

Where to get data on Halley

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Amateur observer groups, schools and colleges who have evolved systematic plans to observe the forthcoming visit of Comet Halley have been asked to contact Dr. M. K. Tiwari, Convener, of the newly-started journal "Communications on Comet Halley", at the ISRO headquarters, Cauvery Bhavan, Bangalore-9.

Dr. Tiwari said in a press note that a number of enquiries had been coming in for guidance on where and how to see the comet and to plan observation.

The first issue of the circular was brought out at the end of July. About 10 issues have been planned until May 1986, although they will not necessarily come out every month. As limited copies are available for free distribution, copies will be sent to the most equipped or active groups, whose requests for the journal should reach the Convener before October 10.

The circular, which has received support from ISRO, has on its editorial board, Prof. K. R. Sivaraman, Chairman, Steering Committee of the Indian Halley Observation programme, Indian Institute of Astrophysics, Bangalore, Dr. A. G. Kulkarni, Director, Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel Planetarium, Baroda, Mr. Bharat Adur, Scientist, Nehru Planetarium, Mr. Raju Patel, amateur astronomer, Bombay, with Dr. Tiwari as Convener.

The journal is already being distributed to planetaria, amateur astronomy associations and science clubs as well as other selected schools, colleges, and university physics departments as advised by the Kendra Vidyalaya Sangathan, NCERT and the UGC, the note said.