



Charlotte Amateur Astronomers Club
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Celebrating 60 years
1954 - 2014

Next Meeting: Friday, Sept 19, 2014
Time: 7:00 PM
Place: Myers Park Baptist Church
Address: 1900 Queens Road

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

Annual CAAC Show-N-Tell

Join us for an evening of members sharing their passion, hard work, difficulties and successes within the hobby of Astronomy.

Speakers will discuss topics including indoor astronomy, eyepiece projection photography and bino-viewers.

Discover what some of your fellow club members have been working on!
Be sure and bring your curiosity and your questions.

We still have room for one additional speaker.
So, if you have something you would like to share, please let Neil Easden know:
neileasden@me.com



FROM THE PRESIDENT

There are so many cool things going on right now, it's hard to pick my top three, but here goes...

The ASTRO-Imaging Observatory is about to take off, many thanks to Ken Steiner. I don't want to steal his thunder, but with clear skies at Cosmic Camporee I think you'll be amazed. Come out the last weekend of the month and let have a grand time.

A Coronal Mass Ejection is on its way as I write this. Here's to hoping for clear skies on Saturday morning to take a peek northward and see if aurora are visible this far south. I know, I know...it's a long shot, but what is there to lose, a few minutes sleep? Tell me what you see at the monthly meeting next Friday.

The weather has been extraordinarily uncooperative since early August, it can't keep up much longer!! Let's all do our rain dances this week, get the humidity out of here and look forward to cool, and dry evenings. We know they're coming, just never soon or often enough. Let's kick the Dog Days to the curb and welcome fall...on Sept 23.

Clear skies...

FROM THE SECRETARY

Register with the Night Sky Network

It is imperative that all members of the CAAC join the Night Sky Network (NSN). In the very near future, all of the clubs outreach activities will be managed by the NSN, as well as club communications (newsletters, event notifications, general email). The NSN is a wonderful tool specifically designed for amateur astronomy clubs like ours.

Membership allows you to contact other members via email, and receive last minute updates for outreach events via text message:

http://nightsky.jpl.nasa.gov/club-apply.cfm?Club_ID=1468&ApplicantType=Member

Pre-Monthly Meeting Gathering

Several CAAC members gather at Panera Bread (601 Providence Road, just a few blocks from our meeting place) at 5:30 prior to the monthly meeting. Anyone interested in sharing a meal with them is welcome.

CAAC Apparel & Gear

Visit our Lands' End Store – Follow the navigation bar link on our club website:
<http://www.charlotteastronomers.org>

UPCOMING EVENTS

Cosmic Camporee Schedule:

Friday, Sept 26

7:30pm Picnic Dinner

-club to provide hamburgers, hot dogs, veggie burgers

8:00pm Movies for Kids (space related) in Outreach Center

9:00pm Cheese and Crackers

Observing

Saturday, September 27

Solar Observing-all day

Yard games-all day

10:00am Forty Acre Rock Hike

3:00pm Organized Kids Activities

4:00pm Model Rockets Launch

5:30pm Hog Roast and Potluck Dinner

-bring your own lawn chairs and table service

-drinks provided

7:00pm What's Up tonight

8:00pm Observing

8:00pm SMORES, fire circle

Sunday, September 28

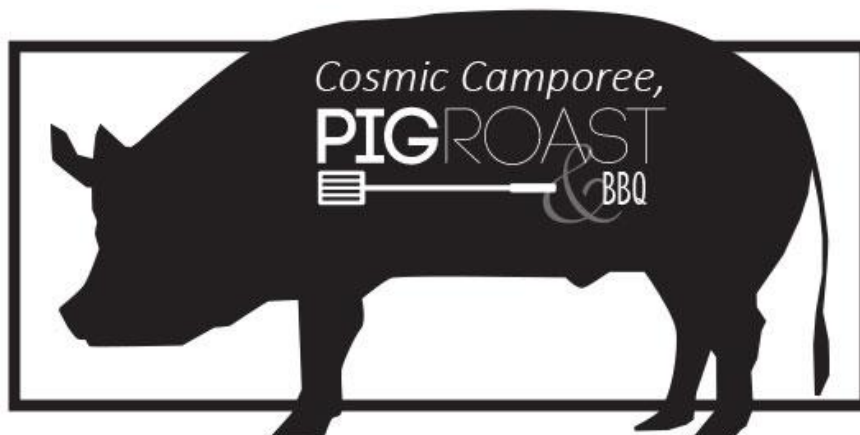
7:30 to 9:00am Free Pancake Breakfast

-pancakes, eggs, sausage

10:00am Forty Acre Rock Hike

If you plan to attend any of these events, please let the Observatory Director know the following (ksteiner30@gmail.com):

1. Number of people, adults and children, for Friday Evening Picnic
2. Number of people interested in the Saturday or Sunday Forty Acre Rock Hike
3. Kids for activities on Saturday afternoon
4. Adults and kids for Hog Roast/Potluck Dinner Saturday evening
5. Number of persons for Sunday Pancake Breakfast
6. If you would like to reserve an RV site.



September 2014

Star Party at Fisher Farm Park

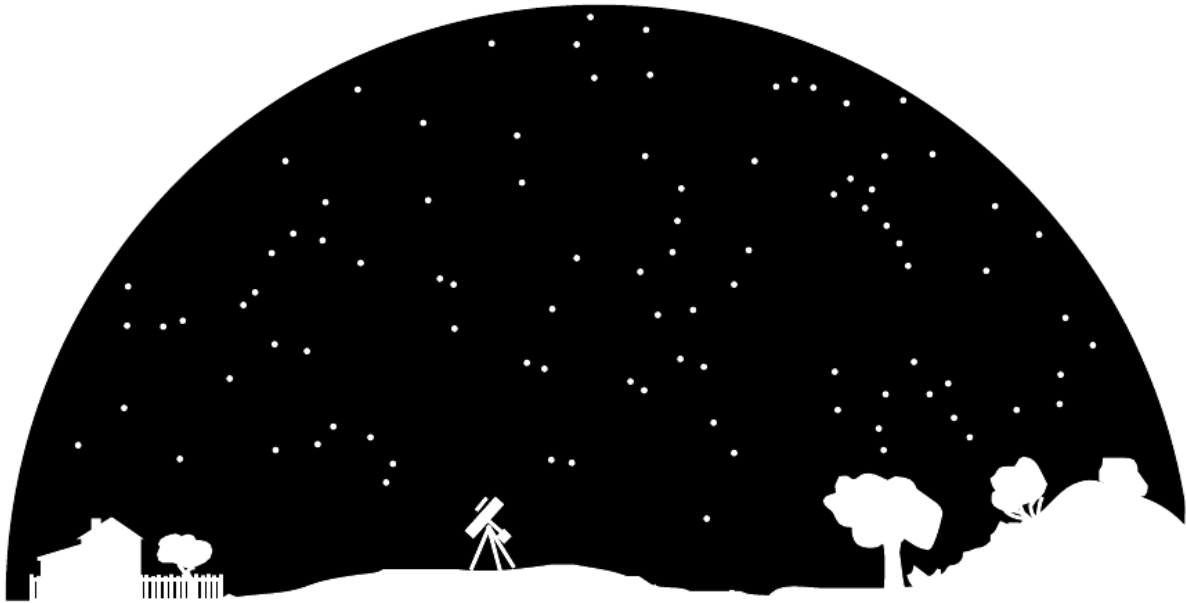
Friday, October 3

Time: 8:00 PM - 10:00 PM

Location: Fisher Farm Park, 21215 Shearer Road, Davidson, NC 28036

Please join us on Friday, October 3rd at 8pm for a fun night under the stars at our bi-annual Star Party in Davidson, NC. Charlotte Amateur Astronomers Club is partnering with Davidson College and the Davidson Lands Conservancy for a Star Party at Fisher Farm Park in Davidson, NC. We still need MANY volunteers with their telescopes for this event as more than 250 guests are expected!

Hope to see you out there!



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FROM THE TREASURER

CAAC Dues + Observatory Support Fee

Club Year: Oct-2013 to Sep-2014

Full Year Membership / Renewals	Dues	+	Observatory	Total	Factor
Individual or Family	\$35	+	\$25	\$60	100%
Student To Age 18	\$9	+	\$6	\$15	25%

New Memberships Prorated At Time Of Joining	Dues	+	Observatory	Total	Factor
1 st Quarter: Oct-Dec	\$35	+	\$25	\$60	100%
2 nd Quarter: Jan-Mar	\$27	+	\$18	\$45	75%
3 rd Quarter: Apr-Jun	\$18	+	\$12	\$30	50%
4 th Quarter: Jul-Sep	\$9	+	\$6	\$15	25%

Observing Pads At GHRO:

--General Members Pad, Open To All: No Charge

--Fee For Members With A Private Pad: \$25/Year

Discounted magazine subscriptions can be obtained through the CAAC:

- Sky & Telescope - \$32.95 per year (savings of \$5)
- Astronomy - \$34.00 per year (savings of \$8.95), or \$60.00 for two years (savings of \$19.95)

Make checks payable to CAAC. Phil Foust, CAAC Treasurer, will accept them at monthly meetings, or they can be mailed to:

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