

## MVAS REMINDERS

### MVAS OTAA MEETING, AUGUST 27, 2011

AT THE MVCO IN BRACEVILLE, OH  
1074 SR 534, Newton Falls, OH 44444

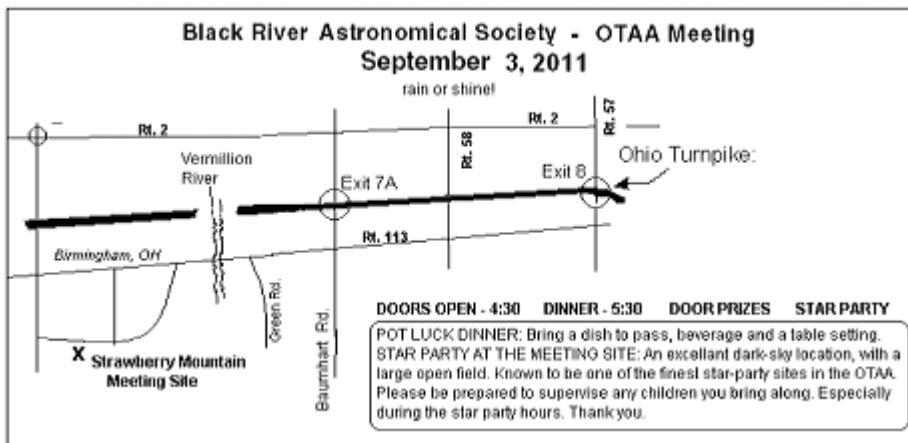
Come one, come all to the MVAS OTAA meeting. It's a time to meet with old friends and to make new ones. Time to talk shop and then break bread. The registration fee of \$5.00 per person enters you in the Door Prize drawings. We'll also have a Main Raffle. Tickets are purchased separately at \$1.00 each, for this Main Raffle. No limit on how many tickets you may buy. A single "ticket canister" will hold all Main Raffle tickets. Winners will then select their prize from what is left of the main prizes. One prize per winner this year. A speaker is planned for after dinner. Observing afterwards. Your scopes and binoculars are heartily invited.

We would insist that no vehicles enter or remain in the upper observing field after dark. Please try to arrive before sunset if you need to unload heavy or big scopes. Everyone needs to park in the lower level with headlights facing away from the buildings and observing field. For packing-up the big stuff left up top, coordinate this with someone from MVAS before driving your vehicle back into the observing area. This is designed to provide room for all scopes and to minimize headlights interfering with observations. It also provides safety for all. Of course we all know about green lasers. Don't point one at anyone or anything on the ground- if you really need to use one. You might also want to stick around for the midnight buffet (dinner leftovers). It's still a tasty snack. Feel free to spend the night if we get good skies. It's okay to take a nap before heading home.... We'll leave the lights out for you.

**Getting there:** The MVCO is on Rt. 534 about 0.8 miles north of the Rt. 82 and Rt. 534 intersection. It is on the east side of Rt. 534. Look for a white MVCO sign at the driveway entrance. If possible use parking lights only, when arriving in the dark.

### BRAS-OTAA MEETING, SEP 3, 2011

All are encouraged to attend the Black River Astronomical Society's OTAA convention, held in Birmingham, OH. This will take place the weekend after the MVAS OTAA. This is the last OTAA meeting for 2011. It is one not to be missed. They traditionally have a good swap table and good chow. Good skies too, so bring a scope and a covered dish! Check the website for any updates: <http://www.blackriverastro.org/>



### The MVAS OTAA Schedule:

- 4:30 PM** We will have a swap table set up. Bring your stuff to sell. This table will close around dinner time.
- 5:00 PM** Registration opens. \$5 per person. Buy Main Raffle Tickets at \$1.00 per ticket-no limit. 1 prize/person
- 6:00 PM** Pot luck picnic dinner. Bring a covered dish or dessert. Coffee and soft drinks will be provided.
- 6:45 PM** OTAA announcements, raffle drawings.
- 7:05 PM** Sunset. End of nautical twilight at 8:08PM.
- 7:30 PM** Dr. Pat Durrell (YSU) will present "2012: Fact or Fiction". NASA's Jay Reynolds will also speak.
- 9:00 PM** It's dark. Observing time!

### MAIN RAFFLE PRIZES

- 1- iOptron GOTO mount with 90mm Mak telescope
- 1-Vixen Ascot 10X50 Wide Field Astronomy Binoculars,
- 1- Televue 19mm Panoptic.

### Door Prize list (as of July 15)

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1- Orion Mars filter</li> <li>1- Orion Starshot USB eyepiece</li> <li>1- Orion Eyepiece case</li> <li>2- Orion 8 x 42 monocular</li> <li>1- Celestron X-cel 25mm eyepiece</li> <li>1- 10 disc set of "Our Planet" (DVDs)</li> <li>1- S&amp;T <i>Celestial Sampler</i> (book)</li> <li>2- S&amp;T <i>Video Astronomy</i> (books)</li> <li>2 "Mystery in the Sky" (DVDs)</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1- The Observer's Sky Atlas</li> <li>1- Red Mini Flashlight</li> <li>1- Desk Top stapler kit</li> <li>2- travel coffee mugs</li> <li>1- clip-on led flashlight</li> <li>1- clipboard and calculator</li> <li>1- Energizer Trim Flex led light</li> <li>10 - VLA refrigerator magnets</li> <li>2-Trim Multipurpose 10-1 tools</li> </ul> |
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### Swap Table (as of July 15)

- 1- set of 1" pillow block bearings
- 1- homemade EQ mount

### SCENIC VISTA PUBLIC NIGHT, SEP 3, 2011.

Please remember that we have a normal public night at Scenic Vista Park, outside Lisbon, OH. It's on the same night as the Black River OTAA. Those that don't plan on going to Black River should consider helping out at Scenic Vista. Arrive in time to set up before sunset. If it's clear we hope to see you there. If Scenic Vista is clouded out, consider going to Black River instead. With luck, both events will enjoy a clear and pleasant evening.

