

UACNJ Meeting Notice

The next meeting of the UACNJ will be held on Saturday, January 30, 1993 from 10:00 to 12:00 noon at the Morris County Museum, Morristown. The MMAS are the hosts. Please try to have a representative from your club attend.

UACNJ 1993 Officers

Congratulations to the following officers who were elected for the 1993 term at the October 3, 1992 meeting:

President:	Larry Smith	(AAAP)
Vice President:	Grace Casalino	(NJAG)
Secretary:	Karan Roundy	(HAAA)
Treasurer:	Wayne Zuhl	(AAI)

UACNJ 1993 Astronomy Calendar

Following is a short calendar of special UACNJ dates, and important events happening in 1993.

- Jan 30: UACNJ Meeting - 10:00 a.m. - MMAS Host
Morris Museum, Morristown, NJ.
- Feb 20: Last submittal day for club Notices to
be included in the UACNJ Newsletter.
- Mar 6: UACNJ Newsletter, Vol. 4 No. 1, mailed
to member clubs.
- Apr 10: N.E. Astronomy Forum II - Rockland
Astronomy Club event.
- May 1: UACNJ Meeting - 10:00 a.m. - New Jersey
Astronomical Association, Host -
Vorhees State Park, High Bridge, NJ.
International Astronomy Day Symposium -
NJAA - 12:00 noon to late evening at
Vorhees State Park.
- 15: Last submittal day for club Notices to
be included in the UACNJ Newsletter.
- 29: UACNJ Newsletter, Vol. 4 No. 2, mailed
to member clubs.
- Jun 18: Jersey StarQuest - Amateur Astronomers
Association of Princeton - Bemerville,
NJ - Friday evening through Sunday
afternoon.
- 19: UACNJ Meeting - 10:00 a.m. - AAAP Host -
at Bemerville.
- Jul 17: Last submittal day for club Notices to
be included in the UACNJ Newsletter.
- 31: UACNJ Newsletter, Vol. 4 No. 2, mailed
to member clubs.
- Aug 13: Stellafane (13 - 15).
- Sep 24: Astronomy Awareness Weekend (24 - 26)
individual clubs promoting astronomy,
their organizations, and problems
of Light Pollution.
- Oct 16: Stella-Della-Valley VII - Bucks-Mont
Astronomical Association, Bucks County,
PA, host.
- 23: UACNJ Meeting - 10:00 a.m. - Amateur
Astronomers, Inc., Sperry Observatory,
Cranford, NJ host.
- Nov 20: Last submittal day for club Notices to
be included in the UACNJ Newsletter.
- Dec 4: UACNJ Newsletter, Vol. 4 No. 2, mailed

to member clubs.

Those wishing to submit notices to the UACNJ Newsletter should mail c/o Barry Malpas, 20 Helen Street, Warren, NJ 07059.

UACNJ Tent

One of the items discussed at the October, 3 meeting was the purchase of a tent to be used by member clubs for special events. Instead of renting a tent at high rental costs, particularly for smaller clubs, the tent would be loaned to member clubs for their event, defraying rental costs, and making available often needed space for such things as swap tables, talks, etc. and making fund raising events more profitable. The UACNJ is requesting that each club make available \$40 toward the payment of such a tent.

UACNJ Messier Certificates

Prepared by the Hopatcong Area Amateur Astronomers, Hopatcong, NJ, the UACNJ will offer special recognition to individuals in the form of Messier Object Certificates. There are at least two purposes in awarding such a certificate: to encourage beginning astronomers to systematically observe the sky (the Messier objects are a good starting point and have all varieties of deep sky objects; galaxies, open and globular clusters, planetary nebulae, etc.), and to allow club members who are not members of the Astronomical League to receive recognition for locating all of the Messier objects. Copies of the methodology and procedures are being forwarded to the UACNJ member clubs.

For further information or if you would like to serve on the UACNJ Messier Committee, contact the current UACNJ Messier Certificate Committee chair, Duane Degutis (who may be reached by beeper at (908) 498-2929), or write: UACNJ Messier Certificate Committee, P.O. Box 373, Hopatcong, NJ, 07843-0373.

Messier Marathon at New Jersey StarQuest 1993

New Jersey StarQuest will return to Bemerville for 1993. In addition to the usual event, speakers, workshops, camping, observing, etc., and the 1992 instituted Telescope Competition, AAAP will also be holding a Messier Marathon Competition. Each club will be entitled to two teams with two members and one telescope per team. The observing period will be for one hour, and verifiers will be on hand. For further information contact the AAAP.

UACNJ Meeting of October 3, 1992 notes
Stella Della Valley VI in Ottsville, PA.

The meeting was held from 10:15 to 11:55 with the following representatives:

Barry Malpas - AAI; Dick Sivel - BMA2; Larry Smith - AAAP;
Bruce Rights - HAAA; Jim Burnell - MTC; Ron Russo - MMAS;
and Alan Witzgall - NJAA. Others Attending were: Anthony Pisano - MMAS;
Jim Fox - Astronomical League; Roger Taylor - DVAA (Delaware Valley Amateur Astronomers); and Bonnie Witzgall - NJAA.

A 1993 calendar was submitted and accepted. (see elsewhere in newsletter).

Reports were given by the following committees:

Treasurer: The treasury stands at \$242.00;

Credentials: New club profile and contact forms will be distributed.

Membership: UACNJ has 11 paid members currently.

Publications: 1993 dates for submission and publication of the Newsletter were presented (see Calendar elsewhere in newsletter).

Light pollution: The light pollution bill vetoed by Gov. Florio has been re-introduced as State Senate Bill S-342.