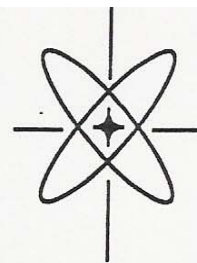


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OCTOBER MEETING

The Memphis Astronomical Society will hold its regular monthly meeting at 8:00 P.M. on Friday, October 3rd, 2008, in the Science Auditorium on the campus of Christian Brothers University at Parkway and Central. Members are urged to attend and to bring guests; the public is welcome.

PROGRAM

WELCOME * * President Moore will greet the members and guests and outline the evening's program.

BUSINESS * * The Treasurer's Report will be given by Treasurer Bill Wilson and the Minutes of the September Board of Directors Meeting will be read by Secretary Carrie Armus.

VOTE ON PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE BYLAWS OF THE MEMPHIS ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY * * The membership present will vote on the proposed amendments to the bylaws. A copy of the proposed amendments is included in this newsletter. If you wish to make your voice heard, make certain that you come to the meeting and vote.

THE MAS E-MAIL NOTIFICATION SYSTEM * * by Ric Honey.
How to use it, why it's a good idea, and best of all, why it's SAFE.

BREAK * * Time to refresh and to mix and mingle.

HOW TO COMPUTERIZE YOUR NOT SO OLD UP-TO-DATE TELESCOPE * * by Ric Honey.
A review of digital setting circles and automated telescope drive systems.

SEMI-ANNUAL TENN-ARK STAR PARTY a.k.a. VILLAGE CREEK PUBLIC OBSERVING SESSION * * The M.A.S. will hold another Public Observing Session at Village Creek State Park just west of Memphis in Arkansas on Saturday, October 25th, 2008. We will meet at the Park's Visitor Center at 7:30 P.M. to set up our telescopes. There will be presented a sky map and we will afterwards hold a public observing session. We will need

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plenty of telescopes; but we will also need just people to help direct the flow of human traffic and to help with the public. If you can come and bring a telescope or just help with the human traffic flow, please call Richard Moore at 737-3278 or e-mail at wrhgmoores@aol.com ; or, just sign up at the General Meeting. The alternate date in case of inclement weather is Saturday, November 1st.

OCTOBER OBSERVING SESSION * * The October Observing Sessions will be held on Saturday, October 4th at 8:30 P.M. at our observing site near Lagrange, Tennessee. Maps and directions will be readily available at the General Meeting.

OCTOBER IS DUES MONTH * * October is dues month for the MAS. Remember, you must have paid your dues in order to vote or to run for office or board positions in December. You may either give your dues to Bill Wilson (with the enclosed dues notices), or mail them to the MAS; 8625 Chris Suzanne Circle; Cordova, Tennessee 38018.

THE PLANETS FOR OCTOBER, 2008

PLANET	DATE	R. A.		DEC	MAG.	RISE		SET		
		h	m			o	'	h	m	h
Venus	10/01	14	27	-14	4904	-4.2	09	28 AM	08	01 PM
	10/05	16	26	-23	07	-4.4	10	19	08	58
	10/10	15	11	-18	29	-4.3	09	47	07	57
	1015	15	38	-20	15	-4.3	09	58	07	56
	10/20	16	00	-21	48	-4.3	10	09	07	56
	10/25	16	22	-23	07	-4.4	10	19	07	58
	10/30	16	52	-24	10	-4.4	10	29	07	00
	Jupiter	10/01	18	58	-23	05	2.3	02	25 PM	12
Jupiter	10/05	19	09	-22	50	2.2	01	01	10	45
	10/10	19	02	-23	01	2.3	01	53	09	32
	1015	19	04	-23	00	2.3	01	35	09	15
	10/20	19	06	-22	54	2.2	01	18	10	58
	10/25	19	09	-22	50	2.2	01	01	10	45
	10/30	19	12	-22	45	2.2.	12	44	10	29

COSMIC CHUCKLES * by Richard Moore.
 Bambi Crossed With a Ghost? Bam Boo.

WHAT'S UP * * by Richard Moore.

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Visible Constellations

Aquarius Pisces Delphinus Cetus Eridanus Capricornus

Visible Planets

Venus... well south of the Sun.

Jupiter... sets near 10:00 P.M.

Good Objects to Observe

ι Cassiopeia triple star

double star

α Capricornidouble-double star

ε Lyra

double-

Veil Nebula

MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING