation of 90Dec28 confirms previously known duplicity.

093130: Not in table. Corrects magnitude in IOTA Catalog.

093131: Reported in Astron. J. 88(12), p. 1855

098830: P. A. of occultation not available.

118784: Not in table. H. Bulder's observation of 90May01 confirms previously known duplicity.

159887: Already in IOTA Catalog, now in the table. D. Edwards reported this discovery in the <u>Astron. J.</u> <u>85</u> (4), p. 486.

162413: Not in table. B. Loader's observation of 80May05 confirms earlier suspected duplicity. Its code is now V.

164657: Not in table. This star is ZC 3191. B. Loader's observation of 840ct05 confirms D. Evans' discovery of the star's duplicity by photoelectric observation on 83Sep19. Its code is now Y.

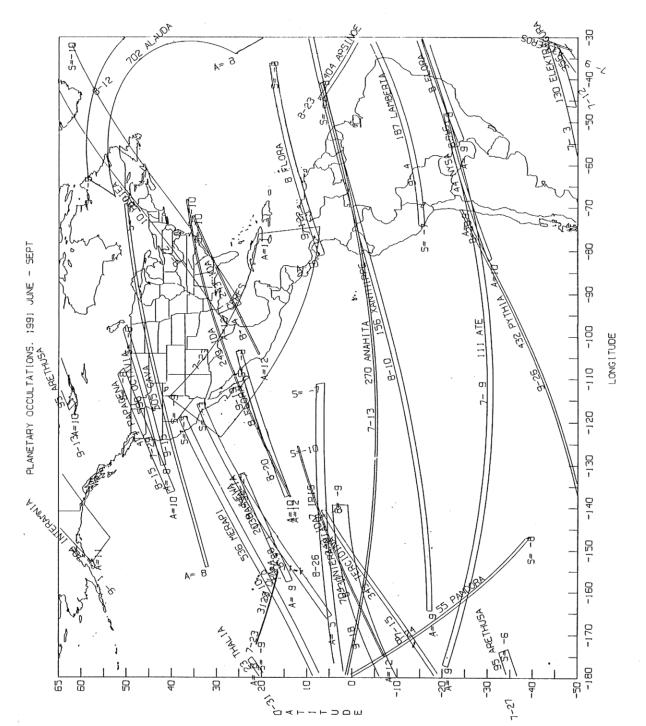
164718: Triple star, data for third member: mag3 = 10.5, Sep3 = 12.6, PA3 = 67.

185976: Graze observed by R. Wilds at Rantoul, Kansas, 900ct24.

187716: Not in table. Reported in ON = 5 (2) page 57. Observers reporting fades were R. Wilds (video), C. Hug, B. Culberson, C. McManus.

188423: Graze observed by R. Wilds, T. McManus, C. McManus at Frankfort, Kansas, 900ct26.

DM +25 0707: This star is the distant companion of SAO 076573A. Together, they are ADS 3161 = ZC 647. It is now in the IOTA catalog under its name DM +25 0707.



SOLAR SYSTEM OCCULTATIONS DURING 1991

David W. Dunham

These are tables continuing the article with the same title starting in ON 5(2).

Jim Stamm

If you do not have a regional coordinator who forwards your reports, they should be sent to me at: 11781 N. Joi Dr., Tucson, AZ 85737 USA. Names and addresses of regional coordinators are given in "From

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(216) Kleopatra and SAO 143946, 1989 March 31: R. Levai from Sao Paulo, Brazil.

(171) Ophelia and SAO 139358, 1989 May 29: [ON 5(1), p. 9]: M. Lara from Nilopolis and C. Adib from Porto Alegre, Brazil.

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(41) Daphne and SAO 97875, 1989 June 6: Aldo Rodrigues Da Costa reports a miss from Lagoa Santa, Brazil.

I have summarized all of the reports that I have received for the last half of 1989 in the following

two tables and section of notes. Table 1 lists the 1989 date, minor planet, occulted star, IDs of successful observers, and references to any notes. Table 2 lists the observers' ID, name, nearest twon to location of observation, country (includes state or province for North America and Australia), and the

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6. [<u>ON 5(</u>2), p. 27]. Observers were: Mur Sau Pav Pak Sam Dic Bol Ge Agr Can Dss Far Frd Grl Mrx Ohp San Sut Trr

7. [<u>ON 5(2)</u>, p. 27]

8. Wal recorded a 10.7-sec. occultation beginning at 14:51:31.9, but believes the event was probably spurious

9. [ON 4(16), p. 389]

10. Derald Nye noticed this event was predicted to occur on the Amazon River when and where he would be during a cruise. He sought cooperation from the ship's captain, and along with his wife Denise, and a fellow passenger, Jack Peterson, was rewarded with a 14-sec. occultation beginning at 2:57:46.5.

11. Dwd observed from Moon Run, Pennsylvania. David Dunham has forwarded a report that Svek and Moeller observed a 14-sec. occultation, apparently from the track's northern limit in Urbana, Illinois.

12. Dss reported a 1.6-sec. occultation beginning at 23:04:36.1, and a blink before (23:04)29.6) and after the event. Glo was not sure of his 11-sec. event which began at 12:06:30. These events cannot be related.

13. Dss reported some gradual unconfirmed events.

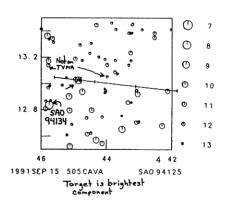


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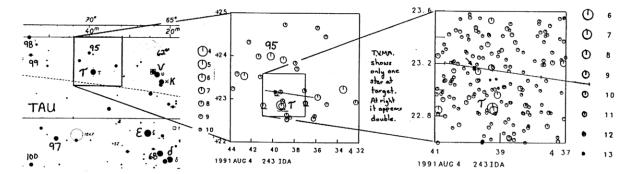
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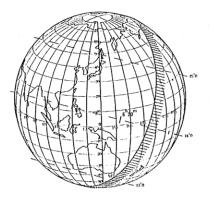


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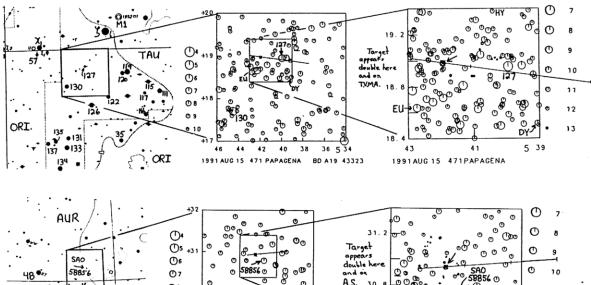
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ANNULAR ECLIPSE OF 15-16 JANUARY 1991

David Herald

We were very successful with our observations from the northern limit. Conditions were perfect, and results were obtained from 4 sites, two of which were just outside the limit of full annularity. It would seem that the northern limit of annularity had moved slightly south to that predicted by Fiala (i.e., that including the limb data). Unfortunately, the southern limit in Tasmania was completely clouded out, as was New Zealand. Thus, I have not put any effort into extracting the observations from tape. If anyone was able to make observations from the southern limit, please let me know.

One of our group (Jim Blanksby) hired a video camera to record the beads. The result was very disapointing - from a parallel audio recording, it was quite apparent that the video was not recording sufficiently faint light levels -- there were differences of up to 10 secs. near maximum eclipse of the time of bead events!

[Ed. David also included the following reports written by expedition members.]

Eclipse Observation Report from the Northern Limit - Flinders Island

Pat Larkin (in collaboration with Bruce Tregaskis, Jim Blanksby, David Herald)

Three ASV members, Bruce Tregaskis, Jim Blanksby, Pat Larkin, and organiser David Herald from the Canberra Astronomical Society, straggled into Flinders Island to observe the northern limit of the annular solar eclipse and time Baily's Beads (made by the Sun shining through valleys on the Moon just when the edges of the two bodies coincide). The island - a pleasant surprise of rolling farmlands, lagoons, and with mountain ranges and beaches resembling those of Wilson's Promontory and greeted each arrival with warm sunshine. But would these conditions last for Wednesday morning?

Monday afternoon saw the last arrival - the illustrious David Herald. David barely had time to breathe after an 8-hour drive and flight from the mainland, before setting out on a tour of trigonometrical stations. Using these gives accurate geographic coordinates for reference in observing Baily's Beads during the eclipse, but access to two of them entailed a climb and bit of bush-bashing. Only five trig stations existed in the right positions for observations, and since two of those were in the same relative position, only four were useful; just enough for us four scientific high-fliers!

Late in the afternoon, we met for a discussion on what to expect, do, not do, and contingency plans, etc. David even simulated an annular eclipse for the benefit of the uninitiated, using two ashtrays from our dining table! Following dinner and discussion of great scientific detail, a few wound-up people with brains working overtime retired about 11 pm.

Tuesday morning found each of us checking out our

sites. Jim looked at David's site, thought it impossible to be mastered, and questioned David's sanity. David scrambled up to his site - taking 30 minutes to conquer the 190-metre mountain upon which it stood - and subsequently arranged (or was it conned?) for people from a nearby bird sanctuary to act as porters. David and Bruce in their respective vehicles almost met head-on on the road to Bruce's site. This site, of "easy access", had Bruce planning to observe from a haunted building close to the trig point!

Jim, Pat, and David dined together again. As significant cloud was observed and a howling wind began to rattle the windows, a mood of general despondency prevailed. David was concerned that he might be blown off his site and Pat considered taking a noose to use from the trig pole. All retired about 11:30 pm, with grave fears of sleeping in, only to have David awake at 4 am and the rest of us at 5 am, from slumbers punctuated by nightmares of flat batteries, radios and tape recorders failing, equipment being knocked over, etc. However, and to our amazement, Mother Nature was kind, since there was no wind and virtually no cloud on the morning of the eclipse.

Everyone organized, with rampant improvisation. Bruce had to borrow the spare ASV radio (because his wouldn't work properly), Jim borrowed some lengths of pipe from a garage to use as a counterweight, David had a length of wire to throw over the side of "his" mountain as an aerial to improve VNG reception, and Pat had a novel finderscope - a PostPak tube - the brilliance and virtue of which she is happy to share with other novice solar observers!

We left for our sites before 7 am, Jim looking impressive with his video weaponry and affording to appear cool, calm, and collected about getting to his site, since he could drive right up to it. Pat was assisted by a tribe of porters and managed to set up in time for first contact, around 8:03 am. David met his porters at the base of the mountain, which he climbed in 40 minutes.

VNG came through strongly and clearly on 10 MHz until half an hour before mid-eclipse, predicted for 9:23 am, when it was turned off! Still all were able to gain a good signal on 5 MHz instead. The eclipse was viewed by all in perfect conditions; no wind or cloud. Pat and David, having assaulted their respective summits, felt their arduous climbs to have been Bruce and Jim, after their relaxed vindicated. drives to their sites, likewise enjoyed the eclipse. All of us recorded heaps of Baily's Beads, using VNG and tape recorders, with Jim also filming the eclipse on videotape. After annularity Jim and David went over to Pat's site, where Pat was adamant that she was going to record second contact, much to David's disbelief. Despite low-level clouds rolling in, Pat did get to time second contact at about 10:50 am, and Jim got it on video too.

This article was drafted (on two placemats!) during a jovial dinner - after appropriate refreshments - on the evening of the day of the eclipse. Spirits were high, although the knowledge that the Taswegians were generally clouded out at the southern limit cast a

bit of a shadow.

For those unaware of what Flinders Island has to offer, or who wonder how anyone can amuse themselves there for a few days, the members of the ASV Flinders Island Annular Eclipse Expedition 1991 unanimously felt that the time we later spent on the island was insufficient to explore it properly. Between climbing peaks, exploring the island by pedal-power, swimming, fossicking, looking at the antics of shellfish and the flight patterns of the mutton-birds and Cape Barren geese, there was no time left for mischief! "We shall return".

Reports From Other Locations

Steve Roberts

Steve Roberts at work in central Melbourne noticed a distinct darkness through complete cloud cover around 9:20 to 9:25; external lights were well visible; cloud cleared at 11:05 (15 minutes after everything was over - Curses!). Jim Park at home in Mount Waverley saw the eclipse sporadically through the clouds, as did Eddie Gainsford at Warranwood and several others on the periphery of Melbourne. Peter Nelson at Warragul had clear conditions and saw all stages of the event. Ian Sullivan, on holiday just south of Devonport, Tasmania, also saw the whole event under ideal conditions.

However, the 13 stations and 30 observers who had set up along the southern limit across southern Tasmania were completely clouded out, except for two observers who travelled north as far as Oaklands and who saw the eclipse in clear conditions with some rather poor Baily's Beads - too poor to measure scientifically, but at least they saw an eclipse! Both the northern and southern limits through New Zealand were also clouded out. Launceston Planetarium had clear conditions and conducted a highly successful public viewing.

GRAZE EXPEDITION 1991 FEBRUARY 21

Andrew Elliott

[Extracted from the BAA Lunar Section newsletter 27(4) of April, 1991] There were several grazes predicted during the Pleiades passage on February 21. Two of the graze tracks intersected near the village of Hurstbourne Tarrant in Hampshire [England]. I organized a graze expedition there so that we could potentially observe two grazes from the one site within half an hour of each other, a rare event.

The two grazes, of ZC 556 and ZC 562 were due to occur at 18h 52m and 19h 18m UT, respectively, from the chosen site. I had found an excellent secluded road running at right angles to the tracks and starting within 1/2 km of the point of intersection. The local residents and estate owner were very amenable to our trip. We managed to line up 12-13 observers, mainly from Reading Astro., with telescopes ranging in size from 4" to 14" (mostly in the 8" to 10" range).

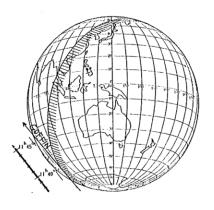
The day of the grazes arrived and the weather looked very discouraging...A hole in the cloud was on its way to the graze site...There was a 50:50 chance that it would arrive at the graze site by 1900 UT. Because of the rarity of the event I decided not to abandon the attempt outright. Also, the Americans (IOTA) wanted information about any possible graze shift so that they could plan their next Pleiades passage graze expeditions on March 20-21.

It rained at the graze site heavily and intermittently from 1700 to 1830 UT. Another five intrepid observers turned up -- Martin Burger, Richard Fleet, Tim Haymes, Chris Menmuir, and Anthony Thomas. At 1830, a thinning of the cloud occurred and the Moon appeared: a great cheer went up! However, visibility was intermittent due to scudding clouds, and the wind became squally as forecast. We made a mad dash to set up telescopes along the road. But the Moon remained covered for the first event.

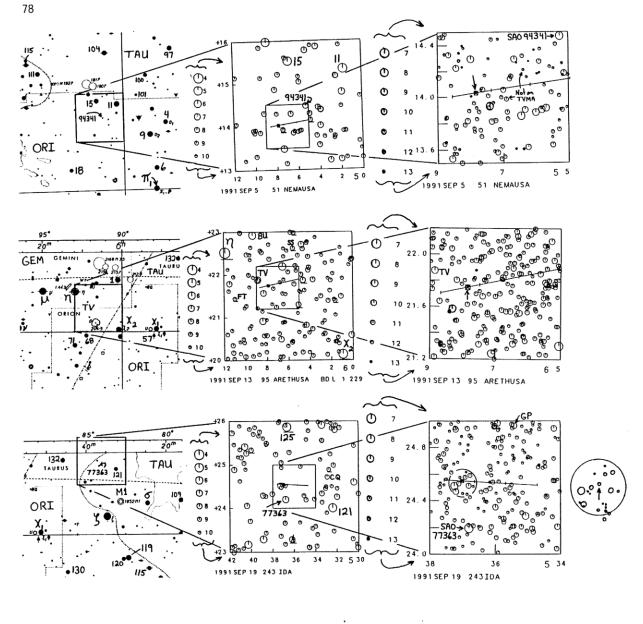
We sat and waited for the next event. It rained, and all the equipment got wet. My MSF clock went on the blink. The only time it ever does is on a graze expedition! A passing car shone its lights into my eyes. My feet were getting cold and soggy on the wet grass.

The Moon and star did appear fleetingly a few times for the second event but most of us did not obtain any timings. Congratulations to Tim Haymes who managed to time six events during the <u>disappearance</u> phase. Unfortunately, he was clouded out for the reappearance phase and so it is difficult to make any conclusions about a possible graze shift. It would appear from the graze profile and Tim's results that any shift is likely to be quite small.

We packed up and went to the local hostelry to dry out. As we arrived there the "hole" arrived with a crystal clear black sky: the forecast was not far out! Spirits were not damped and we have continued enthusiasm for the next graze.

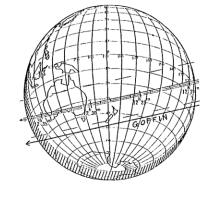


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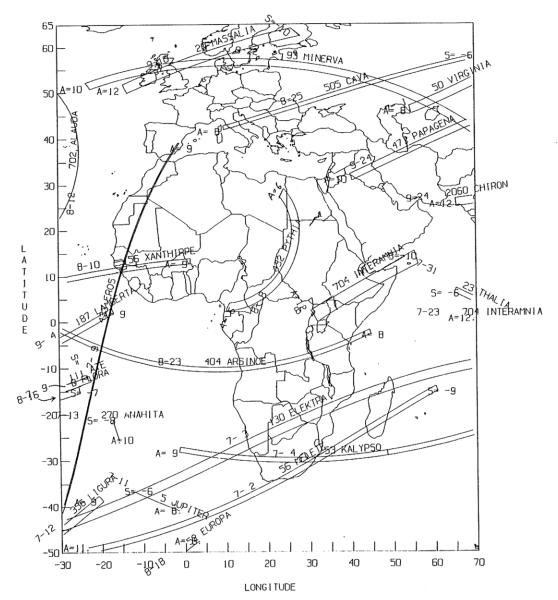
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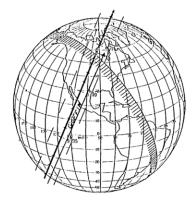


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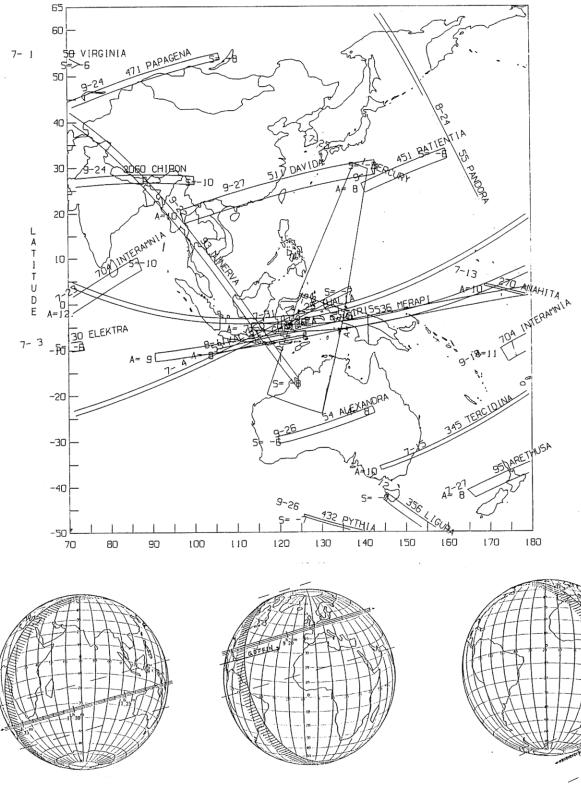
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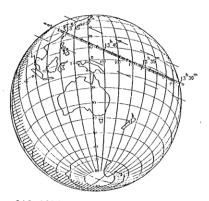
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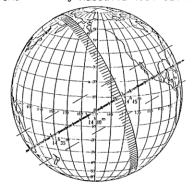




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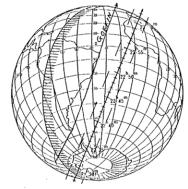
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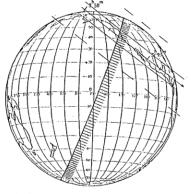
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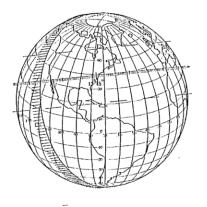
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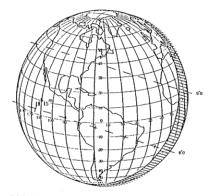
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ASTRONOMY AND PERSONAL COMPUTERS

Joan Bixby Dunham

<u>Computerizing Research:</u> A recent <u>Byte</u> magazine had an article on intelligent document management which I read the same day I read newspaper articles on the investigation of fraud committed by Thereza Imanishi-Kari, a genetics researcher. One of the major points of the <u>Byte</u> article was that researchers should keep all their records electronically. The author remarked that "Laboratory work has changed a lot from the early days when all notes and calculations could be kept in notebooks." Although the <u>Byte</u> article suffers from the lack of experience of its author with practices in scientific research ("early days" indeed!), it does make some good arguments for use of computers to store all research notes.

In many fields the researcher's notebook is sacred. Entries are written in ink, dated, and, while later entries may correct earlier ones, written entries are not changed. The notebooks are used to resolve questions of data accuracy, priority of discovery, patent disputes, and other questions. The evidence for fraud committed by Dr. Imanishi-Kari was, in part, based on examination of her notebooks, finding that the records could not have been written on the dates claimed but must have been made later. Using researcher notebooks is not a universal practice in astronomy, although many astronomers do. There are scenes in the PBS series "The Astronomers" where observers are shown in front of a console, capturing their data with computers, recording the observation date, time, and so on by hand in notebooks. There are occasions when the date and time of an observation becomes important in establishing who first discovered something. If the observer is aware that a comet, nova, or minor planet has been found, then the discovery can be established with a telegram to the IAU. But the observer may not always be aware immediately that the image just taken contains a unique observation. Pre-explosion observations of a supernova, for example, would become valuable only after the star becomes a supernova.

The difficulty with using a computer-based set of research notes to establish precedence is that, absent any outside confirming evidence, the dates attached to computer records cannot be trusted. The computer clock can be used to date records, but computer users can set the clock to whatever they wish. And in cases where the clock is not under the users' control, changing the date of a record or a file is still no problem for a competent programmer. Also, there may be quite legitimate reasons to do with data storage, archiving, reformatting, or editing why the date of a file could be much later than the actual date the data were originally stored. Methods to establish a trustworthy date all require an outside agent or act. Also, the researcher needs to know then that the date specific data were recorded must be established. Years may pass before the dates data were taken become important. This was certainly true in the case of the investigation of Imanishi-Kari.

The convenience of using computers to keep observing records and notes outweighs the possible need to establish an observation date in astronomy. Another way to consider the question is that legal disputes as to the legitimacy of observations or time data were taken seldom arise in astronomy. This may have more to do with the lack of financial incentive than the moral character of those attracted to astronomy. Whoever finally wins the court fights to establish the first inventor of the microprocessor is likely to become very wealthy, while the loser just gets very large legal bills. In astronomy, questions of discovery are handled by attaching all the observers names to the event. This is why numerous comets have multiple names.

A second difficulty in using computers to maintain researchers' notes is the probability that changes in technology may leave an observer unable to read old files. Those of us who have used computers for more than 10 years all know of data written to media that can no longer be read. At one time, disk drives for personal computer were expensive and not very common. The most common data storage medium was cassette tapes. I certainly have no desire to keep old computers around to read my cassette tape files. The only storage format I disliked even more was punched paper tape. At one time, every facility with a computer had card readers and we thought they would always be available. We still have yet to see a storage format whose ease of access over the long term outdoes the printed page. While it may take a long time to search through printed documents to find relevant information, it can take even longer if a search must begin with a nation-wide hunt for a museum piece in operating condition to read old files.

There are plans to archive data from major observing programs that include with them the commitment to provide the equipment to read from the archives indefinitely. Research notes stored on those media are more likely to be accessible in the future. However, a researcher's notebook is a personal record of work done. Individuals may not want to spend the money to store their notes on media designed for large data volume and high speed retrieval.

<u>Software</u> In 1987, at Universe 87, I purchased an interesting program called Deep Space, written by David Chandler. I have mentioned this program several times, and used it in demonstrations and Astronomy Day programs. It generates star maps in several projections, including pairs for stereo viewing. I have just received an updated version of this program, now called Deep Space 3-D. There are many new and improved features, but the one which I noticed first (and which I found most impressive) was that the star map plotting is considerably faster than in the old version. Other new features are:

Option to purchase up to 14 additional disks containing a star catalog of 248,709 stars, down to 10th magnitude. The unregistered distribution disks contain stars to 5.6 (3200 stars), the registered version has stars to 7.25 (19000 stars). The star catalog source for this was the SKYMAP data base, which Chandler received from the National Space Science Data Center.

Additional star map types, including one that matches the sky as it appears to the observer.

Ability to label constellations, move the labels so that they will not detract from the map, and use three letter abbreviations or full names as desired.

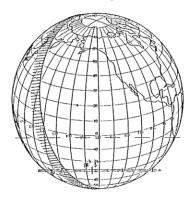
Two 3-d formats, the large $8-1/2 \times 11$ offered in the original version of Deep Space, and a new small scale format.

The program is, in David Chandler's words, "heavy on comets." It plots comet trajectories against the background stars, produces special search charts for comet recovery, lists where comets are (a feature to help comet searchers avoid the embarrassment of "discovering" a known comet.)

This is version 2.1a of the software. This runs on MS-DOS machines, and requires 512K memory. It does not require a math co-processor, but runs much more efficiently with one.

The program can be freely distributed in its unregistered version. Registration costs \$59, and includes a 3-D viewer. The viewer can be purchased separately for \$5, and a larger viewer is offered for \$35. Additional data sold to accompany Deep Space are the 14 diskettes of the star catalog, and orbital elements for 1100+ comets. If you are interested, write David Chandler at PO Box 309, La Verne, CA 91750.

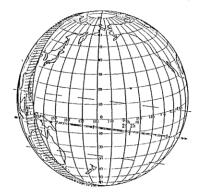
Andrew Lowe has sent a PC program to present a display of computer graphics. EclipseLive. This program gives a real-time simulation of partial, annular, and total eclipses. I could not read the diskette Lowe sent, so I cannot give an evaluation of the program. It does sound interesting, especially for public displays. The program requires a MS-DOS machine with DOS 2.1 or later, and a CGA, EGA, or VGA graphics board. The co-processor is used if present. The price is \$39.93 US, which includes shipping. He will provide the program in 5-1/4 and 3-1/2 diskettes (specify the density). You may write to him at 4939 Vantage Crescent N.W. Calgary, AB T3A 1X6 Canada



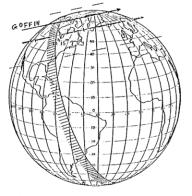
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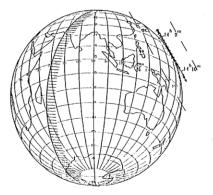
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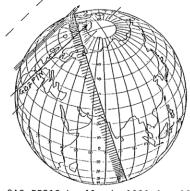


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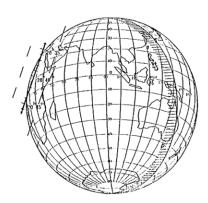
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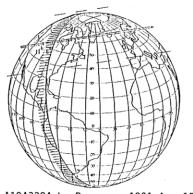
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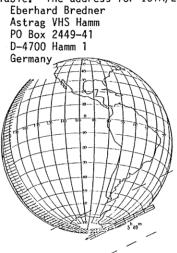
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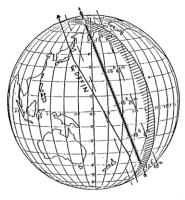
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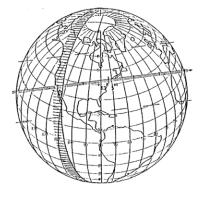
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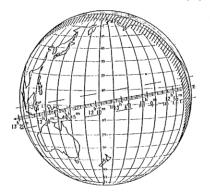
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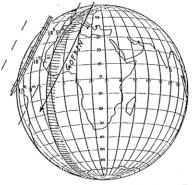
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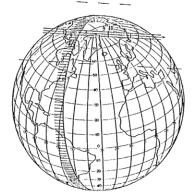
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<u>Planetary Table 1 Error</u>: There are two errors in the headings for Table 1 on pages 68, 70, and 72. The 5th column should be ΔAU , not AU, and the 11th column should be Δm , not m.

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Roster Errors: The information on p. 3 should be on p. 4, and vice versa. The last tipe for J. Fanzini is Union Lake, MI

The erratum and the additional information were found as a strip of copy paper with the printed issue of *Occultation Newsletter* Vol. 5 No. 3.

The Planetary Table 1 Errors on pages 68, 70 and 72 were corrected for the scan of this project. The issue is marked on the front page as revised.

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