

STAR GAZETTE BUSINESS BITS — FEBRUARY 2012

Balmy Winter

The weather has been unseasonably warm and, as usual in winter, that means it's cloudy. Sunspots, aurorae, conjunctions – they happen, but we don't see them! Yet you never know when we might get a break. Keep your scope and your parka near the door, just in case. And don't forget the lovely conjunction on the 25th and 26th – Jupiter, Venus, and the crescent moon.

Attention Snowbirds

Are you taking a vacation to warmer climes? Consider contacting a local astronomy club! Check the Astronomical League website to find like-minded folks with telescopes. Member clubs are listed here: <http://www.astroleague.org/societies/list>

Electronic Newsletters

Instead of a paper copy each month, you can get an email with a link to the newsletter as soon as it's available online. If that sounds good, notify Gretchen at gpatti@tezzaron.com. If not – that's OK, you'll continue to get it on paper.

Events

Feb 9 (Thursday) 7 PM – “Galaxies, Nebulas, and the Dark Side” by Jim Kovac
Roselle Public Library, 40 S. Park Street in Roselle

Register by calling the library at (630) 529-1641 or on-line at <http://www.roselle.lib.il.us/>

Jul 4-7 – ALCON 2012 (Astronomical League Convention) at Marriott Lincolnshire Resort
Speakers, seminars, prizes, food, lake cruise, Yerkes, Fermilab, Argonne, etc.
Information and registration at <http://www.astroleague.org/>

Upcoming Star Parties need scopes!

Frances Dellutri has some Star Parties coming up. She needs astronomers who can bring their scopes to help the attendees see the night sky. Contact Frances Dellutri, fdellutri@antioch34.com.

Yerkes Observatory, Williams Bay, WI: Saturday, February 25; Saturday, March 17; Friday, April 20.

Respectfully submitted by Gretchen Patti