

# "Climbing Kitt Peak"

## 2011 ATS Convention Schedule



Kitt Peak in 1956. Photo: Dr. Aden Meinel

Kitt Peak in 2009. Photo: Dr. John Glaspey

*On October 28 through October 30, 2011, the Antique Telescope Society will hold its 20th Annual Convention in Tucson, AZ, with optional tours planned for the two following days. One of the highlights will occur on Saturday, October 29, when we will take a VIP tour of Kitt Peak during the day and have optional observing on Kitt Peak during the evening. In addition, the program includes a reception on Friday evening and a banquet on Sunday which will feature a keynote address. The Convention will also have talks and exhibits. A tour of Steward Mirror Laboratory is planned for Friday, a tour of the Whipple Observatory on Mount Hopkins will be held on Monday, and a tour of Mount Graham International Observatory and its Large Binocular Telescope is planned for Tuesday. While in Tucson, the Four Points Sheraton Hotel University Plaza will serve as our headquarters. We look forward to welcoming ATS members and friends to Tucson. Please join us.*

*Ken Launie, Convention Co-Chairman and President*

*Peter Abrahams, Convention Co-Chairman and Paper Sessions Chairman*

*Jack Koester, Treasurer*

*Walter H. Breyer, Executive Secretary*

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### **Friday, October 28**

#### **Friday morning:**

10:00am-Noon

*Registration at the Four Points Sheraton, Hotel Lobby.*

#### **Friday afternoon:**

1:00pm-4:00pm

*Tour of Steward Mirror Laboratory.*

4:30pm-5:30pm

*ATS Board meeting at the Four Points Sheraton, Cafe.*

5:30pm-6:30pm

*Dinner (on your own).*

#### **Friday evening:**

7:00pm-8:30pm

*Wine and Cheese Reception and Membership Meeting at the Four Points Sheraton, Cafe.*

8:30pm-9:30pm

*View Displays at the Four Points Sheraton, Wildcat Room.*

### **Saturday, October 29**

#### **Saturday:**

9:00am-10:30am

*Travel (on your own) to Kitt Peak Visitors Center (90 min.).*

10:30am-3:30pm

*VIP Tour of Kitt Peak. Box Lunch (on tour).*

3:30pm-5:00pm

*Travel back to the Four Points Sheraton for those not participating in the NOP observing.*

*There will be an optional NOP (Nighttime Observing Program) at Kitt Peak in the Evening:*

4:30pm

*Assemble at Kitt Peak Visitors Center*

4:30pm-9:30pm

*NOP (Nighttime Observing Program) at Kitt Peak  
Box Supper (on tour).*

9:30pm-11:00pm

*Travel back to the Four Points Sheraton.*

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### Sunday, October 30

#### Sunday morning:

- 8:00am-9:00am Visit displays at the Four Points Sheraton, Wildcat Room.  
9:00am-12:30pm Paper session I and II (break included) at the Four Points Sheraton, Conference Center.

#### Sunday afternoon:

- 12:30pm-1:30pm Lunch (on your own).  
1:30pm-4:30pm Paper session III and IV (break included), Conference Center.  
4:30pm-6:00pm Visit displays.

#### Sunday evening:

- 6:00pm-7:00pm Reception at the Four Points Sheraton, Conference Center, for D'oeuvres (Cash Bar).  
7:00pm-9:00pm Banquet at the Four Points Sheraton, Conference Center, with the Keynote Address.  
9:00pm-10:00pm Remove displays, Wildcat Room. End of formal Convention.

### Monday, October 31

#### Monday:

- 7:30am-8:30am Travel (on your own) to the MMT Observatory on Mount Hopkins. This tour is limited to the first 43 people to sign up.  
9:00am-9:30pm Orientation and video at Visitor's Center.  
9:30am-10:15am Travel to the Observatory, Main Ridge, by small bus (provided).  
10:15am-4:00pm Travel to Summit and MMT. Box Lunch.  
4:00pm-5:00pm Travel back to the Four Points Sheraton.  
5:30pm-6:30pm Dinner (on your own).  
7:00pm-8:30pm Visit the University of Arizona Museum of Optics.  
8:30pm Return to the Four Points Sheraton.

### Tuesday, November 1

#### Tuesday:

- 7:30am-9:30am Travel (by bus) to Mount Graham Observatory. This tour is limited to the first 43 people to sign up prior to October 1. We must submit a list of names of attendees to the Forest Service at that time. Identification must be brought with you on Tuesday  
9:30am-4:00pm Tour of Mount Graham's Large Binocular Telescope. Box Lunch.  
4:00pm-6:00pm Travel back to the Four Points Sheraton.

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### **Comments:**

We have reserved a block of rooms **until Wednesday, September 28, 2011.** We have obtained a special rate for our attendees so make sure you **mention the "2011 Antique Telescope Society" meeting** when you register. The rooms are at the **Four Points by Sheraton Tucson University Plaza at the rate of \$95 per night for a single or a double room** (plus 13.05% local taxes and a \$2 per night city surcharge):

**The Four Points by Sheraton  
Tucson University Plaza  
1900 E. Speedway Blvd.  
Tucson, AZ 85719**

**Reservations: 800-368-7764**

**Monday's Tour:** We are limited to **43 people** for the Monday tour of the MMT Observatory on Mount Hopkins. We will fill the tour on a **First Come, First Served** basis.

**Tuesday's Tour:** We are limited to **43 people** for the Tuesday tour of the Mount Graham Observatory. We will fill the tour on a **First Come, First Served** basis. In addition, we must submit all names of the people touring in advance. **Hence, you must register for the Tuesday Tour of the Mount Graham Observatory by October 1, 2011.**

We will be taking several mountain tours. It should be noted that temperatures are typically **20 degrees cooler** in the mountains when compared to the valley (Tucson). Bring warm clothes (**No Shorts! No Sandals!**) as well as hats and sunglasses. Tours involve lots of walking, so sturdy, closed shoes are important.

Be sure to **fill your gas tank before leaving Tucson.** There are no gas stations at most of the Mountain locations we will visit. Bring cameras! The view alone is well worth the drive to our tour locations.

On Kitt Peak, there is no smoking or cell phone use. It is on Tohono O'odham Nation land. No alcohol or firearms are permitted, nor taking of any plant or other material. Mount Graham is sacred to a group of Nations, and the same rules apply.

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**Registration Form:**

Return to: **Walt Breyer, Executive Secretary**  
**Antique Telescope Society**  
**1878 Robinson Road**  
**Dahlonega, GA 30533 USA**

NAME(S): \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

E-MAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

**Registration Fees:**

			<i>Number</i>	<i>Amount</i>
<b><u>Full Convention</u></b>	Members \$265.00;	Non-Members \$280.00	( )	\$ _____

*(With Saturday Evening NOP, Nighttime Observing Tour)*

**--OR--** **--OR--** **--OR--**

<b><u>Full Convention</u></b>	Members \$225.00;	Non-Members \$240.00	( )	\$ _____
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*(Without Saturday Evening NOP, Nighttime Observing Tour)*

**--OR--** **--OR--** **--OR--**

**Daily Registration Fees:**

Friday	Members \$50.00;	Non-Members \$55.00	( )	\$ _____
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Saturday*(with NOP Tour)	Members \$120.00;	Non-Members \$125.00	( )	\$ _____
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Saturday*(without NOP Tour)	Members \$80.00;	Non-Members \$85.00	( )	\$ _____
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Sunday**	Members \$115.00;	Non-Members \$120.00	( )	\$ _____
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\* **Saturday's Kitt Peak attendees (Full or Saturday registration) Please make a box lunch selection:**

( ) Turkey Croissant; ( ) Hoagie; ( ) Vegetarian Hoagie.

\*\***Sunday's Dinner attendees (Full or Sunday registration) Please make a meal selection:**

( ) Prime Rib; ( ) Salmon; ( ) Vegetarian Portobello Mushrooms .

**--AND--** **--AND--** **--AND--**

<b><u>Monday's Tour to Mt. Hopkins:</u></b>	Members \$35.00;	Non-Members \$40.00	( )	\$ _____
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**(Limit: 43 people) Please make a box lunch selection:**

( ) Turkey Croissant; ( ) Hoagie; ( ) Vegetarian Hoagie.

**--AND--** **--AND--** **--AND--**

<b><u>Tuesday's Tour to Mt. Graham:</u></b>	Members \$45.00;	Non-Members \$50.00	( )	\$ _____
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**(Limit: 43 people) Please make a box lunch selection:**

( ) Turkey Croissant; ( ) Hoagie; ( ) Vegetarian Hoagie.

**Shirt Purchase: (Shirt orders must be in by September 15, 2011)**

			<i>Number</i>	<i>Amount</i>
Convention T-Shirt:	( ) S; ( ) M; ( ) L; ( ) XL @ \$22.00 Each	( )	\$ _____	

( ) XXL @ \$24.00 Each	( )	\$ _____
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Convention Golf Shirt: ( ) S; ( ) M; ( ) L; ( ) XL @ \$35.00 Each	( )	\$ _____
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( ) XXL @ \$38.00 Each	( )	\$ _____
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**Page Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

**Remember:** (1) You must make your own hotel reservations **by September 28, 2011** to get the **special rates at the Four Points by Sheraton** and remember to mention the **"2011 Antique Telescope Society" meeting**. (2) Check off a **box lunch selection for Saturday** (3) Check off a **meal selection for Sunday evening**. (4) If you are going, check off a **box lunch selection for Monday's Tour**. (5) If you are going, check off a **box lunch selection for Tuesday's Tour**. (6) Check off your **shirt selection**, if you would like one, **by September 15**. (7) **Total your form and send it in along with a check. Deadline- October 1, 2011.**