

Twin Lakes Star Party

The star party was a great success! A few people started setting up Saturday October 18, 2 days prior to the official beginning of the star party and the number of participants just kept growing until Saturday when the weather began to turn ugly. We had 78 singles or families registered with a total of about 98 people attending - it was our largest star party ever! And there were attendees from as far away as Wisconsin and Texas! The skies were pretty clear every night except Saturday, so many people were able to accomplish a lot of viewing. Due to an approaching storm, everyone packed up early Saturday and we moved our activities from the afternoon to the morning. On Saturday morning Mike Benson of the Astronomical League gave an excellent presentation on observing double stars and one of our local club members Arnold Newnum gave a short talk on the origin of constellation names. Several people won some nice door prizes, including John Molt of Carmel, Indiana who won the grand prize - a 11T6 Nagler. During Saturday's feedback session, almost everyone said that they preferred the new star party location due to better horizons, darker skies and additional room on the observing field. Star Party Chairman Ross Workman wants to thank our club members for their help and support not only during the star party, but also before and after. Since this year's star party went so well, we are extending the duration of next year's to 8 days! So go ahead and mark your calendars now for October 9-16 at Pennyrile State Park.

Anyone who has star party pictures, please send some to John Holland at [yojohn\(a\)wkaa.net](mailto:yojohn(a)wkaa.net) for posting on the club website.

Upcoming Meeting

The next regular meeting will be Saturday November 22 at 7 p.m. at Golden Pond Observatory. We will have our annual chili supper at 6 p.m. Please bring any of the following: soft drinks, ice, crackers, side dishes, desserts, and, of course, chili. There will also be a board meeting at 5 p.m.

Last Meeting Highlights

A regular club meeting was not held in October due to the star party.

Astronomical League Awards

These AL observing club certificates will be awarded at the next meeting:

- Laura Dietrich - Lunar
- Jeff Burton - Caldwell

These AL observing lists have been submitting and the certificates are pending:

- David Paessler - Deep Sky Binocular and Arp Peculiar Galaxy

Follow this link for information on the [Astronomical League Observing Clubs/Awards](#). Contact David if you have any questions.

Events and Opportunities

Viewings for the Public

- Vince Medlock, David Paessler, and Bill Allbritten set up their scopes during an open house at Murray Elementary on November 13. The kids enjoyed viewing Mars and some deep sky objects.
- Ross Workman plans to host a viewing for the public in Dawson Springs on December 12 following their Christmas parade. Contact Ross if you can help.

Weekend Winter Star Party -- Just how dedicated to amateur astronomy are you? Find out January 23rd and 24th at our weekend winter star party at Pennyrile State Park.

Sky and Telescope subscription discount: Club members who subscribe through the club receive a \$10 discount. They also receive a 10% discount on products purchased from Sky Publishing.

New Members

Welcome to our newest member Chuck Martin from Philpot, KY! The club currently has 45 members.

Treasurer's Report

Current Funds as of 11/13/03

Bank Balance	2147.61
Cash on hand	30.00
Checks for deposit	0.00
Grand total	2177.61

We still have 5 shirt payments to collect from club members for a total of \$90

The star party was a success for the club from every standpoint. A detailed financial report will be given at the November meeting.