

Newsletter of the La Crosse Area Astronomical Society

L A C R O S S E A R E A A S T R O N O M I C A L S O C I E T Y
(L C A A S)

NEW YEAR, NEW OPPORTUNITIES

MEETING AT MHEP

Beginning last fall LCAAS has been meeting the first Wednesday of each month at 7:00 pm in the Myrick Hixon EcoCenter located in Myrick Park. This is a wonderful facility to meet in and we appreciate the MHEP giving us the opportunity to meet there. Come join us for the February 3rd meeting.

NIGHT SKY NETWORK

LCAAS is now an associate member of the Night Sky Network. The Network is a partnership between amateur astronomy clubs, NASA and the Astronomical Society of the Pacific.

They provide on-line resources and Outreach Kits on many astronomical topics.

We will begin using this information at club meetings and public events. So look for this material soon.

The Night Sky Network is at:

<http://nightsky.jpl.nasa.gov>

As winter slowly works its way towards spring, LCAAS is also working its way towards two exciting spring events.

SATURDAY AT THE PLANETARIUM



FEBRUARY 20TH

On Saturday February 20th, Gordon Stewart will be opening up the planetarium at UW-L for us. We will use it as a fundraiser for both LCAAS and MHEP.

"Saturday at the Planetarium" will feature the show "Starship Earth" and a dusk till dawn tour of the night-time stars, planets and constellations. All in the comfort of the warm planetarium at UW-L.

This program is **appropriate for children 6 years and up**. Attendance is limited to 60 children and adults. *Cost is \$3 for adults and \$2 for children. Call the EcoPark at 784-0303 to preregister or email them at info@mhecopark.org*

ASTRONOMY DAY

APRIL 24



The club is preparing for Astronomy Day, Saturday April 24th. The event will be held at the MHEP and will feature Paul Kinzer's Starlab portable planetarium for the kids. We will be looking for members to contribute a little time and a lot of enthusiasm to make this event successful. We hope you can help us out and we'll keep you posted.

FROM THE PRESIDENT

* **Our Constitution** is once again having some minor revisions made to it. These are attached to a separate document for you to review. We will vote on these at the March meeting.

* **Please renew your 2010 membership soon.** The club is working on giving you more value for your contribution by presenting monthly programs as well as offering you and the

community opportunities to observe. Your support is critical for us to continue this effort and any additional tax-deductible donation you could make would be appreciated.

Remember you can also get discount prices through the club on Sky & Telescope as well Astronomy Magazine.

Check with Red Haines our Treasurer if you have any questions.

* **Election of officers.** At the March meeting we will elect club officers. If you would like to apply for any of the positions contact me. We are also looking for a publicity chairman.

* **Newsletter articles.** Have something you'd like published in the newsletter? The club may be interested. Contact me at rustyzip@charter.net

A N N U A L E L E C T I O N

March 3rd will be the annual election of club officers. If you are interested in running for any of the positions please contact us. Your involvement would be appreciated.

Current officers are:

Phil Yehle.....President rustyzip@charter.net
John BolandVice President
Mike Rowlands Secretary
Red HainesTreasurer

Next meeting February 3, 2010

Kepler—A search for Habitable Planets

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.

Club meeting minutes and agendas will be maintained on the website.

Check our website for public viewing opportunities.

<http://www.lcaas.org>



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To send your membership dues and contributions:

Mail a check for the amount due (Family, \$24; Single, \$15; or Student, \$10) to:

LCAAS,
PO Box 1041,
La Crosse, WI 54601-2041.

Include with the check your name, address, an email address that can receive attachments if you have one, and a request for newsletters by US Mail if you can't receive them by email. Indicate if you are including a tax deductible contribution in addition to the dues.

LCAAS is a tax exempt organization under the provisions of IRS code 501(c)(3) and LCAAS will send you a receipt for your contribution.

For more information, go to http://www.lcaas.org/uploads/2/9/0/9/2909665/club_brochure_2010.pdf.