

THE FAINT FUZZY December 2002

The Official Newsletter of the West Kentucky Amateur Astronomers

UPCOMING MEETING: The next meeting will take place this Saturday, Dec 7 at 7PM at GP Observatory. (Public is welcome)

THE LAST MEETING was held on Nov 2 following the quarterly board meeting and annual chili supper, and we discussed the following:

- Several members voiced ideas and concerns about future star parties, such as publicity, stray lights and the general public.
 - Some of the many thank-you's that were sent to us from star party attendees were read.
 - We talked about different ways of getting members more involved, such as sidewalk astronomy.
 - We discussed the possibility of changing the meeting times for the winter months, but voted to keep them at 7PM, keeping in mind that any of us can arrive as early as we choose on meeting dates for fellowship, just to relax or setup equipment.
 - It was decided not to plan any gatherings for the Leonids, as the day of the week, the time, and moon phase was not in our favor.
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ASTRONOMICAL LEAGUE CERTIFICATES:

Well, it has been a busy fall season for WKAA members. We now have 7 AL certificates pending arrival. Tim Camden and James Parker have completed the "Honorary" Messier list (all 110 objects), Ross Workman and David Paessler have completed the Lunar Club list, and David has also completed the Caldwell list. Jeff Burton has been working hard and has completed the Double Star and Urban Club list. Ross was awarded his Binocular Messier certificate at the last meeting, and is also working on his Double Star list. Hey!...Looks like the 'Golden Binoculars' will be on the move again!

Your Friendly AICor, David Paessler

NEW MEMBERS:

We want to make welcome our newest members, David & Carol Conatser from Greenville KY, and we look forward to meeting them at our next meeting

MISCELLANEOUS:

- Thanks to all who participated and helped in any way with the chili supper. We had a terrific time, in spite of the constant drizzle.
 - We sold the remaining lunar maps and at least one of the extra tee shirts.
 - We have posted the 2003 club schedule on the website.
 - If any member wants to plan a sidewalk astronomy or other public observing (day or night) in their town or area, let an officer know and we will get as many others as we can to come help out.
 - WE NEED* someone to volunteer to be the coordinator for Astronomy Day, May 10, 2003. The duty list for this position is *very* short.
 - Lacy Thomas has the opportunity to buy 50-60 acres in Eastern KY, and he envisions an Eastern KY spring star party.
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TREASURER'S REPORT AS OF NOV 18:

Cash on hand	\$50
Warm room fund	\$55
Un-deposited checks	\$15
Checkbook balance	\$1375.94
Grand total balance	\$1495.94
Expenses since last	\$360 - TLSP Saturday Meal

Happy Skies,
John Holland