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October 2009

NEXT MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Friday, October 23rd, 2009
8:00 PM at the Observatory

NEXT BOARD MEETING

Friday, October 23rd, 2009
7:00 PM at the Observatory

The Public and Friends are cordially invited to all membership and board meetings.

NOTE: meetings are normally held on the third Friday of each month between September and May, except for December. This month's meeting date was moved due to a scheduling conflict.

The program will be...

ECLIPSE 2009

Gerry Samolyk will be presenting a travelogue of his trip to China this summer to view the longest total solar eclipse of the 21st Century.

MAS FALL CAMPOUT 2009

The MAS Fall camp out was September 11 & 12, 2009 at the Yanko Farm in Rib Lake Wisconsin. The Fall colors were just starting to change on some of the Maple trees. Friday was a very beautiful day with the sun shining between a partly cloudy sky. I took an atv ride on the logging roads on the County Forest East of the Farm. It was a very enjoyable atv ride on the country roads and in the woods. MAS members started arriving in the early afternoon. As they arrived they started putting up open canopy tents to relax in the shade and keep the scopes out of the sun. We anticipated a clear night of observing. As evening arrived we had seven MAS members with six telescopes in the yard. The skies were very clear with a transparency of about 5.5 Mag. The MAS Fall camp out was attended by; Dan Yanko, Jill Roberts, Kip Hoffman, Steve Diesso, Keith, Dan and Scott Jamieson. My neighbors from across the road stopped by in the evening with eight people to get some nice views of the heavens. Everyone found an interesting celestial object and enjoyed showing the children what was up in the night sky. They were very impressed of the views of Jupiter, the globular clusters M13, M92, The Swan Nebula, The Ring Nebula, The Andromeda Galaxy, The Dumbell Nebula and many other nice objects. We were treated to two passes of the International Space station. Jill put

her Dobsonian scope on the ISS and was able to see the outline of the Solar Panels. Kip and I soon followed enjoying this interesting and challenging peek at the ISS. The moon rose around midnight so we all went and enjoyed a fire in the Franklin Stove in the Garage. Saturday night had skies that were again very clear and transparent. The sky had to be a 6.0 mag sky. Scott Jamieson had some great views of Jupiter and Stephen's Quintet in the 18 inch Obsession scope, Kip had a great view of the Globular Clusters M13 and M92 in his 16 inch Lightbridge scope and Jill had a nice view of the Swan Nebula in her scope. Steve had some good views of NGC objects and the Dumbell Nebula. Again the Moon rose after midnight and we retired to a warm fire in the garage. There was much laughter from some hilarious stories around the fire. A good time was had by all.

The MAS Fall camp out at the Yanko Farm is very comfortable for any MAS members who attend. We have red lights in the garage and house so you can keep your eyes dark adapted all night. There is a refridgerator and stove to cook your meals. There are restaurants and Motels two miles away in the Town of Rib Lake. The night skies are some of the darkest around with the Milky Way touching the tree lines to the North as well as the South. I want to Thank the MAS members who made the trip to the Yanko Farm in Rib Lake this year.

Dan Yanko

MAS KEYHOLDER LIST

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Two Meade LX 200 Classics for sale.

12" MEADE LX 200 CLASSIC Schmidt-Cassegrain Telescope. D=305mm, F=3048mm, F/10. UHCC EMC Coatings. Serial No. 116249, Version 4.34L. Heavy duty field tripod. Tripod has never been used. With Power Supply and 15 ft power cord extension cable. 8x50 finder scope, Original manual. Original Meade 2" diagonal, with 1.25" adapter, Meade #1403 tube balance CTWT system, Meade 28mm Multi-Coated Orthoscopic 1.25" eyepiece, and OEM Telescope front dust cover. I bought this scope new in 1996 and have owned it since then. This scope has never been used in the field. It has been housed in my observatory since it was purchased and was covered with a Desert Storm dust cover when not in use. Condition is very good to excellent. Sale Price: \$1850.00. Contact: Dick (262) 594-2903 or 262-470-4778.

I have an LX200 Classic for sale that I thought might be of interest to the Society or perhaps to one of your members. I would appreciate it if you could spread the word among your members of, perhaps, post the attachment on your bulletin board at the observatory. Possible bullet on your website.

Thanks very much for any help.
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LIBRARY NEWS by Jill Roberts

At this time, I have updated the library catalog list by Title and Author. Since 2000, 50 more books have been added to the list. That brings books and some video to a total of 568. Also, for your reference, there are many years worth of "Astronomy" and "Sky and Telescope" magazines.

All this is located under the Z-dome. A copy of the M.A.S. Library Catalog by Title and Author is in print form. A CD is there as well. You will still have to stop in and check them out. There is a sign-out sheet for you to fill out. Please remember to put your telephone number.

Listed on the right are some books that have been donated:

There are plenty of Open House schedules and MAS brochures to take and pass around. Please feel free to take some. You can pick them up at the observatory in the Quonset hut. Don't be afraid to make copies, they don't have to be in color to distribute.

Rebecca Setzer: "The Concise Atlas of the Stars" by Serge Bruinier - 2

Neil Simmons: "Orbital Mechanics" by John E. Prussing
" Observing Variable Stars" by David H. Levy

Al Hovey: "NASA-Spinoff Annual Report" 1978, 1979, 1981, 1985, 1990, 1993 and 1994.

Special NASA 8" X 10" resource cards and other official misc. NASA literature.

"Space Shuttle Atlas – December 1991"
of earth observatories project.
The atlas is very detailed of rivers, islands, mountains and bodies of waters. Land and elevations.

Thank you Rebecca, Neil and Al for your donations. If I have missed anyone who gave me something, let me know.

That's it for now and I hope to see you at the meetings and the open houses.

Clear Skies!!
 Jill Roberts
 Librarian

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