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Newsletter of the Racine Astronomical Society

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Fall 2008

General meeting on October 18th ~

The next general meeting is on October 18th. We will set-up the 14" for viewing if the sky is clear.

Dues are due in October ~

Please remember to pay you're dues for 2009.

Summer Star Party ~

The summer star party was held on July 26th under clear sky conditions. We had a good turnout and observed a number of different objects throughout the evening. The club provided pizza as our late night snack. Everyone who attended enjoyed the event.



Left to right: Chris Tobias, Dave Mogensen, Mark Schmidt, Tim Tadysak, and Dave Finch



Chris and Tim look on as Mark readies his scope.

Sunset arrives

2008 Annual Picnic ~

The annual picnic was held on August 16th. We all enjoyed good food, good company, and a very pleasant afternoon. Mark set-up his Coronado scope and showed us a couple of solar prominences.



Fall Astronomy Day 2008 ~

Due to cloudy conditions in May, we decided to have another Astronomy Day on October 4th. We had a great turnout by club members, many of whom set-up they're own scopes on the lawn.

The daytime session was very slow and we had a steady but light turnout in the evening. We've decided that spring is definitely the best time of year to hold our Astronomy day.



Dan Newman



Right to left: Mike Zweifel, Dave Mogensen, Mark Schmidt, and Gary Wiltsey.

Boy Scout group at Batten Airport ~

A number of us "took it on the road" and brought telescopes to the Batten airport on October 11th for a Boy Scout jamboree being held there. The kids were very enthusiastic and the adults were very appreciative of our efforts. After we were done observing, we packed up our scopes and were treated to a tour of their aeronautical museum. They have a nice collection of small vintage aircraft. After the tour we were brought upstairs to watch as the runway lights were turned on for us. It was quite a sight.



Members in attendance were Tim Tadyak, Mark Schmidt, Dan Newman, Dave Mogensen, Mike Zweifel, Brian Jensen, and Dave Finch



The scouts and adults really enjoyed the collection of handouts we brought along.

2008 Event Calendar

March

29 - Spring Star Party

April

5 - Spring Star Party (Rain Date)
12 - Work Party (9 AM)
19 - Work Party (Rain Date)
19 - General Meeting (7:30 PM)
25 - Public Night (8-11 PM)

May

10 - Astronomy Day
2-5PM (Solar) & 8-11 PM

June

6 - Public Night (8-11 PM)

July

11 - Public Night (8-11 PM)
19 - General Meeting (7:30 PM)
26 - Summer Star Party

August

2 - Summer Star Party (Rain Date)
16 - Picnic
22 - Public Night (8-11 PM)

September

19 - Public Night (8-11 PM)

October

4 - Astronomy Day
2-5PM (Solar) & 8-11 PM
18 - General Meeting (7:30 PM)
25 - Fall Star Party

November

1 - Fall Star Party (Rain Date)
15 - Work Party (9 AM)
22 - Work Party (Rain Date)

December

13 - Christmas Party (7:30 PM)

~ From the Editor~

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Dave Finch

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