

Astronomical Society of South Africa  
Cape Centre

Fifteenth Session 1928-9

The Seventh Ordinary Meeting of the Session ~~will~~  
was held at Headquarters 38. Wall Street on  
Wednesday Evening ~~at~~ May 8. 1929. at 8.15 pm.  
Capt. D. Cameron Swan in the Chair  
Minutes of Meeting of April 10 1929 were read  
and confirmed

Mr. Norman H. Blackmore was elected to membership.  
Mr. H. C. Mason read a paper on "The possibility  
of Navigation of Space"

Mr. Mason gave an exhaustive description  
of the mechanics + advances in construction of  
rocket devices, and their use as motors.  
Velocities developed may become so great as to  
overcome gravity and enable a rocket driven  
projectile to leave the earth + navigate space

Considerable discussion followed and a  
number of questions were referred to.

A vote of thanks was agreed unanimously  
the meeting terminated.

<sup>Donahue Comet</sup>  
The Medal of the Astronomical Society of the Pacific  
was presented to Mr. A. F. J. Forbes, for the discovery  
of Pons-Winnerke-Coggia-Forbes Comet. The presentation  
was made by the President Mr. A. W. Long, F.R.S.

Mr. Smith reported observing a strange star near the  
variable star R. S. Centauri. On reporting  
this observation to the Royal Observatory it was found  
to be a variable star designated R.V. Carina.  
This star had not previously been observed by members  
of the Variable Star Section of this Society

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The Eighth ordinary meeting of the session was held at 35 Water Street on Wednesday evening June 12, 1929, at 8.15 p.m.

Capt D. Cameron Swan in the Chair, there was a fair attendance. Minutes of meeting of May 8 were read and confirmed. The Hon Secretary stated that he had been the meeting had been called to hear Mr. D.G. McIntyre on "The Moon the Weather". Mr. McIntyre has been called away from Capetown on professional business and had submitted a paper to be read.

A paper had also been received from Mr J. B. Blathwayt of Johannesburg on "Comets and Comet Finding". This paper it had been intended to read at a subsequent meeting. He was asked whether the members present wished to hear Mr McIntyre's paper read, or would hear Mr Blathwayt's instead & give Mr McIntyre an opportunity of addressing them personally at a later date.

On the motion of Mr Lang it was unanimously agreed to hear Mr Blathwayt's paper and ask Mr McIntyre to address the Centre at the Annual Meeting.

The Hon Secretary then read the paper submitted by Mr Blathwayt on "Comets & Comet finding", the paper proved to be of considerable interest & after discussion a vote of thanks was accorded. Mr Blathwayt & the Hon Secretary was instructed to write to Mr Blathwayt thanking him for the paper. The meeting then terminated.

D. Cameron-Swan.  
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