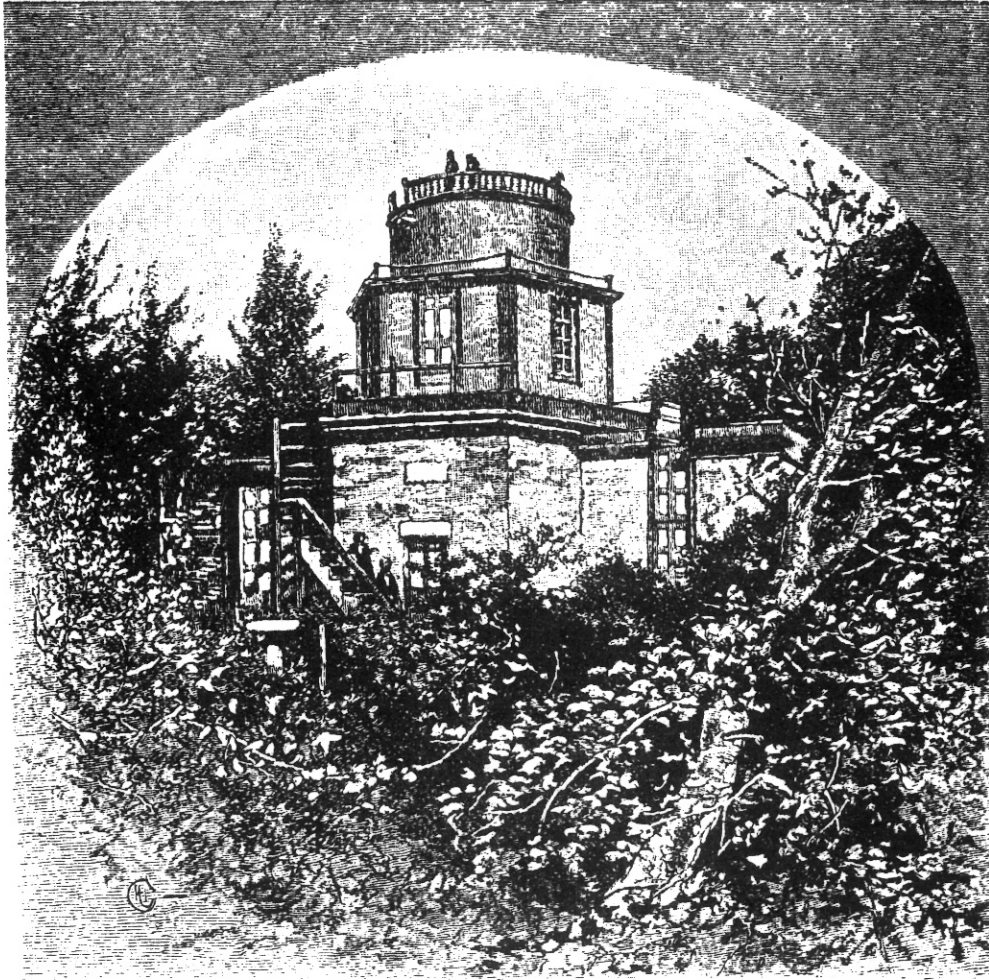


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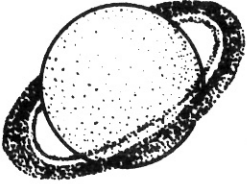
150th ANNIVERSARY

SEPTEMBER 16-18, 1988

**NORTHFIELD MOUNTAIN RECREATION
& ENVIRONMENTAL CENTER**

NORTHFIELD, MASS.

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Astronomy enthusiasts and their families are cordially invited to enjoy a weekend of observing, learning, and good fellowship at the 6th annual Connecticut River Valley Astronomers' Conjunction. The Conjunction is held at the Northfield Mountain Recreation & Environmental Center in Northfield, MA. This location provides excellent facilities in an enjoyable, rural environment. The Conjunction will be a great opportunity for members of local astronomy clubs to meet each other and share a common interest. We look forward to seeing you!



FEATURES

FRIDAY EVENING PROGRAMS - For those who arrive early, there will be a potluck dinner at the Environmental Center. This will be followed by an open house at Amherst College Observatory, including a look at Mars through the 18-inch Clark refractor. An alternate program for beginners, "Introduction to Astronomy," will be presented at the Center by astronomy educators Jack Megas and Dave Gallup (\$1.00 fee per person).

SWAP TABLE - Bring anything astronomical to sell or swap all day Saturday.

PAPERS - An interesting variety of astronomical papers will be presented at the Conjunction. Saturday morning will be devoted to observing deep sky objects, with a special program by NERAL Vice-Chairman Greg Bohemier. Afternoon speakers will include Michael Rudenko, Bernie Volz, Alan French, Richard Lynch, Russ Hawn, and Richard Sanderson.

OUTDOOR DINNER - By popular demand, an outdoor turkey dinner will again be provided by the Franklin Turkey Farm. Vegetarian dinners are available.

SPECIAL KEYNOTE SPEAKER - Amherst College astronomy professor George Greenstein will discuss space telescopes during the Saturday evening keynote address. Dr. Greenstein is the author of **Frozen Star** and **The Symbiotic Universe**, and he also writes the "Letters to the Astronomer" column in the "Old Farmer's Almanac."

OBSERVING SESSION - Bring your telescope for the observing session Saturday evening.

FIELD TRIP - On Sunday morning, we will car pool to Williamstown, MA, for a guided tour of Hopkins Observatory. Hopkins is the oldest existing astronomical observatory in the country and 1988 marks its 150th anniversary.

FIELD TRIP - On Sunday afternoon, we will visit antiquarian astronomy book dealer Paul Luther at his home in Bernardston, MA. If you have any old astronomy books, bring a few for Mr. Luther to appraise and discuss. Participants will be able to purchase books from his extensive stock. This trip is limited to 12 people.

CAMPING - Camping sites (with showers) are available at Purple Meadow Camp Ground, located about 7 miles from Northfield Mountain. A special family rate is available for groups of 4 or more.

COMMEMORATIVE T-SHIRT - A special T-Shirt commemorating the 150th anniversary of Hopkins Observatory will be available exclusively at the Conjunction. Like all of the T-Shirts designed by Dave Gallup, this one is sure to sell out fast, so reserve yours when you register.

THE CONJUNCTION IS LIMITED TO 75 PARTICIPANTS, SO PLEASE REGISTER EARLY

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OTHER ACTIVITIES AT NORTHFIELD MOUNTAIN

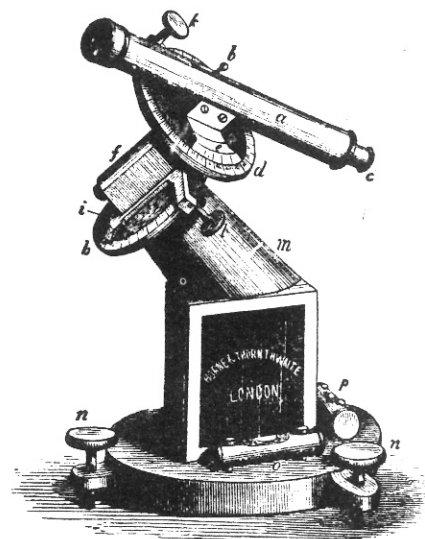
During the Conjunction, the Northfield Mountain Recreation & Environmental Center will offer a variety of activities appropriate for all ages and interests. Step aboard the Quinnetucket II for an interpretive riverboat ride on the Connecticut River. This is a very popular activity, and anyone interested should make reservations with Northfield Mountain well in advance. A fee is charged. Other activities include free bus tours of the upper reservoir, and hikes along self-guiding nature trails at Northfield Mountain and nearby Barton Cove. For more information, or to make riverboat reservations, call Northfield Mountain at (413) 659-3714.

CONJUNCTION COORDINATORS

Dave Gallup
Phil Harrington
Jack Megas
Kim Noyes
Rich Sanderson
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HOST: Northfield Mountain,
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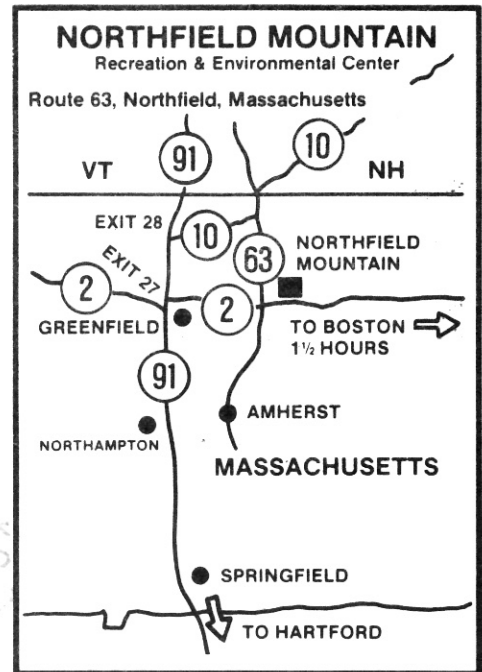
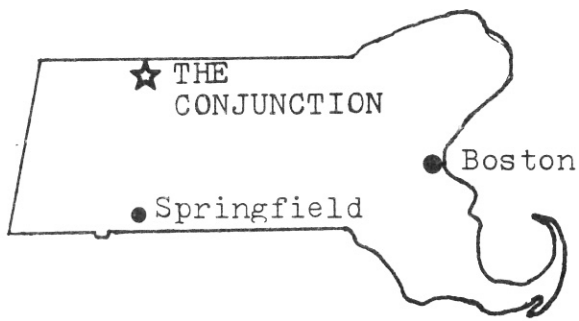
REGISTRATION FORM

Please complete this form and return it, with payment, by September 1. Make checks payable to "The Conjunction," and return to Jack Megas, 311 Surrey Rd., Springfield, MA 01118.

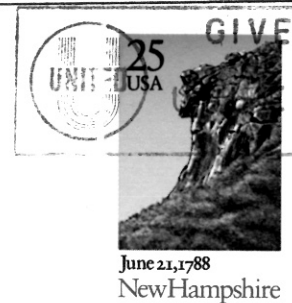
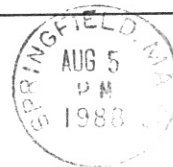
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city/state/zip _____ ☐ Check if interested in Paul Luther trip

	Number of Participants	Price Per Person	Sub- total
Registration (under 16 free).....	_____	\$7.00 (\$8 after Sept. 1)	_____
Camping Friday night.....	_____	\$2.50	_____
Camping Friday night (family rate).....	_____	\$8.50	_____
Camping Saturday night.....	_____	\$2.50	_____
Camping Saturday night (family rate).....	_____	\$8.50	_____
Saturday evening turkey dinner.....	_____	\$10.00	_____
Saturday evening vegetarian dinner.....	_____	\$10.00	_____
Commemorative T-shirt: ___ M ___ L ___ X-L.....	_____	\$7.00 each	_____

GRAND TOTAL ENCLOSED (check or money order) _____



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