

ACA NEWS AND NOTES

March 2019

ACA March Meeting

The next ACA membership meeting is scheduled for 8:00 p.m. on March 22nd at New Franklin City Hall, 5611 Manchester Road, Akron, OH 44319. The speakers are Jodi & Roy McCullough from Youngstown State University and the Mahoning Valley Astronomy Club. This month they will present "Colors In The Sky: Auroras, Sun Dogs, Rainbows and More!" Refreshments will be provided by Glenn Cameron. Thanks, Glenn!! Hope to see you all at the meeting.

Members Winter Social

The winter Members Social is scheduled for Sunday, March 24th. If you have not yet sent in your RSVP, please contact President Cathy Loboda via email ASAP: cnloboda@aol.com. We will meet at the Galaxy Restaurant, 201 Park Centre Drive, Wadsworth at 12:30 pm.

Members Summer Social

ACA members mark your calendars! Our annual ACA summer picnic is scheduled for Sunday, August 4th at the Big Oaks Shelter in Portage Lakes State Park. The picnic is scheduled for 3:00 p.m. ACA will provide the burger and dogs. Members attending will bring a dish to share. More details will be forthcoming.

Star Parties

Star party season is about to begin! Upcoming Star Parties are scheduled for April 6 at 8:15pm, April 27 at 8:30pm, and May 4 at 8:45pm. For details about what Observatory Director Ron Kalinoski has on the viewing list, see the 2019 Observatory Schedule found on the ACA website. Also check out the website often for notice of Impromptu Star Parties. Stop in at the ACA Observatory to support these outreach events!

The Astronomical League

It is the time of the year to either join or renew your membership to The Astronomical League. ACA's membership in the national league allows an ACA member to join for the annual fee of \$7.50. Joining gives the following benefits to members:

- Full voting privileges.
- The Reflector quarterly newsletter mailed directly to each member.
- Liability insurance to protect the society and its officers.

- Book Service through which members can buy astronomy-related books at a 10% discount if not already sold through League Sales.
- Observing awards for members to work toward, promoting observing and the study of the sky.

If you are interested in joining/renewing, please bring your \$7.50 dues to any ACA meeting by the May membership meeting. Please note your check is for the Astronomical League. All dues must be turned in before July, so make a note to bring your check to ACA's Astronomical League contact, Gregg Crenshaw.

Field Trip

Plans are in the works for ACA members to visit Nassau Astronomical Station for a public viewing event on April 13th. The Astronomical Station is located in Geauga Park District's Observatory Park, 10610 Clay Street, Montville Township and is a designated dark sky park. Of course, like any planned observatory event, the field trip will take place weather permitting.

ACA Outreach

ACA is committing to an outreach program at the Akron Public Library Main Branch on Saturday, June 22nd. We need volunteers to help man the ACA table between the hours of 10 am and 3:30 pm. Gregg Crenshaw will have a sign-up sheet at the March and April meetings. Please consider volunteering for an hour or two!

ACA T-Shirts

In celebration of ACA's 70th anniversary, ACA will make available astronomy related t-shirts for sale. The shirts will have either a colorful Hubble/Galaxy image or Armstrong's footprint on the moon image on front and the ACA anniversary logo on the back. Keep your eye on your email for more details. Shirts will be ordered in March for delivery by May.