

# FOCAL POINT



**GREENBUSH-Fri-Sat May 21-22.**  
 Spring Campout, 1 hr N of Milw.,  
 sites #5&6. Bring your tent, scopes  
 and firewood. Cost is \$2/day/per-  
 son plus vehicle sticker. Space limits  
 info. For more info/directions, call  
 Paul Borchardt at 781-0169.

## From The Editor

Spring MUST be here: the first cam-  
 pout at Greenbush is upon us and it's  
 time for the annual MAS elections.

If you would like to become a MAS  
 Board member or officer, elections  
 will be held at the meeting this month.  
 You can make your intentions known  
 at the meeting when nominations are  
 asked for from the floor.

The MAS flyers are printed and  
 stored in the office in the observatory.  
 You can't miss them—they are bright  
 orange. If you'd like to take some for  
 distribution to friends, help yourself,  
 but take only the number you plan to  
 distribute—you can always get more.

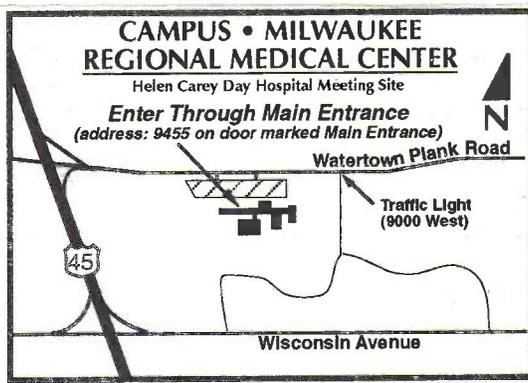
—Tom Gill

## May Program/Meeting

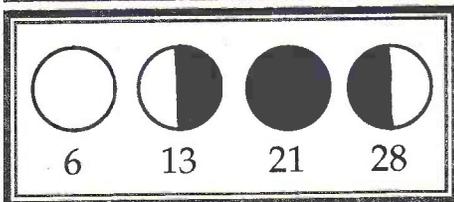
Imagine an ultra dark  
 observing site, with no  
 humidity, no bugs, where  
 it's warm all night, and  
 where the center of the  
 Milky Way passes direct-  
 ly overhead and casts a  
 shadow! That astronomy  
 paradise describes the  
 Las Campanas  
 Observatory in central  
 Chile. Alan Dyer, MAS  
 member and associate  
 editor of ASTRONOMY  
 magazine, recently spent  
 nine nights at the Las Campanas Observatory at a latitude of 30 degrees south.

As our speaker for the May meeting, Alan will take us on a guided tour of the magnificent southern sky using astrophotos, he and Terence Dickinson took during their stay at the observatory. His talk is titled "Exploring the Southern Skies" and is sure to be entertaining and informative. Don't miss it!

**IMPORTANT NOTE:** From now on, use the main entrance, which is West of the A-Frame entrance we have been using. Meeting at 8pm, doors open at 7:30.



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Calendar of Events	
May 5, Wednesday .....	<b>First Wednesday Meeting</b> 7:30 at the Observatory
May 10, Monday .....	<b>MAS Board Meeting</b> 7:30pm at the Observatory
May 14, Friday .....	<b>8:00 pm Program-Meeting</b>
May 21-22, Friday-Saturday .....	<b>Greenbush Campout</b>
June 2, Wednesday .....	<b>First Wednesday Meeting</b> 7:30 at the Observatory
June 10, Monday .....	<b>MAS Board Meeting</b> 7:30pm at the Observatory
<i>Saturday Nights—Member night at Observatory—Call key holder</i>	

## From The President: Membership Committee Chair Wanted

Dan Koehler has resigned as Treasurer effective May 14, 1993. Dan and his predecessor, **Jim Toeller**, served as both Treasurer and Membership Chairperson for at least the last ten years. It is time to redistribute the workload into more easily manageable assignments. **Marty Brunet** has agreed to be Treasurer only. That means that I am looking for someone that I can appoint to be Membership Committee Chairperson.

The Membership Committee Chairperson can appoint other members of the MAS to serve on the committee. Members who serve on this committee need not be members of the Board of Directors.

The duties of the Membership Committee are:

- To receive and process membership applications and recommend applicants to the Board for action.
- To receive and process membership and subscription renewals each year.
- To maintain a current Membership Roster with address and phone changes as they occur.
- To furnish the Astronomical League with membership information when requested.

Anyone who wants to serve as Chairperson or Committee member please contact me soon at 781-4786. Help is always close by as I have been keeping the backup records since 1984. Dan has also offered to help during this transition.

-Richard Wiesen, MD, President

## We All Have To Eat...

The MAS has submitted an application to Pick 'n Save food stores for inclusion in their "We Care" program. We will receive 1% of the tape totals submitted from up to 3 Pick 'n Save stores. Based on a poll of members, the 3 stores are:

124th & Capitol

68th & State

Tri-City Pick 'n Save @ 27th & College

If you shop at any of these 3 stores, begin saving the receipts for redemption. You must request the "We Care" sticker when you check out. Please turn in your receipts regularly. They may be brought to meetings, placed in the labeled box at the Observatory or mailed to me at 8150 Legend Dr., Franklin, WI 53132-9623. For those who shop at local CUB stores, remember to save and turn in your receipts also. We all have to eat and 1% of your grocery bill could add up to a tidy sum when used for library and related expenditures. Don't be afraid to ask friends, family and neighbors to save their receipts for us also.

-Karen Wesener

## Bylaws Committee Looking for Members

The Bylaws Committee is looking for non-Board members to serve. The committee will be updating and recommending possible bylaw changes to the MAS Board of Directors. Here is another good opportunity to get involved in the Society in a capacity that will benefit all.

If you are interested, or if you have questions, please call the committee chair, **Mary Ann Tangney**, at 327-7976.

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## Saturday Night Keyholders

May 1	Gerry Samolyk	529-9051
8	Peter Smitka	785-0926
15	Virgil Tangney	327-7976
22	Jim Toeller	352-7144
29	Ken Waraczynski	321-0918
Jun 5	Richard Wiesen	781-4757
12	Wanda Berner	646-8229
19	Paul Borchardt	781-0169
26	Marty Brunet	544-1342

## For Sale

Limited Edition MAS logo T-shirts. These are different from the other MAS apparel in that the entire shirt GLOWS IN THE DARK after being exposed to light. They are a cool green color (like a faded green neon) and have a black MAS logo on front. 100% cotton preshrunk, size XL only. I have only 10 shirts so first come, first served! Cost is \$10 each.

Call Tom Gill 476-6986 days or eves.

## Members Go "On Tour"

In extending the "Universal Tour" theme of the 1992 NCRAL convention, MAS members **Cathy Milosch, Paul Borchardt, Tom Gill, Peter Smitka, Charlotte Nelson, Karen Wesener and Lee Keith** went to the Burleigh Elementary School in Brookfield on March 19th as part of their week long "Air & Space" activities. While it did snow that evening, the members did get a chance to show off their telescopes and discuss the planets visible at the time to nearly 1000 students and their families.

A few months prior to the Burleigh event, MAS members **Peter Smitka, Dan Koehler and Tom Gill** gave separate presentations at grade and high schools. If other MAS members have children or young relatives in school, consider going to their class as an "expert" astronomer. It will thrill not only the kids, but the overworked teacher as well! AND, it is a lot of fun!

-Lee Keith