

## The Night Sky

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#### Next Meeting: Friday - October 24, 2014 - 8:00 PM - Kiwanis

#### The President's Column

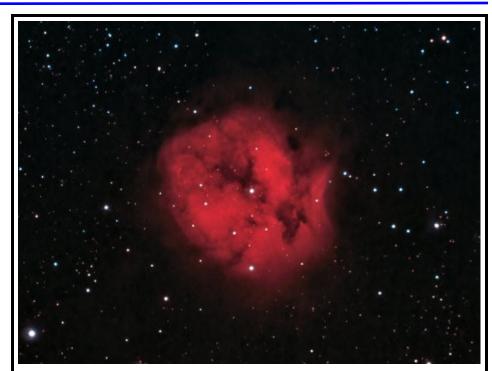
By John Shulan



What two weeks we have enjoyed! Clear cool nights and clear skies thanks to a high pressure system; now back to realty with rain and clouds. It iust amazes me how

many people from all walks of life love astronomy. Dave Richards gave a very interesting program about the Hoover Price planetarium. He said the dilemma in planetariums is whether to stay to traditional science education or "Disney-fy" them and gear it to more entertainment. We as astronomers dealing with the public have it easier because we are "live" in the sense that the public is wowed by seeing a deep space object or planet while the planetarium is a projection. One of the big disconnects is that the planetarium views what we would see without light pollution. The views are becoming so foreign that the public has a problem relating to the show. Light pollution is a whole other discussion. I see our role as amateurs, besides satisfying our own needs of curiosity and challenge, is to help the public understand what is out there in the sky and, to a lesser extent, what we can rarely see.

I have yet to receive ANY ideas for a fund raiser or suggestions as to what the club could or should be



The Cocoon Nebula (IC 5146) - Nine exposures of 10 minutes each H-alpha and OIII. By ACA Member John Crilly.

doing. I'd like to think of myself as pretty smart but I am not smart enough to do a good job as club president without your input! Drop me a line, I need your thoughts and ideas!

I visited my daughters school in Howe Indiana. It has a very darks sky but when I visited, I suffered from the Akron curse...clouds and rain! At her school is a 4" Unitrion refractor and a very old C-8. The Unitron is a big monster that is operational on a manual German equatorial mount.

The C-8 is in excellent condition considering it's age. The optics were almost looking like new and the RA motor works. I think I have given the staff and students a new desire to use the C-8 for planetary and basic deep space use. It is usually very clear and dark there, but again I brought Ohio weather with me.

Clear skies (soon I hope), John

Article by John Shulan, ACA President.

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#### **October Treasurer's Report**

By Glenn Cameron 9/1/2014 Through 9/30/2014

Checking Beginning Balance	\$2,993.57			
Income				
Dues	110.25			
Donations	400.00			
Total Income	\$510.25			
Expenses				
Speakers Dinner	-24.28			
Total Expenses	-\$24.28			
Income Less Expenses	\$485.97			
Checking Ending Balance	\$3,479.54			
Savings Beginning Balance	\$2,579.73			
Earned Interest	0.07			
Savings Ending Balance	\$2,579.80			
Petty Cash Beginning Balance	\$59.55			
	0.00			
Petty Cash Ending Balance	\$59.55			
Petty Cash	59.55			
Savings	2,579.80			
Checking	3,479.54			
Grand Total	\$6,118.89			

Article by Glenn Cameron ACA Treasurer.

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#### October 24, 2014 General **Membership Meeting**

By Ann Ferrell



Dr. Robert Owen, Oberlin College

What does the movie INTERSTELLAR!, wormholes and Dr. Robert Owen have in common? hint: All the above will materialize on October 24th at the ACA meeting at Kiwanis Hall. Dr. Owen has chosen a topic prized by theoretical

physicists and astronomers alike. This is one meeting you will not want to miss!

Dr. Robert Owen is teaching courses in physics and astronomy, as well as conducting his own research

in computational astrophysics and gravitation theory. Owen earned a BS in physics at the University of Utah and PhD in theoretical astrophysics at the California Institute of Technology. For the last five years, he has been researching computational general relativity at Cornell University. In his spare time, Rob enjoys playing the saxophone, and spends a great deal of time listening to Stravinsky.

#### **NEW IMAGES**

By John Crilly

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The Iris Nebula - NGC 7023, taken July 23, 2014. Seven exposures of five minutes each R, G, B.

(Page 5) The Perseus Double Cluster - Taken August 8, 2014, six exposures 200 seconds each R, G, B. FSQ-106N, QSI683WSG-8, LX850.

The ACA will be hosting a dinner for our guest speaker. The time will be 6:30 p.m. at 93 Prime Anthe's, Manchester Rd. Akron 44319. Please e-mail or call Ann Ferrell at 330 867-4251 to make reservations.

Article By Ann Ferrell, ACA Vice President.

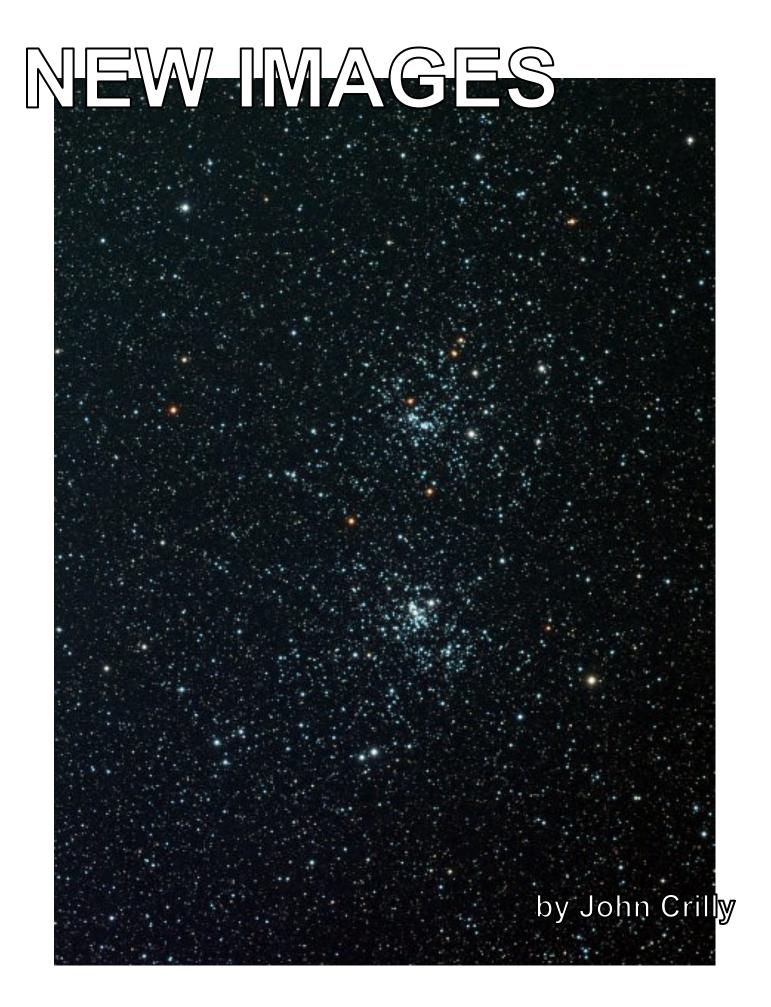
#### **NEW IMAGES**

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By Len Marek

(top) The Garnet Star - Mu Cephei, four one minute exposures LRGB. Televue Genesis sdf f/5.4, SBIG ST8300M camera.

(bottom) Mare Serenetatis and Mare Tranquillitatis - Taken August 6, 2014, Meade 14" LX850, SBIG ST8300M camera.



# NEW IMAGES



# NOVEMBER 2014 ACTIVITIES CALENDAR THE ASTRONOMY CLUB OF AKRON

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
AKRON, OH           SUNRISE           NOV 1 7:57AM EDT           NOV 30 7:31AM EST           SUNSET           NOV 1 6:22PM EDT           NOV 30 4:59PM EST						Mercury at greatest elongation in morning sky at 13hrs UT. (19°)
EASTERN DAYLIGHT TIME ENDS AT 2AM.	Moon at perigee (closest) at 00h UT.	4	v.	6 Full Moon 22:23UT	T STOW ASTRONOMY PUBLIC EVENT (www.stowastronomy.org)	∞
6	10	11	12	13	STOW ASTRONOMY PUBLIC EVENT (www.stowastronomy.org) Last Quarter 15:16UT	15
16	THE LEONID METEOR SHOWER PEAKS.	18	19	20	ACA MEETING AT THE TUDOR HOUSE 8:00p.	22 New Moon 12:32UT
30	24	25	26	Moon at perigee (closest) at 23h UT.	28	First Quarter 10:06UT

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