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-- Next Regular Meeting --

Wed., Jan. 3 at 7:00 pm at the Carlisle Visitor Center. Mike Plas will be giving a presentation on Pluto.

-- Next Board of Directors Meeting --

Thu., Jan 11 at 7:00 pm at the Blue Sky Restaurant on Rt.58 in Amherst.

-- Upcoming Nielsen Observatory Dates --

Fri., Jan 19, 7:00 - 9:00 pm - Cold Feet, Hot Stars.

-- Upcoming Programs --

February - Paul Pernici; String Theory

March - John O'Neal; Not Your Daddy's SLR

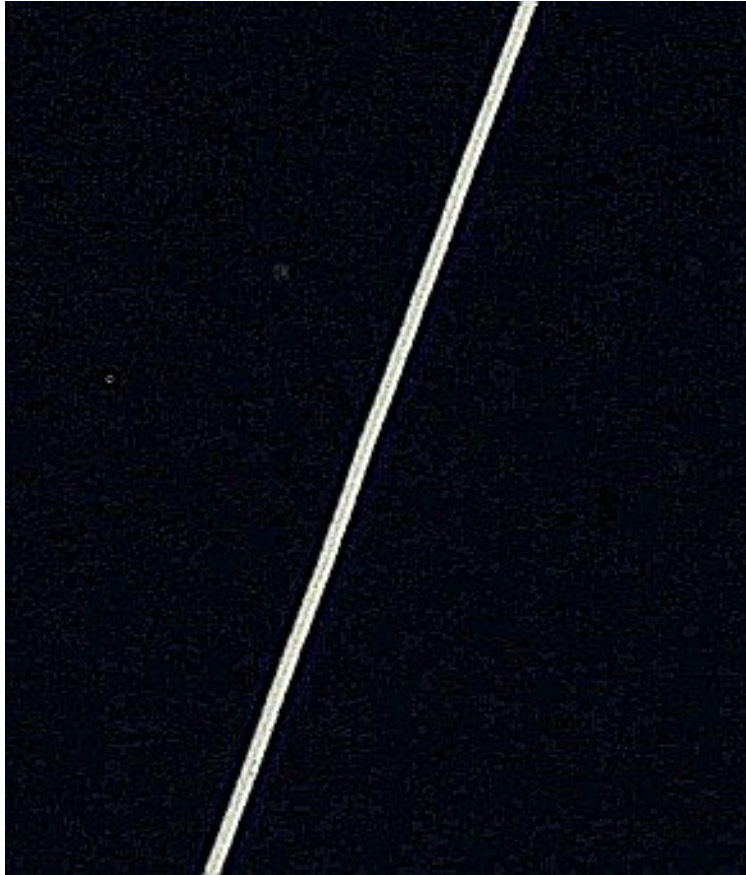
April - Bill Ruth; TBA

May - Denny Bodzash - Ancient Egyptian Astronomy

June - Dave Lengyel & John Reising; Observing Trip West

-- This Month's Astrophotos --

ISS and Shuttle side by side.jpg, by Dave Gulyas:



A section of a 20 second exposure of the International Space Station and the Space Shuttle during visible pass on 2006.12.19 at 18:00. The shuttle had separated from the ISS ~50 minutes prior to this photo. You may have to zoom in closer, but you can definitely see how far apart from each other they weren't.

MercJupMars.jpg & MoonSaturn.jpg, by John O'Neal:



From the morning of Dec. 10.

Bodzash.jpg, by Denny Bodzash:



Mercury, Jupiter & Mars from the morning of Dec. 10. This photo was posted on the spaceweather.com website (Dec. 11)!

-- Items For Sale --

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.

Orion 6x30 right angle, correct view finder with end caps. 7 degree field, like new. Would work great on an alt-az. or dobsonian scope. Asking \$40.

If anyone wants to see photos of the items, Email me at wrenchbender54@oh.rr.com.

Leave me your email address and I'll send you the pictures.

Celestron C8 optical tube. I bought it to get the CG-5 mount. I looked thru it twice to make sure it was ok. Brand new. Visual back and 1- 1/4 diagonal - the standard Celestron attachments. no finder. no eyepieces. Has the mounting rail along the bottom and special coatings. \$500. Randy Beachler. 502-225-0477.

Editor's note: Please let me know when an item has been sold so I can delete the listing from the next Guidescope. astr0wxcat@eriecoast.com .