

THE E-SCOPE

The electronic newsletter of the Black River Astronomical Society

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NEXT MEETING

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 2ND

7:00 PM

AT THE LORAIN COUNTY METROPARKS VISITOR CENTER
ON NICKEL PLATE - DIAGONAL RD
IN CARLISLE TWP.

Our speaker for the April meeting will be board member Tim Longwell. Tim will present a program on lunar eclipses. This is a timely topic since next month, on May 15th, there will be a total eclipse of the Moon Visible from Ohio, assuming that we have clear skies. Tim will be covering various aspects of lunar eclipses including how best to view and enjoy them.

NIELSEN OBSERVATORY DATES

There will be public observing at the Nielsen Observatory, located at the Equestrian Center, just south of the Carlisle Visitor Center on

Friday, April 4th from 7:30 to 9:30 PM featuring Jupiter and the Beehive cluster, and on Friday April 18th from 8:00 to 10:00 PM featuring the always elusive Mercury.

Clear skies only.

All BRAS members are encouraged to attend and even bring a telescope if they wish.

If you are interested in solar viewing at Nielsen, then stop by on Sunday, April 27th from 1:00 to 4:00 PM.

CONSTELLATION OF THE MONTH

This month's featured constellation is Leo.

Tim Hornbeck contributes the Constellation of the Month, and he will also be giving a brief presentation on the constellation at our regular meeting.

Follow this link to the Constellation of the Month.

<http://www.thehornbecks.net/starcharts.html>

BOARD MEETING

The Board of Directors meeting for this month will be on Thursday, April 10th at 7:00 PM

at Sal and Al's Diner.in Amherst.
All members are welcome to attend.

THIS YEAR'S REGULAR MEETINGS

All of our regular meetings for 2003 will be at the
LORAIN COUNTY METROPARKS VISITOR CENTER
except for the December meeting which will be held at Beaver Creek Reservation.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Our regular May meeting will be a telescope fair. Plan to bring your favorite telescope
and show it off to our members and to the public.

Astronomy Day is May 10th, and various members of our club
will be posted at five Lorain County Metroparks locations with telescopes
for safely viewing the Sun from 1 to 4 in the afternoon.

Our June regular meeting will be something new for BRAS.
It will be a "make it and take it" meeting in which everyone will have the opportunity
to build their own eyepiece. Tim Hornbeck and
other BRAS members will walk us through the process
of building the eyepieces. There will be a small cost involved,
probably less than\$20.00.

However, you will be able to take home a new
quality eyepiece which you made yourself.

Clear Skies