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**2006 B.R.A.S. Officers**

**President: Mike Harkey**

**Vice-President: Dave Lengyel**

**Treasurer: John Reising**

**Secretary: Dave Gulyas**

**Editor: Tom Janus**

**-- Next Regular Meeting --**

Wed., August 2 at 7:00 pm at the Carlisle Visitor Center. Dave Lengyel will be the speaker. Topic: Astronomy Road Trip Out West.

**-- Next Board of Directors Meeting --**

Thu., August 10 at 7:00 pm at the Blue Sky Restaurant on Rt.58 in Amherst.

**-- Upcoming Nielsen Observatory Dates --**

Friday, August 11, 9:00 – 11:00PM – Perseid meteor shower.

Friday, August 25, 9:00 - 11:00PM – County Fair constellations.

Sunday, August 27, 1:00 - 4:00PM – Solar observing.

**-- Upcoming Programs --**

September - Denny Bodzash on Meso-American Astronomy

October - Mike Williams on carbon variable stars

November - Astronomical Show and Tell (staff)

December - Holiday Dinner Meeting

January 2007 - Mike Plas on Pluto

**-- Items For Sale --**

8.8 mm Meade Ultrawide eyepiece. Very good condition. \$135.00. Call John Reising at 327-3301.

Meade 4" ETX-105EC w/UHT Coatings & 8 x 25 mm Viewfinder

Meade Autostar Controller #497

Meade Deluxe Field Tripod #884

Set of 8 Meade Super Plossl Lenses, 6.4 mm thru 40 mm w/Storage Case

All components are in very good condition, and any reasonable offer will be accepted. I live in Chesterland if anyone would like to see it. Contact Scott Marlow at [scmarlow@adelphia.net](mailto:scmarlow@adelphia.net) or 440-729-1030.

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Black River Astronomical Society  
Monthly Board Meeting  
Blue Sky Restaurant in Amherst, Ohio.  
July 13, 2006 7:00PM

At 7:10PM Mike Harkey called the meeting to order with, J. Reising, D. Lengyel, G. Cox, T. Kreja, J. Cunningham, J. O'Neal, and D. Gulyas present.

June minutes: The June minutes were approved as submitted.

Treasures Report: Beginning balance \$7740.06. Ending balance \$7,740.06

Guide Scope: Status Quo.

Instrumentation: Unitron gravity drive was installed by J. Reising and G. Cox. Other than the need for some minor speed adjusting, it works very well.

Programming:

August: Dave Lengyel, Road trip.

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Public observing dates:

August 2, 2006: 7:00PM - Regular monthly meeting: Lorain Metro Parks, Carlisle Visitors Center.

August 10, 2006: 7:00PM - Regular monthly board meeting: Blue Sky Restaurant, Amherst.

August 11, 2006: 9:00 - 11:00PM -Nielsen Observatory: Perseid meteor shower.

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OTAA / Old Business:

M. Harkery obtained additional door prizes from Lexar media. T. Kreja will order 250 key-chain lights with the decided upon logo. Hall is paid for. J. Cunningham will handle the coffee. Meeting to be scheduled with new Wellington Lorain County Metro Parks staff to formulate astronomy facilities.

New Business:

Everett Schlawin was unanimously accepted as a new member. The donated Beadle telescopes were picked up and are exceptionally nice instruments. J. Reising estimated there value a ~\$1,900. The 10" and mount will be at the Nielsen Observatory to familiarize all with its use for the time being. The 8" will be mounted into an existing rocker-box by J. Reising.

T. Kreja made the motion to adjourn with a second by J. Cunningham at 8:47PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Dave Gulyas  
Secretary, Black River Astronomical Society

## August 2006

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		<p><b>FIRST QUARTER MOON</b></p> <p><b>TOMORROW MORNING</b> 4:46 AM</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>1</b></p>	<p><b>REGULAR MEETING</b></p> <p>DAVE AND JOHN ON THEIR WESTERN TRIP</p> <p style="text-align: center;">7:00 PM CARLISLE VISITOR CENTER</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>2</b></p>	<p><b>WELCOME NEW MEMBER EVERETT SCHLAWIN</b></p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>3</b></p>	<p>THE WAXING GIBBOUS MOON IS NEAR ANTARES.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>4</b></p>	<p>THIS IS A GREAT MONTH TO FIND <b>NEPTUNE</b>, ABOUT A DEGREE NORTH OF IOTA CAPRICORN.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>5</b></p>
<p>MERCURY IS JUST ABOUT ZERO MAGNITUDE IN THE MORNING SKY.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>6</b></p>	<p><b>MERCURY</b> REACHES GREATEST WESTERN ELONGATION.</p> <p>LOOK FOR IT IN THE MORNING SKY.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>7</b></p>	<p>SATURN REACHED CONJUNCTION WITH THE SUN YESTERDAY.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>8</b></p>	<p><b>FULL MOON</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">6:54 AM</p> <p>GREEN CORN OR GRAIN MOON.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>9</b></p>	<p><b>BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING 7:00 PM</b></p> <p>BLUE SKY RESTAURANT IN AMHERST</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>10</b></p>	<p><b>PUBLIC OBSERVING AT THE NIELSEN OBSERVATORY 9:00 - 11:00 PM</b></p> <p>PERSEID METEOR WATCH CLEAR SKIES ONLY</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>11</b></p>	<p><b>NEPTUNE</b> REACHED OPPOSITION YESTERDAY.</p> <p><b>PERSEID METEORS PEAK.</b></p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>12</b></p>
<p>ASTEROID CERES, THE FIRST ONE DISCOVERED AND THE LARGEST, REACHED OPPOSITION YESTERDAY.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>13</b></p>	<p>SINCE <b>JUPITER</b> IS JUST PAST EASTERN QUADRATURE, <b>ECLIPSES</b> OF ITS BRIGHTEST MOONS ARE EASILY SEEN.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>14</b></p>	<p><b>THIRD QUARTER MOON</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">9:51 PM</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>15</b></p>	<p>FIND <b>URANUS</b> THIS MONTH NEAR 4TH MAGNITUDE LAMBDA AQUARI.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>16</b></p>	<p><b>VENUS</b> IS STILL BRILLIANT (ISN'T IT ALWAYS?) AT MAGNITUDE -4 THIS MONTH IN THE MORNING SKY.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>17</b></p>	<p>KAPPA CYGNID METEORS PEAK.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>18</b></p>	<p>AUGUST MARKS THE BEGINNING OF "METEOR SEASON"</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>19</b></p>
<p>MERCURY APPEARS ABOUT ONE DEGREE ABOVE SATURN IN THE EARLY MORNING EASTERN SKY.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>20</b></p>	<p>THE WANING CRESCENT MOON APPEARS NEAR VENUS IN THE MORNING SKY.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>21</b></p>	<p>THE WANING CRESCENT MOON IS JUST LEFT OF A LINE CONNECTING VENUS, SATURN AND MERCURY IN THE PREDAWN EASTERN SKY.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>22</b></p>	<p><b>NEW MOON</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">3:10 PM</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>23</b></p>	<p>LOOK FOR THE ZODIACAL LIGHT IN THE EARLY MORNING SKY.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>24</b></p>	<p><b>PUBLIC OBSERVING AT THE NIELSEN OBSERVATORY 9:00 - 11:00</b></p> <p>COUNTY FAIR CONSTELLATIONS CLEAR SKIES ONLY.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>25</b></p>	<p>MAHONING VALLEY ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY <b>OTAA MEETING</b></p> <p>AT THEIR OBSERVATORY 5:00 PM</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>26</b></p>
<p><b>PUBLIC OBSERVING NIELSEN OBSERVATORY 1:00 - 4:00 PM</b></p> <p>SAFELY VIEW THE SUN. CLEAR SKIES ONLY</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>27</b></p>	<p>THE WAXING CRESCENT MOON APPEARS NEAR SPICA.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>28</b></p>	<p>THE WAXING CRESCENT MOON IS ABOUT FIVE DEGREES SOUTH OF JUPITER.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>29</b></p>	<p>THE MILKY WAY PASSES NEARLY OVERHEAD IN EARLY EVENING THIS MONTH.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>30</b></p>	<p><b>FIRST QUARTER MOON</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">6:57 PM</p> <p>SECOND ONE THIS MONTH.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>31</b></p>		

DON'T MISS THE PERSEID METEORS!