

# STAR GAZETTE BUSINESS BITS — MARCH 2008

## Time to Renew Your Membership!

Our fiscal year ends this month. A membership form is included with this newsletter for your convenience.

## Speaker Wanted

Please consider being part of our “Short Talks” meeting in May. You don’t have to be an expert, just take ten minutes to share any sky-related topic that interests you! Call Gretchen: 630-393-7929

## Coming Events

**March 19: “Cassini-Huygens Mission to Saturn” by J. Kovac & J. Vittallo, Morton Grove Library, 7 PM**  
6140 Lincoln Ave. in Morton Grove. Register by calling the Library: 847-965-4220

**March 21: “Mars Missions and Mysteries” by Jim Kovac, NW Suburban Astronomers mtg, 7:30 PM**  
Room 105/106, Park District Community Ctr, 1685 W. Higgins Rd, Hoffman Estates – on the south side of Higgins (Route 72) at Huntington Blvd, about 1 mile east of Barrington Rd.

**April 11: “Alternative Energy Sources” Lecture by Dr. Cutler Cleveland, Fermilab, 8 P.M., \$5**  
Ecological-economic challenges in the transition from fossil fuels to alternative sources, particularly solar. Call 630/840.ARTS (2787)

**April 18-19: NCRAL Convention “Astronomy by the Lake” – Port Washington, WI**  
Speakers: Jack Horkheimer, Dave Eicher, Michael Bakich, Dave Oesper, Harald Schenk. Observing, vendors, contests, food, prizes, etc. <http://www.ncsf.info>

**May 10: Astronomy Day, Harper College, Palatine**  
<http://www.nsaclub.org/>

**June 7-8: Family Fun Campout, Lake Forest Beach**  
Skokie Valley Astronomers are invited to bring their telescopes. (Camping optional.)

**June 20-21: Midwest Astro-Imaging Conference (MAIC), NIU Hoffman Estates Mtg Ctr**  
Hosted by AstroPhoto Insight Magazine. Vendors, prizes, food, free wireless. Speakers: Jim Burnell, Mike Unsold, Warren Keller, Robert Reeves, Neil Fleming. <http://www.skyinsight.com/maic/>

**September 5-6: Astrofest**  
<http://www.chicagoastro.org/af/index.html>

**September 13-14: Family Fun Campout, Lake Forest Beach**  
Skokie Valley Astronomers are invited to bring their telescopes. (Camping optional.)

**September 25-28: Prairie Skies Star Party**  
<http://www.prairieskies.org/>

*Respectfully submitted by Gretchen Patti*