

THE FAINT FUZZY

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UPCOMING MEETING:

Our next meeting will be Saturday August 19th at Golden Pond Observatory at 7:00 pm. Be ready to stay after the meeting for Summer Nights and help the public view if you can. As always visitors are welcome to attend!

LAST MEETING HIGHLIGHTS:

Ross Workman called the July meeting to order at 7:00 pm. Ross discussed ongoing Star Party business. We had a visitor, Janice Elliott of Benton, who has since joined. David Paessler talked about the AL observing programs. The Phfistners reported plans to celebrate our 20th anniversary as a club at the September meeting.

Summer Nights: Heather Sherbourne passed around a sign-up sheet for volunteers for the August Summer Nights sessions.

Viewing: It was clear and several members stayed late to enjoy the view.

ASTRONOMICAL LEAGUE (AL) AWARDS:

We have one Award to give this month. Bob Vickers has completed his Herschel List and it has been accepted and the award received. See www.astroleague.org for more information about observing clubs/awards. Also see wkaa.net for a list of club members who have completed awards. Contact David if you have any questions.

NEW MEMBERS:

We have a new club member: Janice Elliott of Benton!

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Balance (8/14/06): \$2834.54

Membership Dues: If you haven't paid your 2006 membership fee (\$25), it is past due. See David Paessler at the meeting or mail your payment to him at 9840 Enlow Dr, Kevil, KY 42053. Currently we have 30 paid up members.

OTHER EVENTS AND OPPORTUNITIES:

Summer Nights: The Summer Nights program is in full swing! Each Saturday we have shown the public Saturn, Jupiter, some double stars, star clusters, galaxies, and planetary nebula. There has been *great* club support for these sessions so far. Thanks to everyone who has come and helped! The program consists of an 8 p.m. planetarium show each Saturday night followed by viewing through the observatory and WKAA members' telescopes (weather permitting). It is an enjoyable time and the public is always appreciative. The program continues through Labor Day.

"How to Use Your Telescope" Sessions: There is a final session scheduled on August 5th to teach the public how to use their own telescopes. This will be held at Golden Pond in conjunction with Summer Nights. *[No one brought a scope to the first two sessions.]*

Library: Do you have any astronomy books that you aren't using? Consider donating or loaning them to the club library so that other club members can benefit from them.

Club Website: Check out the articles, photo gallery, and other useful info at www.wkaa.net.

Loaner Scopes: The club has two Dobsonians (6" and 8") available for club members to borrow. Anyone who has been a club member for 6 months, completes a training/safety session, and signs a written agreement may borrow one of the scopes.

Magazine Discounts: Club members who subscribe to *Sky and Telescope* or *Astronomy* magazines through the club receive a discount! Annually you can save \$10 on *Sky and Tel* and \$9 on *Astronomy*. Turn in your renewals to David Paessler in order to receive the discount.

CLUB OFFICERS LIST:

[See WKAA Contact Information.](#)

Clear skies,

Dale & Carol Baltimore

(Filling in for them, David Paessler)