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Newsletter of the Racine Astronomical Society

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~Presidents Message~

We have now filled the vacant Member-at-Large position on the board of directors. Brian Jensen expressed his interest in filling this position and was unanimously voted in at our June 2nd meeting. Welcome Brian!

We also decided to paint building one at the end of the summer, some time in September. We will be looking for lots of help for this project so we can finish it in one day. Updates will come in future newsletters.

~Dave Mogensen~

~Vice Presidents Message~

We have several new members this month. Please join me in welcoming Joe Houtsinger, Brienne Kelly, and Larry Kelly.

We had a successful Open house on Friday, June 6th. I believed the weather forecast and didn't attend, but the thunderstorms ended and the clouds cleared. A hundred or more people came out to share the evening with those members who attended.

We have added an additional open house for 2008 on Saturday, October 4. Our first Astronomy Day was a flop so we're doing it again. We will be open for solar viewing and night sky viewing as we were in May.

~Dave Finch~

~Free star charts~

Skymaps.com is a good source for downloading free star charts for your own use, or to use as hand-outs for Astronomy related events. The charts contain a full sky view for a given month and include useful info about sky events for the month, and a list of objects that are visible.

<http://www.skymaps.com/downloads.html>

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

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

TBD - Christmas Party (7:30 PM)

~ From the Editor~

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Dave Finch

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