

# The E-SCOPE

The electronic newsletter of the Black River Astronomical Society

SEPTEMBER 2003

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## NEXT MEETING

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3RD

7:00 PM

THIS MEETING WILL BE HELD AT CAMP FIRELANDS BOY SCOUT CAMP  
WHERE OUR CLUBHOUSE IS LOCATED.

Take Gore Orphanage Rd. to Bates Rd. and go west a short distance on Bates.  
You will see the gate for the Scout Camp on your right. Enter here, and go down the  
drive to the clubhouse, which is across from the lake and next to the boathouse.

Do not use the entrance on Gore Orphanage Rd.

Bring your telescope and we will view under a dark sky.

## 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, September 5th from 8:30 to 10:30 PM, for Mars and Uranus

and Friday September 19th

from 8:30 to 10:30 PM for an early look at the Autumn 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, September 28th from 1:00 to 4:00 PM.

## BOARD MEETING

The Board of Directors meeting for this month will be on

Thursday, September 11th at 7:00 PM

at the Blue Sky Restaurant on Rt. 58 in Amherst.

## OUR OWN OTAA MEETING!

Don't miss our own OTAA meeting this month, on Saturday September 27th at the  
Birmingham Methodist Church Hall.

This is a great time to talk to fellow astronomers, eat some great food, win some door  
prizes, buy something from the flea market, observe under a dark sky and see lots of neat

telescopes. Without a doubt, this is my favorite event of the year. More details listed below.

#### FOR SALE OR TRADE

Meade LX200 12" excellent condition, heavy duty tripod, with 416XT/201XT Astroguider/Imager. Price \$2,000.00. May examine in Avon, OH. Tel: 440-667-8799

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

#### CLUB MEMBERS

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN SAVING THE CLUB SOME MONEY?  
WOULD YOU LIKE TO RECEIVE ONLY THE E-SCOPE, AND NOT THE  
GUIDESCOPE?

THIS WOULD SAVE THE CLUB THE COST OF MAILING THE GUIDESCOPE.

IF SO, PLEASE CONTACT GUIDESCOPE EDITOR MIKE PLAS AT  
mikepls1@aol.com

AND HE WILL REMOVE YOUR NAME FROM THE MAILING LIST.

#### OTTEWELL CALENDARS

The Ottewell Astronomical Calendar for 2004 will soon be available, and the  
Astronomical Companion has been updated.  
Talk to Tim Longwell about placing an order.

#### BOARD OF DIRECTORS MINUTES

Black River Astronomical Society  
Board of Directors Meeting

August 21, 2003 (meeting originally scheduled for August 14 was canceled due to the  
Great Northeastern Blackout)

Present: Tim Longwell, Jim Lengyel, John Reising, Lee Lumpkin, Bill Ruth, Jim Cunningham, Mike Harkey, Greg Cox, Tim Hornbeck, Dave Lengyel

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m.

July meeting minutes read and approved.

Treasurer's Report: June beginning balance \$6,736.39, ending balance \$6630.39.

Guidescope: Dave Lengyel wants to start putting minutes in with the electronically delivered E-Scope.

Tim Hornbeck submitted images of Mars for inclusion on the club Web page.

Instrumentation: Status quo.

Programming: September, meeting at Firelands Scout Camp observing site; October, double stars; November, astronomy products; December, holiday potluck; January, Dave Metz on a topic TBA; February, Dave Lengyel with a slide talk on galaxies.

Planning Committee: Observing dates for the Nielsen Observatory are all set through December.

OTAA: Dave Metz sent door prize solicitation letters to vendors; items are slow in coming. Tim Hornbeck has had no response thus far to his solicitations either.

Mike Harkey received a book which can be used as a door prize.

John Reising has the tickets.

Dave Lengyel will have BBQ grills and charcoal; Dave hopes that attendees will not overload grills with their raw meat.

Jim Cunningham is bringing extra cups, plates, tablecloths and plasticware.

Dave Lengyel will bring his guitar.

The Oberlin College astronomy students who will be coming by bus will be asked to refrain from food- and drink-mongering.

Old Business: Tim Hornbeck and Dave Lengyel met with the Wellington School Board buildings and grounds committee and made little progress.

New Business: Dave Lengyel needs help with an observing session at Wellington High School August 29. Bring scopes.

Only a few club t-shirts are left. Dave Gulyas' wife can do computerized embroidering on t-shirts.

By unanimous consent, club membership in the International Dark Sky Association has been renewed for another year.

Tim Longwell will provide information on the National Astronomical Society so that we can determine if club membership in the NSA would be worthwhile.

Tim Longwell received a flyer for the upcoming edition of Ottewell Astronomical

Calendar, as well as for the companion book; he will soon need to know how many of each to order.

The next regular meeting will be Wednesday, September 3 at 7 p.m. at the Firelands Scout Camp observatory site. The next board meeting will be Thursday, September 11 at 7 p.m. at the Blue Sky restaurant in Amherst. The public observing sessions at Nielsen Observatory will be September 5 and 19 (evening sessions 9:30-11:30 p.m.) and September 28 (solar observing 1-4 p.m.). The Birmingham OTAA hosted by the BRAS is September 27.

The meeting adjourned at 8:38 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
William A. Ruth, Secretary

OHIO TURNPIKE ASTRONOMERS' ASSOCIATION  
hosted by  
THE BLACK RIVER ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY  
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 27TH 2003  
at the  
BIRMINGHAM METHODIST CHURCH HALL  
BIRMINGHAM, OHIO  
RAIN OR SHINE

Doors Open 4:30 Dinner - 5:30 Door Prizes - 6:30 Star Party to Follow

#### FLEA MARKET

Bring something to sell or trade or find that special item to fill your needs. Several tables will be provided.

#### STAR PARTY AT THE MEETING SITE

There is a large open field adjacent to the meeting hall. There are great horizons and the sky is dark. Bring your telescope and enjoy convenient dark-sky viewing.

#### POT LUCK DINNER

Bring a dish to pass, beverage and table setting. BRAS will once again be grilling hot dogs for all, with the always-popular "dogs at midnight" later in the evening.

#### DIRECTIONS

Take the Ohio Turnpike and exit at 135 (Baumhart Rd.). (Alternately, take Rt. 2 to Baumhart Rd.) Go south on Baumhart to Rt. 113, then head west to Birmingham. Turn left (south) at the first street over the bridge as you enter Birmingham. Continue on South St. as it curves to the right, and the meeting hall will be on the left.

