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2006 B.R.A.S. Officers

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-- Next Regular Meeting --

Wed., Sep. 6 at 7:00 pm at the Carlisle Visitor Center. Denny Bodzash will be the speaker. Topic: Meso-American Astronomy.

-- Next Board of Directors Meeting --

Thu., Sep. 14 at 7:00 pm at the Blue Sky Restaurant on Rt.58 in Amherst.

-- Upcoming Nielsen Observatory Dates --

Friday, Sep. 15, 8:30 – 11:00PM – Uranus and Neptune.

Sunday, Sep. 24, 1:00 - 4:00PM – Solar observing.

Friday, Sep. 29, 8:30 - 11:00PM.

-- OTAA Meeting at Birmingham --

OHIO TURNPIKE ASTRONOMERS' ASSOCIATION hosted by
THE BLACK RIVER ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 23rd 2006
25 YEARS OF B.R.A.S. OTAA MEETINGS 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

SPECIAL 25 YEAR SOUVENIR GIVE AWAYS! DOOR PRIZES!

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, with access to the hall when you need to take a break.

POT LUCK DINNER

Bring a dish to pass, beverage and table setting.

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.

--This Month's Astrophotos --

See the attached photos of Mercury & Venus in the predawn twilight.

-- Upcoming Programs --

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 or 440-729-1030.

Denny Bodzash is offering the following items:

Orion 9x50 finderscope, 5 1/2 degree field of view, straight through design, like new, end caps included, asking \$50.

10mm Sirius Plossl eyepiece, 52 degree apparent field, 1.25 inch design, caps for both ends included along with original box, like new, asking \$30.

If anyone wants to see photos of the items, Email me at wrenchbender54@comcast.net. Leave me your email address and I'll send you the pictures.

Editor's note: I have not received the minutes from the Board meeting as of yet (Aug. 27). I will send them out as soon as I receive them.

Also, please let me know when an item has been sold so I can delete the listing from the next Guidescope if necessary. astr0wxcat@eriecoast.com.

September 2006

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					ALPHA AURIGID METEORS PEAK. MERCURY IS AT SUPERIOR CONJUNCTION. THE EQUATION OF TIME IS ZERO. 1	WELCOME NEW MEMBER GARY DODSON 2
VENUS RISES ABOUT 75 MINUTES BEFORE THE SUN, BUT GETS LOWER AS THE MONTH GOES ON. 3	PLUTO ENDS ITS RETROGRADE MOTION. THIS IS IN PROTEST OF THE RECENT RULING BY THE IAU. CLYDE LIVES! 4	URANUS REACHES OPPOSITION THE MOON IS JUST SOUTH OF NEPTUNE AND VENUS IS NEAR REGULUS. 5	REGULAR MEETING 7:00 PM CARLISLE VISITOR CENTER DENNY BODZASH ON MESOAMERICAN ASTRONOMY 6	FULL MOON 2:42 PM PARTIAL ECLIPSE IN THE 'WRONG' HEMISPHERE. THE MOON IS AT PERIGEE 7	DELTA AURIGID METEORS 8	SATURN RISES ABOUT TWO HOURS BEFORE THE SUN. 9
MARS CROSSES THE CELESTIAL EQUATOR. 10	JUPITER IS ONLY ABOUT ONE-HALF DEGREE NORTH OF ZUBENEL-GENUBI TONIGHT AND TOMORROW NIGHT. 11	THE WAXING GIBBOUS MOON IS NEAR THE PLEIADES IN THE MORNING SKY. 12	THE WAXING GIBBOUS MOON IS ABOUT 10 DEGREES FROM ALDEBARAN IN TAURUS. 13	BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING 7:00 PM BLUE SKY IN AMHERST THIRD QUARTER MOON 7:15 AM 14	PUBLIC OBSERVING NIELSEN OBSERVATORY 8:30-10:30 CLEAR SKIES ONLY OUTER PLANET ODYSSEY 15	YESTERDAY, THE MOON REACHED ITS GREATEST GEOCENTRIC NORTHERN DECLINATION (+28° 43.4') IN MANY YEARS. 16
DON'T BELIEVE THOSE EMAILS. MARS IN NEARLY IMPOSSIBLE TO SEE THIS MONTH. 17	THE WAXING CRESCENT MOON IS NEAR THE BEEHIVE CLUSTER IN THE MORNING SKY. 18	THE WAXING CRESCENT MOON IS JUST BELOW SATURN IN THE EARLY MORNING EASTERN SKY. 19	PISCID METEORS PEAK. 20	THE VERY OLD CRESCENT MOON IS NEAR VENUS. 21	NEW MOON 7:45 AM ANNULAR ECLIPSE (NOT EVEN PARTIAL HERE) 22	BRAS HOSTS OUR ANNUAL OTAA MEETING DOORS OPEN AT 4:30 BRING A DISH TO PASS AND BEVERAGE 23
YESTERDAY WAS THE AUTUMNAL EQUINOX AT 12:08 AM SOLAR OBSERVING AT NIELSEN 1-4 PM 24	LOOK FOR THE WAXING CRESCENT MOON BELOW JUPITER JUST AFTER SUNSET. 25	VENUS IS NOW RISING ONLY ABOUT 35 MINUTES BEFORE THE SUN, BUT SATURN RISES ALMOST FOUR HOURS BEFORE SUNRISE. 26	THE WAXING CRESCENT MOON IS NEAR ANTARES IN SCORPIUS. 27	JUPITER IS ONLY ABOUT 10° ABOVE THE HORIZON AT MIDWILIGHT, AND SETS ABOUT TWO HOURS AFTER THE SUN. 28	PUBLIC OBSERVING NIELSEN OBSERVATORY 8:30-10:30 CLEAR SKIES ONLY WELCOME TO FALL 29	FIRST QUARTER MOON 7:04 AM 30

MAKE PLANS TO ATTEND OUR OTAA MEETING ON THE 23RD!