

# WKAA Newsletter June 2002

*West Kentucky Amateur Astronomers*

## UPCOMING MEETING

The next monthly club meeting will be this Saturday June 8 at the G.P. Observatory at 7:00 pm, and as always, the general public is welcome to attend. Lyra and Cygnus will both be up by 9:00 so the Ring Nebula and Dumbell Nebula will be a few of the favorite targets that night.

## LAST MEETING

The last meeting was held on May 11 and we had a great turnout. It was good to see Donna Emmons who traveled from Harrisburg, Illinois. Our very own Jeff Burton was presented the coveted "Gold Binocular" award along with his Binocular Messier Certificate. By the way, his name appears in the Awards section of the latest Reflector magazine. Steve Burke brought his new 18" Obsession, and each of us had our "oohs" & "aahs" after inspecting it **Issues discussed at the meeting were:** 1) May 30th was the deadline for '02 membership renewal. 2) With increased recurring club expenses, we will be raising the membership dues next year. 3) A date was set for painting the interior of the observatory and meeting room, June 1 at 10:00 am. 4) It was voted for the club to purchase liability insurance that is offered through the A.L. The annual premium is \$75.00 and gives us a coverage of \$2,000,000.

5) The club has purchased several certificate frames, and will devote one wall/section of the newly painted observatory to displaying various observing certificates earned by members. 6) It was noted that the club check register and receipt book will be available for any member to view at any meeting.

7) We have one speaker confirmed for the Star Party in October. He is Scott Degenhardt from Murfresboro, TN, and is quite an accomplished video-astronomer.

After the meeting, the evening sky was clear enough to get in a little eyepiece time 'til around 10pm. The comet was visible and a -4mag. satellite flare.

## NEW MEMBERS

We would like to extend a welcome to our newest members; Bill & Lynn Kassebaum from Paducah. They attended the Star Party and were here for Astronomy Day.

## TREASURERS REPORT

David reports a balance of \$1,241.10 in treasury funds. Anticipated expenses this month will be painting supplies and A.L. dues.

## NOTES

A) The "Summer Nights" program is under way each Saturday night at 8:00 through the month of August at the planetarium. Feel free to come take advantage of these nights at the observatory to squeeze in a little more observing, (Instead of sitting at home watching TV) fellowship and/or assist with the public as they pour out from the show to view the real thing. The planetarium shows are free to paid club members if you like to sit in on them. We no longer schedule any "Public Observing" nights since the SN programs run every Sat night.

B) Special thanks to Arnold Newnum for his repairs on the large Dob, and also for the wall cabinet in the meeting room.

C) With the exception of some newer members, everyone should be receiving their quarterly magazine "Reflector" from the A.L. If you haven't, please tell David P. the next time you see him.

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Happy Skies,

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