

Montreal Centre  
ROYAL ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY OF CANADA  
OBSERVATION COMMITTEE

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| 1. Lunar Observations                              | George Wedge                                      |                 |
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| 3. Lunar Eclipses                                  | Director of Observational<br>Activities           |                 |
| II THE PLANETS, ASTEROIDS AND RELATED PHENOMENA    |   |                 |
| 1. Planetary Observations                          | Kenneth Chalk                                     |                 |
| 2. Asteroid Observations                           | Constantine Papacosmas                            |                 |
| III THE SUN, AURORA BOREALIS AND RELATED PHENOMENA |   |                 |
| 1. Naked-eye Sun-spot Observations                 | Robert Venor                                      |                 |
| 2. Systematic Telescopic Solar Observations        | Robert Ballantyne                                 |                 |
| 3. Other Telescopic Solar Observations             | Rita Prezament                                    |                 |
| 4. Solar Eclipses                                  | Dir. Observational Activities                     |                 |
| 5. Aurora Borealis                                 | Louis R. Duchow                                   |                 |
| IV COMETS, NOVAE, VARIABLES, DOUBLE STARS          |   |                 |
| 1. Comet & Nova Search                             | Dorothy Yane                                      |                 |
| 2. Observations of Comets and Novae                | Jim Low   |                 |
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| 4. Double Star Observations                        | Carl Jorgensen                                    |                 |
| V METEORS  |   |                 |
| 1. Sporadic Meteors & Fireballs                    | W. A. Warren                                      |                 |
| 2. Meteor Showers                                  | Dir. Observational Activities                     |                 |
| VI MESSIERS, HERSCHELS & OTHER DEEP SKY WONDERS    | Isabel K. Williamson                              |                 |
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| 1. Visual Observations                             | Vic Williams                                      |                 |
| 2. Radio Observations & Predictions                | Bryan Rawlings                                    |                 |
| VIII ASTROPHOTOGRAPHY                              | Constantine Papacosmas                            |                 |
| IX RADIO & ELECTRONICS                             | Bryan Rawlings                                    |                 |
| X CONSTELLATION STUDY                              | Karl McNamara                                     |                 |
| XI TELESCOPE MAKING                                | Robert Venor                                      |                 |
| XII SPECIAL PROJECTS                               | A. H. Capper, W. Jutting<br>H. Simkover, K. Zorgo |                 |

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Dear Mr. Low:

Here are the negative reports for December 1965. They are pretty skimpy, although the month started off with a big bang!

Observing in general has been very unsatisfactory.

I certainly had much enjoyment chasing Comet Ikeya-Seki. It was too elusive in the early part of December, even with the 8" reflector.

Did I mention two attempts at picture taking? I used a twin lens reflex with built, but no time exposure setting. Both times the lock on the cable release must have slipped, as nothing showed on the film. I was using Ektachrome X (A.S.A. 64), and exposed for 5 and 10 minutes, guiding with my 4 $\frac{1}{4}$ " reflector, the camera being strapped to the table. The film size was #120. This film comes out very red in long exposures.

Best wishes  
Hugh Maclean.