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The Official Newsletter of the West Kentucky Amateur Astronomers

UPCOMING BOARD MEETING / MONTHLY MEETING

The next board meeting will be this Saturday August 10 at the G.P. Observatory at 6:00 PM, followed by the monthly club meeting at 7:00 PM.

LAST MEETING

The last meeting was held on July 13 and we discussed the following:

It was voted to keep the annual membership dues at \$15, but starting March 1, for new joining members, we will pro rate the dues each third, at \$5.

The club has fixed expenses each year of about \$550.00 and so it takes the dues of 37 paid members to break even. Currently, we stand at 41.

STAR PARTY NOTES

1) Fees will be \$18 individual, \$25 family this year. 2) Members DO NOT have to pay the registration fee unless they want to be eligible for door prizes, but will have to order and pay for tee shirts though. 3) Alan Goldstein, coordinator of the National Deep Sky Observers Society from Louisville will be presenting an observing program. 4) Be prepared to help serve lunch if needed. 5) John McCubbin will take care of the tee shirts again this year. 6) Attendee's name badges will be worn at all times and will be their "admit one" to things like planetarium shows, showers, etc. 7) The LBL grounds fee this year is \$100 for the club. 8) We have set a door prize budget this year of \$600, and Door prize donations will be slim this year due to four other star parties at the same time within an 8 hour drive of ours. 9) Ross has announced that he will be resigning as Star Party Chairman after this election year, so if you're interested in this position, please let an officer know.

NEW MEMBER

We want to extend a welcome to our newest member, Jim Hall from Paducah. Jim has only been into astronomy since February, but has learned a lot in a short period. He learned about our club from our Website.

NOTES

A) The Website SP page and the registration form and tee shirt example pages are up and running. Two people have already pre-registered.

B) Any member wishing to take advantage of the Astronomy Magazine reduced subscription rate needs to get David the \$29 (or \$55 for two years) *BY THIS MEETING*. So far there is only one check and we need at least 5 to get the discount.

C) We have started a "clubhouse supplies fund" if anyone would like to donate, for things like coffee, plasticware, etc. Ross has donated \$20.

D) On behalf of the Planetarium & LBL Assn., Don Partain presented the club with 30 Summer Nights tickets, good for any Saturday night this summer. While they last, these are for members to give out to people who might not otherwise come to a show without a little incentive. These tickets are numbered and signed by Don and will be signed by the member who gives them away. Please see John Holland if you would like some of these.

E) Our own Jennifer Hartley now works for *The Spirit Of The Trace* newspaper, a new monthly publication covering the Lakes area and includes an article on Astronomy which Jennifer writes. We will announce the distribution points soon. Be sure to grab one if you see it.

F) Also don't forget to submit any astronomy or telescope related article and have it published in the club newsletter and/or posted on our Website.

TREASURERS REPORT

David reports a balance of \$1343.98 in the club till. Star Party funds/expenses might be kept separately until after October.

CERTIFICATE NEWS

Looks like Jeff Burton and Tim Camden are hot on the trail of more observing certificates. Good job guys!

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Happy Skies,
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