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New memberships in LCAAS are for the calendar year and are prorated quarterly for new members. Circle choice.

Renewal full year \$24.00 (Family)

Jan- Mar	\$24.00
April - June	\$18.00
July - Sept	\$12.00
Oct—Dec	\$6.00

Renewal full year \$15.00 (Individual)

Jan- Mar	\$15.00
April - June	\$11.25
July - Sept	\$7.50
Oct—Dec	\$3.75

Renewal full year \$10.00 (Student)

Jan- Mar	\$10.00
April - June	\$7.50
July - Sept	\$5.00
Oct—Dec	\$2.50

Name _____

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I'd like to receive newsletter via (circle one) Email (preferred) US Mail

We also accept tax deductible donations.

Beginners Tips

- Get started in astronomy by using just a star map and your eyes. Learn the easily identifiable constellations.
<http://www.skymaps.com> has excellent monthly maps you can print off yourself along with information on what is currently in the sky.
- Pull out the old pair of binoculars you have laying around the house. They are an excellent beginner's scope with which you can spot many interesting objects such as open clusters, galaxies, planets and the moon. Skymaps.com lists many such objects.
- See more stars by avoiding brightly lit areas. Darkness causes your pupils to dilate letting more light in to your eye, enabling you to see fainter objects.
- Always use a red light to read your star charts. Put scotch tape over the lens and paint over it with red magic marker or fingernail polish.
- Dress appropriately for the weather. The sights may take your breath away but they will not warm you up. Dress like it will be 10 degrees cooler than what it is.
- Last but not least, join a club like LCAAS.

La Crosse Area Astronomical Society LCAAS

Promoting Amateur Astronomy in
the
La Crosse Area Since 1978



Monthly meetings are held at the Myrick-Hixon EcoCenter in Myrick Park the first Wednesday of each month. Club meeting at 7:00 PM with public program at 8:00 PM.

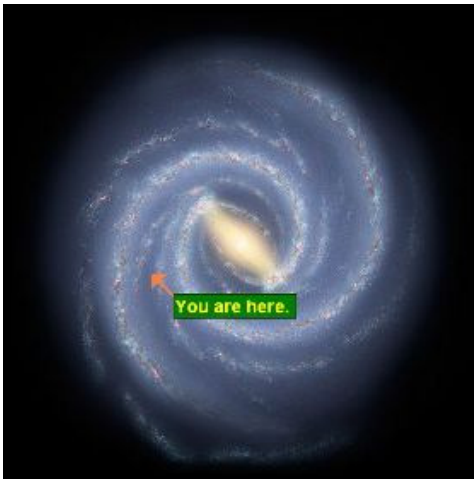
Also check our website for public viewing opportunities.

<http://www.lcaas.org>

<http://tech.groups.yahoo.com/group/laxastro>

Founded in 1978, The La Crosse Area Astronomical Society (LCAAS) has been instrumental in furthering the hobby and science of amateur astronomy. Astronomy is the study and enjoyment of the celestial objects that share our universe. The range of experience and types of equipment to accomplish this can be quite varied.

Some members have had a lifetime interest in astronomy while others are just getting started. The equipment and observing techniques used are just as diverse. One benefit of group membership is the opportunity to share and learn with other astronomy enthusiasts. Sometimes a star chart and lawn chair are all that is need to enjoy watching the heavens.



Group activities include regular monthly meetings, and a yearly banquet. Between scheduled meetings, members attend observing sessions at a number of local dark sky sites. These occur primarily around new moon weekends from May to September. Dates, times and locations can be

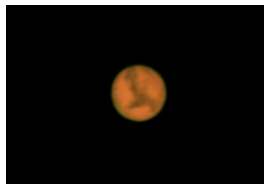


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found at our website www.lcaas.org. All are welcome to attend.

Every year the club celebrates Astronomy Day in the spring at a local park with both daytime solar viewing and night time star observing.

We are also able, with the use of our telescopes, binoculars and knowledge, to show



Mars photo courtesy Paul Kinzer

people the many beautiful and interesting objects in our night sky.

At your request, we are available to either come to your site or invite you to one of our sites to hold a “Star Party” with you.

Our star parties usually begin shortly before sunset and run 1- 2 hours depending on quantity and interest of observers, weather and objects available to view.

Check our website for more details.



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The La Crosse Area Astronomical Society is a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization. Donations are tax deductible.

Suggested Reading

<http://www.lcaas.org> - Website of the La Crosse Area Astronomical Society

<http://www.skyandtelescope.com> - Sky & Telescope

<http://www.astronomy.com/> - Astronomy Magazine

<http://spaceweather.com/flybys/> - space station fly over's

<http://www.skynewsmagazine.com/> Canadian publication

<http://www.heavens-above.com/>

Stargazing Basics: Getting Started in Recreational Astronomy, Paul Kinzer