

THE E-SCOPE

The electronic newsletter of the Black River Astronomical Society

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<http://junior.apk.net/~arstar50/BlackRiver.index.html>

NEXT MEETING

WEDNESDAY, MAY 7TH

7:00 PM

AT THE LORAIN COUNTY METROPARKS NIELSEN OBSERVATORY

AT THE EQUESTRIAN CENTER

ON NICKEL PLATE - DIAGONAL RD

IN CARLISLE TWP.

Our May meeting is our annual Telescope Fair. All members are encouraged to bring their favorite telescope for a sort of "show and tell". The idea is to talk a little bit about your scope to club members and to the public. If you are new to the hobby, this is a great time to learn all about the different types of telescopes.

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, May 2nd from 9:00 to 11:00 PM featuring the Spring galaxies,

Thursday, May 15th starting at 9:00 PM for viewing the total Lunar eclipse, and Friday

May 23rd

from 9:00 to 11:00 PM featuring

a preview of the Summer sky.

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, May 25th from 1:00 to 4:00 PM.

CONSTELLATION OF THE MONTH

This month's featured constellation is Virgo.

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 AND ECLIPSE VIEWING

The Board of Directors meeting for this month will be on

Thursday, May 15th at 7:00 PM

at the Nielsen Observatory prior to the total Lunar eclipse.
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 May meeting which will be at the Nielsen Observatory, the September
meeting which will be at the Scout Camp, and the December meeting which will be held
at Beaver Creek Reservation.

ASTRONOMY DAY

Astronomy Day is Saturday, 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.
Check our web site for locations.

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.
If you are interested in building your own eyepiece for a small cost, please sign up with
Tim Hornbeck at the May meeting.

OTAA DATE SET

This year, the Black River Astronomical Society will host our OTAA meeting on
Saturday, September 27th.

Clear Skies