
United Astronomy Clubs of New Jersey Newsletter



Jersey Starquest

The third annual Jersey Starquest, hosted by the Amateur Astronomers Association of Princeton, will be held at the United Methodist Camp and Conference Center, in Browns Mills, NJ. The festivities will run from 5 P.M. on May 29 through 12 P.M. May 31st, regardless of the weather.

Features Include:

Observing from a dark location
An organized telescope making
competition

Lecture program on Saturday
Swap table

Registration includes Camping space
Indoor accommodations are available
Hot showers

Five catered hot meals

Door prizes

And much, much more

The Speakers for the Lecture Program on Saturday will be as follows:

Fred Schaff: Getting the Most from the Sky

This talk discusses new ways to maximize and enrich what we get from our observing time. It also deals with the related issue of how to help preserve a precious natural resource, the night sky. Schaff, offers not just some fresh sky phenomenon and observing projects to try, but also the outline of a new philosophy and system for sky watchers.

Other speakers include:

Barry Malpas: Spectroscopy for the Amateur

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Ray Talipski: Tracking Artificial Satellites

If you have a home made telescope bring it and enter it in the Telescope Making Competition.

The next UACNJ meeting will take place on Saturday, May 30 at the AAAP sponsored, New Jersey Starquest.

Messier Certificates Awarded

AAI is pleased to announce that four of their members have recieved Messier Certificates from the Astronomical Leage. For those of you who are not familiar with the award, it is given to amatuers who are successful in locating and logging all 110 Messier Objects, in addition you become an honorary member of the Astronomical League's Messier Club. A seperate award is given for locating seventy or more, as well.

The observers from AAI are Kevin Conrad, regular member, Bill Kuriskin, Alan Witzlgall and Wayne Zuhl, all honorary members.

The UACNJ will soon be offering a program similar to the AL's Messier Awards Program. So, get out there and start observing those Messiers.

Newsletter Info

As of June Wayne Zuhl will no longer be editing the UACNJ Newsletter, the new editor will be MaryLynn Butner.

If you have any articles, announcements or information that you would like printed in the UACNJ Newsletter, mail them to MaryLynn at:

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Please, try to get announcements in at least two to three months ahead of time. This makes things much easier for us here at the Newsletter.

The UACNJ Expands

The UACNJ has expanded into Pennsylvania, with the addition of the Bucks-Mont Astronomical Association. Some of you may know of the Bucks-Mont club already, hosts of the fall Stella-Della-Valley event. BMAA, was first established in 1985, and has since grown to 58 members. The membership's interest varies from deep-sky observing, photography and telescope making.

So, from everyone here in New Jersey, welcome Bucks-Mont!

Astronomy Day: A Success

On May 9th the UACNJ hosted International Astronomy Day at Sperry Observatory in Cranford. The day was a huge success. Attendance was estimated to be over FOUR HUNDRED people. There was a Swap Table, run by HAAA, that made over \$200 for their club. There was the UACNJ sponsored symposium, held at the Auditorium at Union County College, the lectures were all well attended. Displays were presented by various clubs within the UACNJ.

New Jersey Astronomy Clubs

AAAP The Amateur Astronomers Association of Princeton, Inc. Meet on the second Tuesday for their monthly meetings at Peyton Hall on the Princeton campus and have their observatory open every Friday evening, weather permitting. Call (609)737-2575 for information and observatory directions.

AAI Monthly meetings are held on the third Friday of the month at 8:00 p.m. at the Campus Center Auditorium on the campus of Union County College, Cranford, NJ. Sperry observatory is open every Friday evening to the public from 7:30 to 10:30 p.m. Call evenings (908)709-7520 for information, or (908)276-STAR for a sky message.

CAC The Concordia Astronomy Club meets on the third Thursday of each month at the Concordia club house, in Jamesburg. CAC invites members from other clubs to attend their presentations. However special security arrangements must be made. Please call for information (609)655-1422.

HAAA The Hopatcong Area Amateur Astronomers meet on the third Thursday of each month at 7:30 p.m., at Hudson Guild Farm, on Sparta-Stanhope Road, in Hopatcong. Public events and special presentations are held several times each month at various locations and are scheduled during the week as well as on weekends. For information call (201)770-1625.

MMAS The Morris Museum Astronomical Society holds their monthly meetings at the museum in Morristown. Their solar observing sessions will be at 6 DeForest Ave, E. Hanover, NJ. For further information call (201)368-1848

MTC The Montclair Telescope Club is an observing group that meets periodically at a dark sky location at Kamaah Lake in Sussex County. For information call (201)447-2581

NJAA The New Jersey Astronomical Association of High Bridge holds its monthly meetings at their Observatory at Vorhees State Park. Call (201)638-8500 for more information.

NJAG The North Jersey Astronomical Group public nights are held in the observatory at Rifle Camp Park, Rifle Camp Road, West Patterson, NJ. For further information or directions call the Nature Center at (201)523-0024. Business meetings and programs are held on the second Wednesday of each month.

SHAA The Sheep Hill Astronomy Association meets the 1st Sunday of the Month at the Boonton Town Hall Community Room. Observatory Open House is on the 3rd Friday of the Month. Call (201)335-5990 for information.

SJAC The South Jersey Astronomical Club meets at Vineland City Hall on the first Thursday of every month. Call (609)825-2196 for information.

STAR The STAR Astronomical Society, Inc. hold their monthly meetings on the first Wednesday of the month at the Holmdel Park Activity Center in Holmdel and hold bimonthly observing weekends. For further information call (201)536-4663 or (201)264-1723.

WAS The Willingboro Astronomical Society is a group devoted primarily to observing and astrophotography. They hold their meetings at the Willingboro Municipal Building on the first and second Friday of each month. Call (609)627-3403 or (609)829-4345 for information. D