

STAR GAZETTE BUSINESS BITS — APRIL 2008

Planning the New Year

Our new fiscal year has begun! What would you like to see in the year ahead? Should we have a field trip to Adler, Fermi, Argonne, Yerkes, ...? What about other club activities? If you have good ideas, please share them at the meeting.

Bring Your Gear!

The weather should be getting nicer – observing should be getting easier! Please consider bringing your equipment to the meeting, just in case it's clear afterward.

Coming Events

April 10: "Mars Missions and Mysteries" – John Vittallo, Glen Ellyn Library, 7 P.M.

400 Duane Street, Glen Ellyn. To register, call the library: (630) 469-0879

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 4: "The Endless Universe" – Lecture at Fermilab, 8 P.M., \$5

Big Bang or Cyclic Universe? Dr. Paul Steinhardt or Princeton discusses competing theories. For information or reservations: 630/840.ARTS (2787) weekdays 9 – 4 <http://www.fnal.gov/culture>

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 5-7: 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/>

September 25-28: Illinois Dark Sky Star Party

<http://www.sas-sky.org/>

Respectfully submitted by Gretchen Patti