

This Month in Astronomical History

Author Guidelines

Background: The AAS Historical Astronomy Division (HAD) publishes a monthly column on the AAS web site on some significant astronomical event that happened during a given month, e.g., birth of a noted astronomer, significant discovery, first light of a major new telescope or instrument, appearance of a groundbreaking research paper, etc.

If you are interested in submitting a column, please review earlier columns to avoid duplication:

<https://had.aas.org/resources/astro-history>

Some new possibilities may be found on the Institute of Physics website (but verify these dates and events!!):

<http://www.iop.org/resources/day/index.html>

Another source of column ideas is Andy Fraknoi's "This Date in Astronomical History," which may be viewed or downloaded at:

https://www.researchgate.net/publication/348358007_This_Date_in_Astronomical_History

1. Please submit your draft no later than the 1st of the month before the column is to appear in (e.g., February 1 for the March column). The article will be reviewed by the column's Editor and the HAD Executive Committee.
2. Format: approximately 500 words in length, Microsoft Word document (no PDF). Images should be separate files (JPG, GIF, or PNG), not embedded within the document.
3. Try to limit the number of figures to 3 or fewer. A list of figures, with captions, should appear after the main text. All images from outside sources should contain appropriate attribution. *It is the author's responsibility to secure permission for usage of copyrighted images.*
4. In-text citations should use a superscript number reference system, in which each numbered item in the text refers to a corresponding numbered bibliographic reference in the reference list included at the end of the article.
5. References are listed in *numerical order* as they appear in the text, not in alphabetical order. The reference list should be formatted using AAS Reference List Style, with standard format for digital links (URLs): https://journals.aas.org/references/#ref_list.
6. In lieu of a reference list, authors may add 2-3 suggested further readings.

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