

## Meeting Roundup

November's speaker, **AJ Heroux** talked about his time as an intern at the National Radio Astronomy Observatory in Greenbanks, West Virginia. His interesting talk about some of the details of radio telescope data collection included a short film rated "N" for nerd guidance strongly suggested. AJ kept us interested and kept us laughing while we all learned something.

## Newsletter

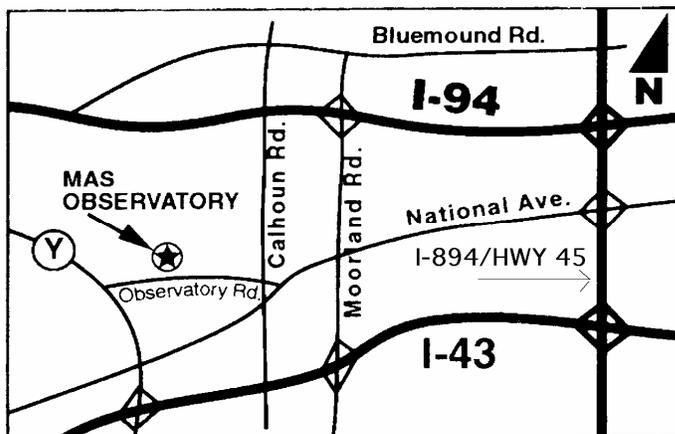
I like to thank **Rebecca Sher** for her offer to lend a hand with the newsletter until she can take over the reigns full time next fall.— Editor

## New Member Forum

Don't forget that our new member forum takes place on meeting nights at 7:30 in the Zemlock observatory (Z-Dome), usually in the office. Bob Manske will be on hand to talk about darn-near anything about astronomy (and then some). Any one new to astronomy is welcome.

## Public Nights start this Spring

During the warm months the MAS hosts a program and telescope viewing for the public. These "public nights" are on Friday throughout the spring, summer and fall and are run by member volunteers. Even if you don't think you know anything about astronomy you probably know more than many who come to our public nights. Please consider volunteering your time at least one night this year and help the MAS present the night-time sky to the public.



## January / February Calendar

Jan 19 (Fri) - Board Mtg. in Quonset 7:00 pm;  
New Member Forum in Z-Dome 7:30 pm;  
General Mtg. in Quonset 8:00 pm. **Program to be determined.**

Feb 16 (Fri) - Board Mtg. in Quonset 7:00 pm;  
New Member Forum in Z-Dome 7:30 pm;  
General Mtg. in Quonset 8:00 pm. **Guest Speaker: Jill Roberts on Astrophotography from Kitt Peak.**

*Unless otherwise specified meetings are at the Observatory. Check the website for up-to-date information on these meetings and events.*

### Focal Point Publishing Guidelines

The "Focal Point" is published bi-monthly (Jan, March, May, July, Sept, Nov).

Articles, Announcements, Graphics, Photos, Swap/Sale Ads etc. should be **submitted 10 days prior to the first of the month** of the pending issue.

Article inputs are **strongly** recommended via email in a Text or Word compatible format.

Submit Focal Point inputs to: **MASFocalPoint@yahoo.com**

## Star Parties

The Milwaukee Astronomical Society provides tours and viewing for groups of people interested in astronomy. Contact Paul Borchardt at (262) 781-0169 for more information about scheduling and fees.

## MAS Officers / Staff

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**MAS Membership** is open to anyone interested in enriching their knowledge of Astronomy and related topics.

### **Yearly Membership Dues:**

Student (under 18)	\$13		
Resident (Milwaukee and adjacent counties resident)		Non-resident	
Individual	\$31	Individual	\$19
Family	\$37	Family	\$23

Members can get subscriptions to *Sky & Telescope* (©) and *Astronomy* (©) at a club discount.

For more information contact: Bob Manske, 404 Prospect Road, Waunakee, WI 53597. Phone: (608) 849 - 5287. Email: manske@tds.net

## Saturday Night Key Holder

On Saturday nights the MAS opens its New Berlin facilities to all its members. If interested in using an observatory on the following nights, the following key holders will be on hand. Please contact them in advance to ensure access.

### **January**

<b>6</b>	Dan Koehler	262-662-2987
<b>13</b>	Scott Laskowski	414-421-3517
<b>20</b>	Bob Manske	608-849-5287
<b>27</b>	Terry Ross	262-784-2093

### **February**

<b>3</b>	Gerry Samolyk	414-529-9051
<b>10</b>	Tom Schmidtkunz	414-352-1674
<b>17</b>	Neil Simmons	262-889-2039
<b>24</b>	Chris Weber	262-789-7128

### **March**

<b>3</b>	Dan Yanko	414-453-3382
<b>10</b>	Paul Borchardt	262-781-0169

## Loaner Telescopes

These telescopes are available to members for local use.

Scott Jamieson (Waukesha)	(262) 896-0119	8"
Paul Borchardt (MAS site)	(262) 781-0169	6" & 8"

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