

UPCOMING MEETING:

The next meeting will be Saturday November 13 at 7 p.m. at Golden Pond Observatory. Come at 6 p.m. for our annual chili supper. Club members please bring soft drinks, crackers, side dishes, desserts, or other items to complement the chili. As always visitors are welcome to attend both the chili supper and the meeting! If the sky is clear, we will view after the meeting.

15TH ANNUAL TWIN LAKES STAR PARTY:

Well another star party is history. After several weeks of dry weather, it was cloudy and/or rainy most days and nights during the star party. But amazingly we still had a large turnout! At least 52 individuals or families came from 13 different clubs and 9 different states including Kentucky, Tennessee, Illinois, Indiana, Ohio, Michigan, Wisconsin, Texas and South Carolina. The first to arrive were Bill and Lynn Kassenbaum who set up camp on Friday night. More people set up on each of the next several days, with quite a few arriving on both Friday 10/15 and Saturday 10/16.

Even with the bad weather, most people still seemed to have a good time. On several cloudy evenings, in addition to visiting around the snack table, we also watched movies thanks to John Holland's and Bill Kassenbaum's equipment and ingenuity. And there were a few good viewing opportunities. The first night was clear and a few evenings during the week started out cloudy but cleared off for awhile during the late night and early morning hours. And Saturday 10/16, the last night of the star party, was beautiful! Some people did solar observing during the day and everyone got in some good viewing that night – many until the early morning hours.

The scheduled activities on Friday and Saturday went well. On Friday afternoon Tim Camden and Pat Peak gave talks on Solar Observing and Public Outreach, respectively. A vendor from Louisville also set up on Friday. On Saturday Jay McNeil gave a talk on his discovery of McNeil's Nebula, Ross Workman and Charles Funk distributed door prizes, and everyone ate a great catered lunch. See www.wkaa.net for star party photos.

NEW MEMBERS:

Welcome to new club member Stanley Sprei from Kevil, KY!

ASTRONOMICAL LEAGUE (AL) AWARDS:

There are no pending submissions or certificates. The WKAA website lists club members who have earned observing club certificates and provides links to the Astronomical League website. Contact David Paessler if you have any questions.

EVENTS AND OPPORTUNITIES:

Loaner Scopes: The club has two Dobsonians (6" and 8") available for club members to borrow. Anyone who has been a club member for 6 months, completes a training/safety session, and signs a written agreement may borrow one of the scopes. Contact Vince Medlock in order to make arrangements.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Balance (11/8/04): \$1592.94

Star Party: \$100 revenue from shirts and pens still pending.