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Jerry Hubbell: Amateur Astronomer



Gerald (Jerry) Reynolds Hubbell (ME#13165)

As a young boy, Jerry Hubbell used binoculars to view the heavens until he received his first telescope at the age of 14. As a teenager, he used that telescope for a couple of years and then managed to upgrade to a larger telescope with a tracking mount that enabled him to track the Moon across the sky. At that time all he cared about was looking at the Moon and the planets (he still remembers to this day his very first view of Saturn). He managed to take some rudimentary photos using an eyepiece projection into a Polaroid instant camera.

He moved away from astronomy after high school and even though he took a basic astronomy course in college, didn't use a telescope again until 1986, at the age of 26, when he bought his first serious telescope. But his astronomy interest waned as he explored other "hobbies", including becoming a pilot.

Then, about 10 years ago, he started thinking about how computers had improved the instrumentation used in small aircraft and looked into what had been going on with amateur astronomy and what was available. He was

impressed with the advances in telescope quality and affordability and ended up buying a new telescope. He has been enjoying his telescope system over the past few years concentrating on minor planet astrometry, photometry, and on high-resolution lunar imaging. He is a member of the Association of Lunar and Planetary Observers (ALPO) and the American Association of Variable Star Observers (AAVSO). He is also an active asteroid observer and contributor of astrometry data to the Minor Planet Center (MPC).

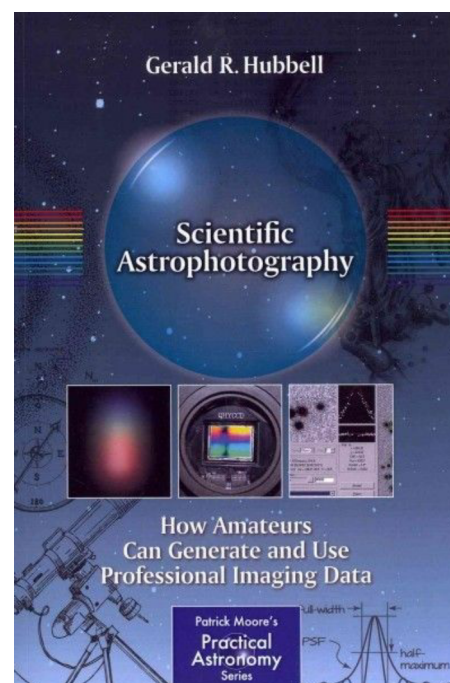
As his interest in astronomy rekindled, he joined and became President of the Rappahannock (VA) Astronomy Club (raclub.org). Consolidating his astronomy knowledge, in 2012, Jerry wrote a 300 page "how-to" book titled "Scientific Astrophotography-How Amateurs Can Generate and Use Professional Imaging Data" (published by Springer Verlag). It is a well written, comprehensive description and guide for doing meaningful scientific imaging work in astronomy. As one reviewer wrote: "Whether you are just starting out or are experienced doing scientific astronomy projects you will find the book to be an excellent reference for improving your skills." Since its publication, Jerry has become known as a superior astrophotographer, amateur scientist, and mentor to other amateur astronomers. In 2015, Jerry co-authored another astronomy book covering the operational aspects of remote observatories available to amateur astronomers.

Additionally, Jerry and Myron Wasiuta, another local Virginia astronomer, operate and maintain the Mark Slade Remote Observatory, a 1865 mm telescope

situated in Wasiuta's backyard. Jerry is the Assistant Director of the Observatory. The online observatory can be used by students to photograph galaxies for study remotely using a computer or smartphone. The observatory's telescope is powerful enough to see "Stephen's Quintet" a visual grouping of five galaxies about 300 million light-years away from Earth. That makes this telescope as powerful as the Mt. Wilson telescope used by Edwin P. Hubble, the noted astronomer, in the late 1940s. The general public can watch live streams from the observatory through the Rappahannock Astronomy Club's website.

Jerry presently (2019) reside in Locust Grove, Virginia with his wife Michelle, 4 out of 8 children that are still at home, and 4

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The Hubbell Society, Museum & Library

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The Hubbell Society, Museum & Library (HSML) is a volunteer not-for-profit organization, founded in 1981, to research the genealogy, preserve the history, recognize the achievements, and promote fellowship for the descendants of Richard Hubball, the immigrant. The Society invites membership from descendants of Richard Hubball of England and the New Haven Colony, Connecticut, from persons interested in genealogy and history, and from organizations supporting such activities.

President: Marjorie M.H.K Hlava
Vice President: Roger Hubbell
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Individual / Family (w/ minor children) \$20
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Reunions:

Society reunion meetings are held every two years. The next Biennial Reunion will be held in Houghton, MI. June 21-24, 2019.

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Hubbell Society Museum & Library

19th BIENNIAL REUNION – HOUGHTON, MI
JUNE 21st–24th, 2019 by Margie Hlava

At the upcoming family reunion, we honor Jay Abel Hubbell (ME#3254), a graduate of the University of Michigan in 1853. He was admitted to the bar in 1855, was elected Upper Peninsula District Attorney where he originally lived in Ontonagon, before moving to Houghton to become the county's district attorney. He served in the US Congress from 1872 to 1873, and was state commissioner to the 1876 Centennial Exhibition in Philadelphia, where he prepared Michigan's Mineral exhibit. In 1885, working with the state legislature, he was responsible for the establishment of a school of mines for the training of copper mining engineers in Houghton that has become Michigan Technology University with an enrollment of 7,200 students. He donated the land for the school's first buildings and donated money to build Hubbell Hall that was completed in 1890. The building was demolished in 1968 and replaced with the current Mechanical Engineering building.

Karen Wertanen has planned a highly interesting reunion, including a visit to the Michigan Tech University Library which contains a wealth of information

and documentation about the history of the Upper Peninsula and the city of Houghton. She has also included in our itinerary a visit of the Quincy underground Copper mine on Saturday. On Monday, after breakfast at the hotel, we will have an all day bus tour of the Keweenaw Peninsula, Copper Harbor and the town of Hubbell at no charge.

Sign in at the Registration Desk and receive your Hubbell Hat and Pin. Visit the hospitality room and reconnect with your cousins. This will be a great time to buy your tickets for the Banquet Raffles and be sure to pick up brochures about the Upper Peninsula and the town of Houghton.

At the Family Banquet, we will have Hubbell Hall of Fame presentations, a raffle of a 10" X 14" copy of the original 16" X 22" artwork by artist James Flood depicting the 1890 Hubbell Hall. The original picture was purchased for Hubbell Museum & Library. And book raffles for a Millennium Edition set, a set of H&G and A&R, Hubbell by Choice, and Sea Captains by Hilbert Hubble.

Karen and I look forward to you and your family attending.

Hi Everyone-Margie here

Daffodils are blooming in Albuquerque and it is time to turn attention to the summer activities! I hope to see many of you at the reunion in June in Houghton. I know my family will be there in mass and the number of children registered so far is impressive - so bring the kids of all ages - there are a lot of things to do in Houghton. I am looking forward to it!

This has been a very active and interesting 4 years as the President of, first the Hubbell Family Historical Society and now the Hubbell Society Museum and Library. We have accomplished a great deal and I am thankful to the board members who have actively and ardently participated in the process of merging the Hubbell Museum and Library with the Society. Both Boards gave very detailed and careful consideration to the advantages,

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* ***** * **Corrections:** The 2018 Annual contained a few mistakes that need to be rectified.
* **-Notice-** *
* **The Society is looking for** * 1) Dr/Mrs William J Hubbell (ME# 19235) were incorrectly listed as "Proud Members" but should have
* **someone to assume the** * been listed as "Pioneer Members" We apologize for
* **responsibilities of Editor** * this oversight.
* **of the Family Notes and** *
* **Annual. Any interested** * 2) Member Glenn A. Long (ME# 9430) brought to our
* **persons should contact** * attention the misspelling of his name (sorry Glenn) and
* **Margie Hlava at:** * that the story about the Hopple (Hubbell) Family
* **mhlava@accessinn.com** * contained a misspelling of the county they lived in.
* ***** * They resided in Huntingdon county, PA not Huntingdon county.

HUBBELL ONLINE MEMBERSHIP SYSTEM “HOLMS”

The HOLMS Project, in development for over a year, was deployed in late January 2019. HOLMS is an internet-based membership portal and database that is now ready to be used. To access HOLMS go to:
<https://holms.hubbell.org/login>

Earlier this year, Membership Renewal Forms were mailed to the 2017 and 2018 paid members. Included in that form were the member's number, email address and the member's name as appears in the Annual. In addition, included with the renewal form was the procedure for logging into the HOLMS system and registering. Once registration is accomplished renewal notices, each year, will be automatically send to each

member. This new system will drastically reduce the workload for the Membership Chairperson.

Once you have logged into the system, a member may modify their personal information in the “My Account” tab. In the “Member Dues” tab, a member may renew at the desired level and may renew for more than one year. Dues payment can be made through the PayPal service. Upon posting the dues payment and contributions transactions, HOLMS assigns the member's Anniversary Date and Renewal Date.

More to Come: Under development:

1) Access to HOLMS will be available through the website, under the Membership Tab.

- 2) Members will have the option to view their dues payments and contributions beginning with the year 2000.
- 3) Members will have the option to provide Gift Memberships for current and new members.
- 4) Membership Graphs. Graphs will be available for: the number of membership renewals by year, memberships by member types (pioneer, proud, etc.) and membership by state. A Membership Goal graph will show our target of 500 new members versus actual new memberships.

Please register on HOLMS today

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Margie Hlava- So Fabulous!

Hilbert Hubbell, Carol Boggs and Roger Hubbell, we owe you a great debt for your work. We can now turn our attention to the Policies and Procedures, updating the Administrative Handbook and issuing a revised strategic plan. We did everything on the last plan except grow to 500 members! That is quite an accomplishment.

As you know the publications area is well supported by our Editor, Rick Hubble, who continues to turn out an amazingly high quality Annual and Family Notes on a regular schedule. Anne Cooper has taken on the printing and mailings for the last two issues. Now we need an understudy for Rick to take over the editorial process. Don't be shy - we NEED your help.

treasurer much easier and provide a seamless basis for the administration of the membership while empowering all individual members to take charge of their own information whenever needed.

I would like to thank the Boards again and especially the executive committee for their help. Roger Hubbell, Jan Fulton, Dorcas Aunger, and Rick Hubble provided invaluable help, support and advice. I was also supported by the past presidents of the society who form a solid core of knowledge and information to help in the running of the Society; Hilbert Hubble, Peter Hansen, Carol Boggs and Donald Hubbell were up to the task and continue to be endlessly helpful. I look forward to joining those ranks in just a few short weeks. See you in Houghton.

and disadvantages, thoughtful discussions and eventually accomplished the deed! Now as a merged society we are strong with a great member benefit suite to offer current and potential members. We have an exemplary slate for you to vote on at the biennial meeting. There is still space for one more board member and if you are inclined to join please let me know.

The Bylaws revision has been approved by the Board and duly signed and filed with the State of Iowa. The Bylaws Committee members often worked late into the night to resolve and insure the platform for our operations are in the best possible shape. Kitty VerKuilen, Dorcas Aunger, Peter Hansen,

Hilbert Hubble, in the last four years, has churned out an incredible two volume History and Genealogy, a subsequent CD containing a massive number of updates and photos of the family. Then came the charming Hubbell Sea Captains book. Now he is working on Volume 2 of the Military History of the Hubbell Family - come to the reunion to see a sneak preview at that volume.

There has been much notice about the new HOLMS membership system designed by Donald Hubbell and written by Matthew Hubbell. It will soon be linked on the website (see accompanying article in this issue). This should make the jobs of the membership, editor and

Partial List of Incoming Officers

Officers	
President:	Matthew Hubbell
Vice President:	Richard A Hubbell
Secretary:	Kitty Ver Kuilen
Treasurer:	Jan Fulton
Directors:	
Class of 2021	
	Ruth Hubbell
	John A Hubbell
	Stephen Hubble
Class of 2023	
	Marjorie Hlava
	Hilbert Hubbell
	Richard W Hubble
Class of 2025	
	(open)
	Holly Hlava
	Anne Cooper



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dogs of various types and ages. He has a degree in Electrical Engineering Technology. He has been flying for over 20 years and serves in the Virginia Defense Force (VDF) as a pilot in C Company Aviation Battalion performing

search and rescue, surveillance and disaster recovery missions.

Jerry has worked for Dominion Virginia Power, previously in the Nuclear Design Engineering group as a Nuclear Instrumentation & Controls Technical Specialist. He worked on nuclear plant

protection and control instrumentation and also on the plant computer systems (hardware and software). Today, Jerry is V.P. of Engineering at Explore Scientific, an Arkansas based manufacturer of telescopes.



Major Ted Hubbell (ME# 6435)

The Hubbell Awards is a registered charity whose mission is to provide scholarships to youth enrolled in a Sea, Army or Air Cadet unit based in Manitoba, Canada. Named after Major Edward L.(Ted) Hubbell (ME# 6435), a World War II veteran, who devoted much of his life encouraging the development of youth.

Major Hubbell was President of the United Services Institute of Manitoba (now the Royal Military Institute of Manitoba) when he died in 1967. The Hubbell Awards have been presented to Cadets since Ted's death.

His colleagues in the United Services Institute of Manitoba made the decision to honour the work he had been doing by initially presenting three \$100 scholarships annually in his memory. The value of the scholarships remained unchanged for more than thirty-five years until the Winnipeg Airports Authority agreed to support the program and donated an additional \$1,200 which allowed each of the three scholarships to be increased to \$500.

By 2004, the United Services Institute of Manitoba decided that the program needed to become self-sufficient. In 2004 Colonel (Retired) Gary Solar, Lieutenant-Colonel (Retired) Ivan Poitras and Honorary Colonel Ben Van Ruiten incorporated the program as a charitable organization and were the first Officers and Board Members.

The Board's initial objective was to raise \$30,000, invest it in a perpetuity fund and use only the interest to award three \$500 scholarships annually - one to a Sea, Army and Air Cadet.

All donations were placed in the

Hubbell Awards Scholarship Trust Fund that the Winnipeg Foundation maintained. That was a major shift and provided an incentive for potential donors. That change saw a rapid increase in the donations and a new fund raising objective of \$100,000 was established.

From 2005 to 2008, the proceeds from interest accrued and the proceeds from the awards dinners were used to provide three \$500 scholarships. In 2009 the program reached an important milestone when three Cadets were presented with \$750 scholarships using only the earned interest in the Hubbell Awards Scholarship Trust Fund. In 2018, the awards currently have a value of \$1,100 each.

The Hubbell Awards is proudly independent. The program collaborates with the Regional Cadet Support Unit (Northwest) who have consistently provided invaluable assistance. It also collaborates with unit sponsors and Leagues that support Cadets. For more information visit their website at: <http://hubbellowards.com>



Robert Hubble (ME# 16330)

Robert Wilson Hubble

Robert Hubble spent only two seasons in the NFL, but he has a Super Bowl ring to show for it. "I'm very fortunate to have that," said Hubble, a Kerrville, TX native who played collegiately at Rice University. "I was lucky enough to be on that team when we won the Super Bowl (in 1984); achieving a 18-1 win/loss record." Robert was a defensive end for the San Francisco 49ers.

A standout football player at Kerrville-Tivy High School, Hubble earned a scholarship to Rice where he was a multisport athlete for the Owls.

Hubble went on to become a football official and has been officiating high

school games in the Houston and South Texas areas for the past 32 years.

"I love the game. I don't care if I'm doing Pee-Wee or whether I'm doing junior high or high school, I'm just out here to have fun with the kids. When it becomes work and it's no longer fun, I'll quit. Officiating is a way to give back to a game that's given me so many opportunities. Coaches yell and scream. Football is an emotional game but I don't pay any attention to it. If I was wrong, the film will show I was wrong. I'll apologize. I've apologized to many coaches. We're not perfect. To be a good official, you have to be brutally honest with yourself. You have to try and learn from it and never do it again. The 11th Commandment for officials is, Thou shall not kid oneself.