



Charlotte Amateur Astronomers Club
www.charlotteastromers.org

Celebrating 60 years
1954 - 2014

Next Meeting: Friday, Nov 21, 2014
Time: 7:00 PM
Place: Myers Park Baptist Church
Address: 1900 Queens Road

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

SO YOU WANT TO BUY AN ASTRONOMICAL TELESCOPE...

Presented by: Robert White

Robert first joined the Charlotte Amateur Astronomers Club in October 1962. He has been an officer of the CAAC many times, including serving as Vice President as well as 3 terms as President. He was involved with building all 3 CAAC observatories, each under the direction of mentor and close friend Gayle Riggsbee. He has visited many major observatories in the US, Europe, and Australia as well as traveled to many places in the world to view total solar eclipses and other astronomical phenomena. Most recently, he observed the May 2012 Annular Solar Eclipse and Oct 23, 2014 partial solar eclipse from Majestic Skies Ranch in NM.



Robert is an Information Security manager at Bank of America and holds a CISSP (Certified Information Systems Security Professional). He is also the owner of a 20" Star Master telescope with GO-TO, and was a former instructor of Astronomy Labs at UNCC. UNCC is where Robert earned his BS degree in Physics. Robert has more than 50 years of experience selecting, using and observing with telescopes.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Reminder, NO December Meeting!

CAAC Christmas Party

Well folks it's almost that time of year again! Charlie and Gwen Clayton are once again kindly offering their beautiful home and generous hospitality to us for our annual Christmas dinner event. This year's festivity is **Saturday, December 6th at 6:30 pm**. The Clayton's address is 306 Riverton Road, Matthews, NC 28104. It is extremely important to RSVP if you plan attending with number of guests and which covered dish you will be bringing. Please RSVP to 704-821-9891 or email your intentions to: charlieclayton@windstream.net. We are looking forward to seeing everyone again this year!

CAAC Upcoming GHRO Star Parties

Saturday, November 15
Saturday, December 13

Monthly star parties are held at the club's **Gayle H. Riggsbee Observatory** in Taxahaw, SC, weather permitting. Contact the Observatory Director, Ken Steiner, for directions. All members and their guests are welcome.

Southern Star - "Save the Dates"

Thursday, April 9 through Sunday April 12, 2015

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>

FROM THE TREASURER

The 2015 CAAC membership year began on October 1. Please bring your dues to the upcoming meeting, or mail your check to the CAAC Treasurer this week (address below).

CAAC Dues + Observatory Support Fee

Club Year: Oct-2014 to Sep-2015

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:

CAAC
c/o Phil Foust
449 Roselawn Place
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