

March 2003

THE FAINT FUZZY

The Official Newsletter of the West Kentucky Amateur Astronomers

MEMBERS,

UPCOMING OFFICER MEETING / POTLUCK / REGULAR MEETING / OFFICER ELECTION: This Saturday, March 8 starting at 5:30 PM at GP Observatory we will have a called officer meeting, our annual potluck dinner, regular meeting and officer election.

Since it will be a full evening and the sun will set about 6PM, you might want to arrive early to set up your scope.

-5:30 PM CALLED OFFICERS MEETING- To discuss some important issues.

-6:00 PM POTLUCK- The club is only supplying coffee, plates and plastic ware. Everyone who can please bring your favorite dish or dessert. We will need drinks and ice also. Invite a friend and come join us for a great time of food and fellowship.

-7:00 PM REGULAR MEETING- All members are urged to attend for special announcements. (Public is welcome)

& ELECTION- Any last-minute nominations will be reviewed and the club President will have the final say-so over any discrepancies throughout the election. The election will be done as a show-of-hands vote for each position having only one candidate. Positions having more than one candidate will be decided by written ballot. Someone anonymously nominated Mary Anne Medlock as Den Mother, but I wasn't notified of any new officer titles being added. I can't mention the nominator's name, but his initials are Ross W.

THE LAST MEETING was held on Feb 1 and called to order by Warren Wepking. All officers were present and attendance was good including one visitor from Paducah, Mark McClure, who is a friend of Jay McNeil. The discussion highlights are as follows:

-Miscellaneous details of the Messier Marathon scheduled for March 1 and the rain date scheduled for March 29.

-Election details. An opportunity was presented for additional nominations, in which none were submitted.

-Astronomy Day, coordinated by Dave Byrd, will follow the same basic time schedule of prior years. He passed around a clipboard for those planning to attend to list their name and approx time of attendance.

ASTRONOMICAL LEAGUE CERTIFICATES or PINS:

-Presented last meeting to: Ross Workman all 110 Messier Objects, Jeff Burton all 110 Messier Objects. Ross also has a Double Star certificate pending. No new certificate submissions have been received in the past month.

MISCELLANEOUS:

-Again, membership dues of \$15 are expected by this meeting in order to maintain your benefits unless other arrangements are made.

-The *Golden Pond Planetarium* is open for the season as of March 1, and just a reminder that WKAA members get free admission. They have added a new show for the year entitled "Explorers of the International Space Station".

-The *Summer Nights* program will be the same format as last year, starting in June.

-Ross & I had planned on doing a session similar to Sidewalk Astronomy in Hopkinsville on Mar 7, but the forecasts indicate otherwise.

TREASURER'S REPORT AS OF FEB 26

Since the first of the year we have collected 14 dues payments, \$35 in donations, \$4 in moon map sales, and \$10 in frames expense.

Balances are:

Checkbook - \$1614.94

Cash on hand - \$50.00

Warm Room fund - \$72.00

Total funds - \$1736.94

Future expenses are warm room supplies to support the marathon and AL dues in April.

Postage stamps and frames in supply are sufficient.

CLUB OFFICERS LIST:

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Happy Skies,
John Holland