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# THE FAINT FUZZY

*The Official Newsletter of the Western Kentucky Amateur Astronomers*

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## UPCOMING MEETING:

The next regular meeting will be this Saturday May 3 at 7 p.m. at Golden Pond Observatory. The public is welcome to attend the regular meeting. The next board meeting will be Saturday May 3 at 6 p.m. at GP.

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## LAST MEETING HIGHLIGHTS:

The last meeting was held on April 5. Warren Wepking called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Approximately 16 people attended the meeting including one new member, Bradley Rankin, and a couple of visitors.

- Astronomical League Awards: David awarded Vince Medlock with the "Fuginot binoculars" traveling trophy. He also noted that the latest issue of Reflector, recognizes eight club members for earning certificates! See below for more information on AL Awards.
  - Twin Lakes Star Party: Warren presented T-shirt prices from a vendor in Cadiz. This vendor appears to have better prices than the one we used last year. If anyone wants to suggest another vendor or has an idea or sketch of a graphic design, please bring information to the meeting or let one of the officers know.
  - Astronomy Day: David Byrd, Astronomy Day Chairman, reminded us that Astronomy Day will be May 10 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Planetarium shows will be free to the public. Club members will be available to answer questions and provide educational literature. Some members may set up scopes with sun filters. If you haven't already signed up and can help, please let David know [dabyrd@apex.net](mailto:dabyrd@apex.net).
  - Other business: David Paessler and a few others are assisting with an astronomy session for students on May 1 at the Challenger Learning Center in Paducah, KY and on March 8 at Graves County High School in Mayfield, KY. (This last session was rescheduled from March 13 as specified in the last newsletter.) Also the club paid dues for a member serving in Iraq.
  - Observing: After the meeting, a few members set up their scopes and got in some viewing.
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## MISCELLANEOUS:

- Mid South Star Gaze: Ross Workman and family, John Holland, David Paessler, and Jeff Burton are all planning to attend the Mid South Star Gaze in French Camp, Mississippi this week. Hopefully by meeting time they will have news of a successful star party and pictures to share!
  - Summer Nights: The *Summer Nights* program will start on Memorial Day weekend. A limited number of tickets will again be available for club members to give out.
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## ASTRONOMICAL LEAGUE CERTIFICATES:

David is happy to report more activity in AL Certificates. Last month Vince Medlock received the Messier Certificate for observing 70 or more Messier objects. May will see us award the Double Star Certificate to Ross Workman. Since the April meeting, Tim Camden has completed the Binocular Messier Certificate and it has been submitted for approval. Also Jeff Burton has completed the Lunar Club and it also has been submitted for approval.

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**TREASURER'S REPORT:**

• Current Funds (4/20/03):

Bank balance:	\$1595.94
1 check pending deposit	15.00
Cash on hand:	23.00
Warm room fund:	60.00
Grand total:	\$1693.94

• Expenses:

Refund to Alan Dudenhofer for double payment of dues: \$15.00

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Happy Viewing,

Dale & Carol Baltimore