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GUIDESCOPE

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Welcome to the April 2004 issue of Guidescope . My name is Jim Lengyel, and I am the new editor of this newsletter. I wish to thank Tim Longwell , the previous editor, for his fine work, and wish him the best as he prepares to relocate to Oklahoma. Also, I would like to thank the members of the Black River Astronomical Society who have given me this opportunity to serve the club, and ask them, as previous editors have done in the past, not to be shy about contributing articles or making suggestions for the betterment of this publication. My email address and phone number appear just below our club logo.

Meeting Dates

- Regular Monthly Meeting at the Carlisle Visitor's Center April 07, 2004 7:00 PM
- Monthly Board Meeting at the Blue Sky Restaurant April 15, 2004 7:00 PM
- Wellington Metro Park planning meeting at the April 24, 2004 7:00 PM Town Hall in Wellington.

Observing Dates

- Nielsen Observatory “ Great Galaxies “ April 16, 2004 9 - 11:00 PM
- Nielsen Observatory Solar Observing April 25, 2004 1 - 4:00 PM
- Nielsen Observatory “ By Jove It's Jupiter “ April 30, 2004 9 - 11:00 PM

Locations

Nielsen Observatory is located at the Lorain Metro Parks Equestrian Center on Nickel-Plate Diagonal Road in Carlisle Township.

Carlisle Visitor's Center is located at 12882 Diagonal Road in Carlisle Township.

Blue Sky Restaurant is located on Rt 58 just north of Rt 2 / 90 on the east side of the street in Amherst.

Wellington Town Hall is located at the intersection of routes 18 and 58 in the southeast quadrant. Access to the parking lot is from either road. The meeting, last month, was upstairs to the left.

Sale & Trade

Meade LX200 12" in excellent condition, heavy duty tripod with 416XT / 20XT Astroguider / Imager. Price: \$2000.00 You may examine it in Avon, Ohio. Tel: 440-667-8799

Note: Please include a brief description of the item you wish to sell or trade along with its condition and any accessories that come with it. Also include the price and your telephone number and/or email address. If you have something you wish to give away to someone in the club, please let me know. It will be included in this newsletter. Send the appropriate information to me at the Guidescope via email or telephone.

What's Happenin'

We are all sorry to hear that the father of Greg Cox has passed away. The Black River Astronomical Society sends its condolence to the Cox Family. Greg is a long time member of the club.

Rumor has it that the CCD Electronic Eyepiece was a big hit at the last public observing session at the Nielsen Observatory. Saturn, Jupiter and the Moon were the big stars :-)

The solar viewing that will take place on April 25 at the Nielsen Observatory is also the chance for club members to lend a hand with a general clean-up scheduled for that time.

It's an old saying but true that "many hands make light work". Your presence would be greatly appreciated and it's a good opportunity to get out of the house and get some fresh air. It's been a long winter.

The meeting last month at the Wellington Town Hall regarding the new park showed that a lot of people in the area are interested in astronomy. In a survey conducted by the Metro Parks, 81% of those attending the meeting thought it was a good idea for us to have a presence there.

What's happenin' with you ? Let me know and I'll put it in the newsletter. You can email me or give me a call, but to be honest, the email will work a lot better. Are you into a new astronomy project ? Have you come up with an easy fix for some annoying problem that comes along when you go out to observe ? Have you discovered life on another planet ? Let the Guidescope know so we can share it with everyone else.

Warm weather will soon be here. I know a lot of you will be doing more observing soon, so, if you have an interesting observation, or even a funny experience, email it to me. Got plans to go to the Arizona Messier Marathon , or even to another astronomy club's function here in Ohio ? Let me know.