

# THE E-SCOPE

The electronic newsletter of the Black River Astronomical Society

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NEXT MEETING

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 4TH

7:00 PM

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

The June meeting of the Black River Astronomical Society will feature something very different for our club. Board member Tim Hornbeck will be presenting a "make it and take it" workshop on the construction of a high quality telescope eyepiece. Participants will be able to make a 22mm Orthoscopic eyepiece under the guidance of Tim and other experienced members. You should have made your "reservation" for the eyepiece parts at the last meeting. There may be a few extras available.

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, June 6th from 9:30 to 11:30 PM in which we say goodbye to Jupiter, Friday June 20th from 9:30 to 11:30 PM featuring star clusters and double stars. 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, June 29th from 1:00 to 4:00 PM.

CONSTELLATION OF THE MONTH

This month's featured constellation is Ophiuchus. Tim Hornbeck contributes the Constellation of the Month, and he will be giving a brief presentation on the constellation at our regular meeting, including handouts.

BOARD MEETING AT A NEW LOCATION

The Board of Directors meeting for this month will be on Thursday, June 12th at 7:00 PM at the Blue Sky restaurant on Rt. 58 in Amherst.

We're going to give this place a try. Let's hope we don't put it out of business.

### THIS YEAR'S REGULAR MEETINGS

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

### OTAA DATES SET

OTAA meetings will follow this schedule this Summer:

June 28 CVAS

July 26 CAA

August 23 MVAS

September 27 BRAS

### FOR SALE OR TRADE

6" f/4 OTA , 2" R+P focuser  
diffraction limited optics  
steel tube  
\$120.00 or trade.

Pentax K1000 body, good to excellent condition

50mm f/1.4 lens

2X tele-extender

cable release

\$150.00 or trade

contact John Reising at 440-327-3301

### BOARD MINUTES FOR MAY

Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting

May 15, 2003

Lorain County Metroparks Equestrian Center

Present: M. Harkey, J. Reising, G. Cox, D. Metz, J. Cunningham, J. Lengyel, T.  
Hornbeck, T. Longwell, D. Lengyel, D. Gulyas, M. Plas

### Committee Reports:

Treasurer - John reported a balance of \$6661.53.

Guidescope - The OTAA dates will be reported in the next issue and in the E-Scope.

Instrumentation - John reported that he made a 50mm widefield eyepiece for the  
Metropark's C-14 telescope in the Nielsen observatory.

Programming - June: eyepiece make and take, July: eclipse video, August: Mars observing history, September : Scout camp, October: double stars, November: astronomy products, December: holiday potluck dinner.

Tim H. will look into buying a high intensity overhead projector for use with Dave Gulyas's LCD panel.

OTAA - The hall is booked and the other clubs have been notified of our date.

Old Business - Tim H. reported that 14 eyepieces have been booked for the make and take workshop. We will order 20 and sell them to students at \$7.00 per eyepiece. Jim L. will check on the availability of the Blue Sky restaurant for our June board meeting. Tim

H. reported that LMRE did not approve the grant for restoring and relocating the Kinnison observatory. They felt that more involvement by the school was needed. Tim will continue to pursue the issue.

Astronomy day was mostly clouded out, but the Sun was seen briefly at French Creek and Sandy Ridge. We are encouraged by the members' involvement and hope that next year will be better. Perhaps an alternative indoor program will be organized for next year.

The club will look into beefing up the tripod for the H-alpha scope.

New Business - Several board members wondered why there is not a more visible sign at the entrance to the Equestrian Center where Nielsen observatory is located. Many people have had difficulty finding the place, especially at night.

Dates: June 4 - regular meeting  
June 6 - Nielsen observatory public viewing  
June 12 - Board meeting at Blue Sky in Amherst  
June 20 - Nielsen observatory public viewing  
June 29 - Solar viewing at Nielsen observatory

The meeting adjourned at 8:35 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Dave Lengyel

Clear Skies