

# The Night Sky

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### Next Meeting: Friday - November 18, 2016 - 8:00 PM - New Franklin

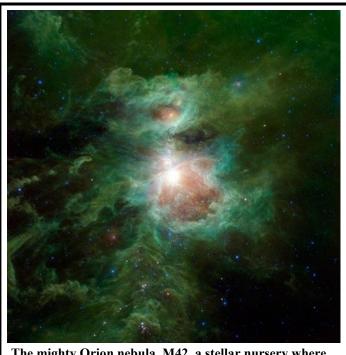
#### The Presidents Column

By Cathy Loboda

This year the ACA Board made a conscientious effort to offer members special events that give opportunities to enjoy each other's company as we continue to strengthen relationships with fellow astronomy enthusiasts. Please make attending these events a priority, as the effort and time spent in planning them was put forth with you in mind.

In October a small contingency from ACA enjoyed a tour of Allegheny Observatory in Pittsburgh. Those in attendance enjoyed the evening as our guide kept us entertained with historical stories while he interjected much information about the observatory and its changing roles through the decades. Clear skies allowed us the opportunity to view celestial objects through the observatory's 13 inch Fitz-Clark Refractor.

As we look ahead, the next event planned for members this fall is our member star party at Salt Fork State Park. Members can visit our club website for general information and maps, and emails with specific details will be given as more information becomes available. Please remember, as with any other star party, we are at the mercy of Ohio weather. Let's hope the weather gods will grace us with clear skies.



The mighty Orion nebula, M42, a stellar nursery where new stars and solar systems are being born. Image by NASA using WISE.

The ACA winter event is a members' night out to dinner. The Galaxy in Wadsworth is the destination for an evening of good friends and good food on Saturday, February 4th. Time of the event is forthcoming.

The warmer weather of spring prompts the ACA board to plan an event for members to observe under dark skies. The board is looking into a trip in May to Warren Rupp Observatory in Hidden Hollow near Mansfield. Details will be coming soon.

Spring and summer bring hosts of star parties by ACA and also a number of Ohio Turnpike Astronomers Association club events worth attending. The ACA Board will pass details on to you as soon as they become available.

To keep up-to-date on all ACA member events, visit our website regularly, check for emails from the ACA mail list, and attend monthly club meetings!

Article By Cathy Loboda ACA President

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By Nick Mihiylov

10/1/2016 Through 10/31/2016

Checking Beginning Balance	\$1,522.80			
Income				
Membership Dues	235.52			
Total Income	\$235.52			
Expenses				
Speakers Dinner	-38.03			
MetiSentry Quarterly Payment	-57.81			
MetiSentry Upcharge For Additional Bandwidth - 2 Qtrs	-60.00			
Total Expenses	-155.84			
Income Less Expenses	-\$79.68			
Checking Ending Balance	\$1,602.48			
Savings Beginning Balance	\$2,566.04			
Earned Interest	0.04			
Savings Ending Balance	\$2,566.08			
Petty Cash Beginning Balance	\$50.00			
	0.00			
Petty Cash Ending Balance	\$50.00			
Petty Cash	50.00			
Savings	2,566.08			
Checking	1,602.48			
Grand Total	\$4,218.56			

Article by Nick Mihiylov ACA Treasurer.

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#### **Orion Sirius 40mm Plossl**

Asking: \$25 **Contact: Glenn Cameron** Phone: 330-737-1472 Email: glenn@cameronclan.org

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#### **Observatory Report**

By Ron Kalinoski



Homeschool student observes Herschel's Double Cluster through 16" observatory telescope. Image by ACA member Ron Kalinoski.

Our last scheduled star party of the year was on October 22nd. We had a Cub Scout group show up as well as many others interested in looking at the night sky. All were treated to clear skies with excellent seeing conditions. The following week we held a private star party for Cuyahoga Falls Cub Scout Pack 3161 on their scheduled Monday night pack meet. Since the skies were cloudy, we set up a slide show presentation that lasted about an hour. The kids were very interested in learning about planets & stars and asked the traditional questions about black holes and worm holes. On November 6th we held another private star party for a homeschool group. We started off with a presentation on astronomy and then continued with an observing session. The skies were clear and the students got to see the Moon and many deep sky objects. This is the groups' second visit to the observatory to learn about stars. Thanks to Tom Alexander for setting up his telescope for both private star parties. We had an impromptu star party on November 4th

with perfect skies and a 5-day old Moon that was in the sky for about half of the star party. We had a very good turnout of stargazers to view Moon, Neptune, Uranus, Andromeda Galaxy, ET Cluster, Cat's Eye Nebula, Blue Snowball, M15, M2, M11, and more.

Special Thanks goes out to Gary and Amy Ciesielczyk who spent many weeks finishing our fence. Gary & Amy finished staining half of the pickets and all of the posts and cross members followed by mounting all of the pickets. What a great job they did! Thanks!



North Fence. Image by ACA member Ron Kalinoski.



South Fence. Image by ACA member Ron Kalinoski.

Article By Ron Kalinoski ACA Observatory Director

### ACA Meeting Minutes October 28, 2016

Venue: New Franklin City Hall.

Attendance: 24

8:01: Minor technical glitch in the projector; Mark Koeheiser to the rescue!

Guest speaker: 8:12 Dr. Luck, CWRU. "The Milky Way" Concluded: 9:19.

Break: 9:20-9:35 Glenn Cameron provided the cookies.

Business Meeting called to order at 9:36 by Cathy Loboda.

Nick: Treasurer's Report. 57 paid memberships, Bank total, \$4,176.55.

Lew: Secretary's Report: Reading of the September ACA minutes.

Dave Jessie: Noted the moving of our web-site, (Now killer fast). Dave introduced the club to budget eclipse glasses. Dave offered thanks to Gregg Crenshaw for the reference to CISNET. A mention that Glenn Cameron owns the domain acaoh.org.

**Old Business:** Jim Watson's report on sun spots in radio and white light in collaboration with Dave Jessie. The field trip was a success to Allegheny Observatory near Pittsburgh. All reserved spots were not used.

New Business: Our next meeting will be November 18, due to the thanksgiving holiday.

Mini Maker Fair at the downtown Akron Public Library, Saturday Nov. 12, 1-4 pm. akronpubliclibrary.com for more info.

Freddy: Nov.19, Salt Fork Lodge star party. Dress warm, use the beach parking lot off of Rt. 22.

The ACA club dinner: At the Galaxy in Wadsworth, Saturday Feb. 4th. Freddie says we need to get a head count, more info to follow.

Gregg Crenshaw: A possible spring star party, at the Warren Rupp Observatory, at Hidden Hollow.

Meeting adjourned at 10:13.

Lew Snodgrass ACA Secretary

#### ACA NEWS AND NOTES

#### MARK YOUR CALENDARS

A members' star party at Salt Fork State Park is scheduled in November and a members' dinner at Galaxy in Wadsworth is scheduled on Saturday, February 4th. Please support ACA club events.

#### **Meeting Refreshments**

The ACA Board still needs two volunteers to provide simple refreshments for our spring monthly meetings. This break between speaker and membership meeting is a valuable time to chat with the speaker or friends as we refresh and build bonds. We need volunteers to commit to the April and May monthly meetings in order to cover our meeting calendar year. Contact President Cathy Loboda at cnloboda@aol.com to volunteer.

#### November 18, 2016 - General Membership Meeting



**Speaker:** Dr. Jay Reynolds, Cleveland State University Researcher and Instructor, and President of the Cleveland Astronomical Society

**Presentation:** Amazing Pluto & The Dusk of Dawn. Jay Reynolds of Cleveland State University will present amazing discoveries of Vesta and Pluto! The latest discoveries from NASA's New Horizon mission shows what's new from one of the most interesting worlds ever explored! The spacecraft helped us to realize that the surface of Pluto is very young and its atmosphere more complex than ever thought. Reynolds will also offer some the final images and thoughts from Ceres, as the DAWN Mission takes its final bow. Some photos will be in 3D and require special glasses that will be provided.

**About our speaker:** He serves as a Research Astronomer at Cleveland State University, co-hosts on WKYC's "In The Sky" with Jay Reynolds & Greg Dee, has been a contributing scientist to both Deep Impact & DAWN Asteroid Missions and he is a regular contributor to 3 radio & 6 television stations. Fox 8 has referred to him as "our area's most visible scientist"

#### New Alternate Meeting Location!!!

New Franklin City Hall 5611 Manchester Road Akron, OH 44319

Please note that we ALWAYS encourage the public to attend ANY of our events, including meetings. Come and enjoy the lecture and talk to us about astronomy!

#### **November Astronomical Events**

Day Hour(UT) 2 19 Saturn 4°S. of Moon 3 04 Venus 7°S. of Moon 6 12 Mars 5°S. of Moon 7 20 FIRST OUARTER 9 15 Neptune 1°.0S. of Moon Occn. 12 11 Uranus 3°N. of Moon 14 11 Moon at perigee 14 14 FULL MOON 15 17 Aldebaran 0° .4S. of Moon Occn. 18 21 Mercury 3°N. of Antares 20 10 Neptune stationary 21 09 LAST QUARTER 25 02 Jupiter 1° .9S. of Moon 27 20 Moon at apogee 29 12 NEW MOON 29 20 Juno in conjunction with Sun

#### **December Astronomical Events**

Day Hour(UT) 1 04 Mercury 7°S. of Moon 3 04 Vesta stationary 3 13 Venus 6°S. of Moon 5 11 Mars 3°S. of Moon 6 22 Neptune 0° .7S. of Moon Occn. 7 09 FIRST QUARTER 9 20 Uranus 3°N. of Moon 10 12 Saturn in conjunction with Sun 11 05 Mercury greatest elong. E.(21°) 12 23 Moon at perigee 13 05 Aldebaran 0°.5S. of Moon Occn. 14 00 FULL MOON 15 07 Ceres stationary 18 19 Regulus 1° .0N. of Moon Occn. 19 07 Mercury stationary 21 02 LAST QUARTER 21 11 Solstice 22 17 Jupiter 2°S. of Moon 25 06 Moon at apogee 27 21 Saturn 4°S. of Moon 28 19 Mercury in inferior conjunction 29 07 NEW MOON 29 16 Uranus stationary

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