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Scenes from the Holiday Dinner



The Astronomy Club of Akron held its annual Holiday Dinner on January 19. The event was well attended.

Above, the food, as usual, was plentiful.

Above right, Vic DeCristoforo claims the top award for the 2001 Observers Program. His driving force, he said, was the continuing need for a "photon fix". Congratulations, Vic.

Right, members look at albums of photos from ACA activities long ago. We all had a great time laughing at how we looked in the 70's!

Thanks to all who helped make the dinner such a great success.



Activities Calendar

Club

February 22, Monthly Meeting
March 9, Observatory Program 7:30 PM
March 22, Monthly Meeting
April 13, Observatory Program
April 26, Monthly Meeting

Celestial

February 27, Full Moon
March 10, Moon 4 deg. S. of Neptune
March 11, Moon 4 deg. S. of Uranus
March 17, Moon 4 deg. S. of Mars
March 20, Vernal Equinox

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The deadline for article submission is **two weeks before the next meeting**. All word processing files should be saved in straight ASCII text files or any version of Word to minimize import problems. We will not turn away **any** submission, as long as the article's subject is astronomy or a related topic. If you don't have access to a computer, don't hesitate to write something out long hand. As long as it is legible, I will slave over the keyboard and get it published.

PLEASE SEND IN YOUR ARTICLES!!!!

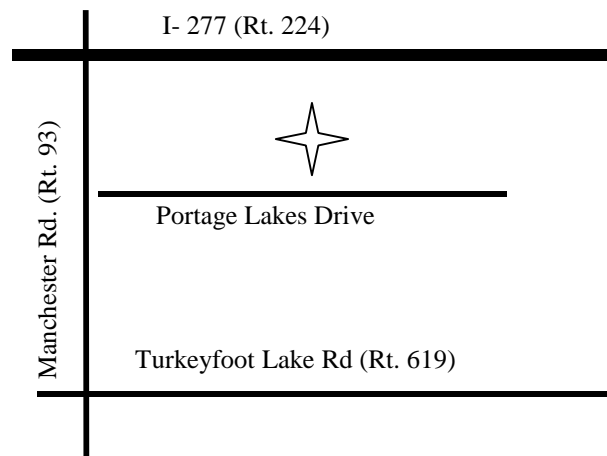
The newsletter (and the club) will be much richer with your contribution. Thanks to all who have used their valuable time to author or collect material for the Night Sky. (Editor)

Send your articles, items for sale, and comments to:

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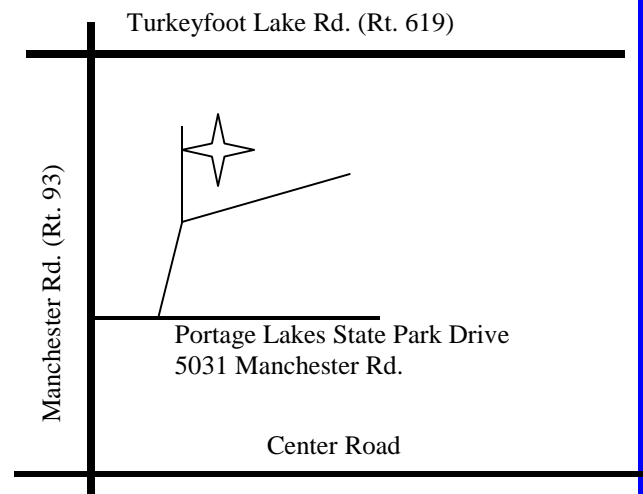
MONTHLY MEETING LOCATION:

The Astronomy Club of Akron meets at 8:00 PM at the Kiwanis Hall, 725 Portage Lakes Drive.



OBSERVATORY LOCATION:

The ACA Observatory is located within the Portage Lakes State Park on Manchester Rd. (Rt. 93). Turn left off Manchester Rd, then left at the first drive. Observatory is across the street from the Park Office.



Star Cruise 2002 Info

Hello,

Because of the bankruptcy of excite@home and their failed negotiations with ATT, the Laurel Highlands Star Cruise recently lost its WebSite space. However, it's now back-up and running at a new site. And, just to play it safe, the AAAP has registered a new Domain Name and is now able to offer the Laurel Highlands Star Cruise WebSite at the easier to remember: <http://www.lhstarcruise.org>. Could you please make appropriate changes to your Bookmarks/Favorites and WebSite at your earliest convenience?

Our standard information statement follows:

The more than 540 members of the Amateur Astronomy Association of Pittsburgh

(Pennsylvania, USA) invite you to attend the fourth annual "Laurel Highlands Star Cruise", June 5-9, 2002. Star Cruise 2002 will be again held at the DARK sky site of Pinehill Campground, just off I-68 near Hazelton, West Virginia. Guest speakers, special activities, big telescopes, kids activities, a food caterer, show-ers, cabins, RV and tent camping, a swap table and a fine selection of vendors are planned. Details are available at: www.lhstarcruise.org

Thank you very much.

Terry N. Trees, Ph. D.
Vice President, AAAP
Chair, Star Cruise Committee
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FOR SALE:

4 1/2" f7 Dob with 2 Eyepieces and red dot finder
\$200.00 call Rich at 330-644-5912

FOR SALE:

6" f5 reflector on Vixion EQ mount With Eyepieces \$300.00
Call John Berky 330-626-1173

FOR LOAN:

5" f5 Rich field refractor on EQ mount Call Rich at 330-644-5912

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90mm Orion Refractor on EQ mount. Call Raymond Kelley at 330-666-6919

WANTED:

EQ mount for 8" Reflector to use for photos Call Dan Campese 330-376-5525
Email daniel.campese@cwusa.com

Mark Your Calendar for these Events

May 11, ACA Dark Sky Star Party

June 8, Chagrin Valley Convention

August 10, Mahoning Valley Convention

September 7, Black River Convention

October 5, Hidden Hollow

November 2, ACA Dark Sky Star Party



ATTENTION ACA MEMBERS:

On the next four pages is a list of the membership as of February first this year. Please look it over and notify Rich Ruggles of any needed corrections (address, phone number or email address) so that the records can be brought up to date.

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Note from Rich:

The **ACA Jackets** that were ordered are in and can be picked up at this weeks meeting.