



Charlotte Amateur Astronomers Club  
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## Open Clusters: Stellar Jewels

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**Speaker:** Tom Blevins

Tom Blevins, Public Outreach Coordinator, of the Charlotte Amateur Astronomers Club (CAAC).

Tom has been a Club member since 1998. Tom has served a term as President and three terms as Secretary. He also enjoys visual observing of all types of objects.

Recently, Tom took the plunge into astro imaging...

### CAAC April 2025 Meeting

<p><b><u>Next Meeting:</u></b> Friday April 18th, 2025</p> <p><b><u>Time:</u></b> 7pm ET</p>	<p><b><u>Place:</u></b> <i>Myers Park Baptist Church Education Building – Shalom Hall (Basement)</i> <i><u>Or Zoom Virtual Meeting</u></i> (See info on next page)</p>	<p><b><u>Address:</u></b> 1900 Queens Road Charlotte, NC 28207</p>
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## CAAC Virtual Meeting Login Instructions

1. If you have not used Zoom before, go to Zoom.com and download the Zoom program onto your computer.
2. **To Log In:**

Click on the meeting link below:

[https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82489334922?  
pwd=dWRsdDFkMjJOWFVNUFIIN1IFL1NoQT09](https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82489334922?pwd=dWRsdDFkMjJOWFVNUFIIN1IFL1NoQT09)

If needed Meeting ID: **824 8933 4922**

Passcode: **893125**

This manual “log in” rather than invitation to everyone prevents all the emails showing up on the invite. This is a security issue for your privacy.

3. When on the Zoom screen to prevent chaos and overloading bandwidth:
  - a. Mute your microphone-icon lower left of screen
  - b. Mute Video icon on the lower left of screen.
  - c. You will be able to see and hear leaders of the meeting when they are speaking
4. If you wish to ask questions of the speaker after the main presentation:
  - a. Submit on the chat feature which is at the bottom of the screen. You will then type out your question and hit enter.
5. Excellent Zoom tutorials are available on You Tube:
  - a. <https://www.youtube.com/user/ZoomMeetings>

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## From the President:

Southern Star is 10 days away as you read this, the registration period closed a few days ago. Since we aren't quite a sellout, we've extended registration until after the meeting on Friday, April 18. It's too late to order tee shirts, but we're still got a few beds available...so send me an e-mail at [jegaiser@gmail.com](mailto:jegaiser@gmail.com) if you're interested in joining us at Southern Star. We've got 4 outstanding speakers, a PixInsight discussion roundtable, wine and cheese social as well as (hopefully) clear skies for viewing at 3300 feet.

The leadership team is presenting a slate of candidates for officers of the club at the April meeting. As almost always happens, existing leaders roll off the executive committee and new members step up to fill the void. We have an opening for Vice President, so if you're interested, please do not hesitate to contact me at [jegaiser@gmail.com](mailto:jegaiser@gmail.com).

Finally, if astrophotography is something that interests you, but you don't know where to start...GHRO is the place to be. The club currently has a 10", f11 Meade RC with a one-shot color camera that is ready to accept your photons as well as a 14", f3 PlaneWave with a similar camera. Two 12.5" CDK scopes by Planewave will be available by the June star party. Many thanks to Rick Bassham and all who have helped make these wonderful telescopes accessible to our club.

Clear skies,

Jim  
President, CAAC

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## Secretary's Report:

### 1. **CAAC 2025 Southern Star Conference Registration Is Extended!**

The 2025 Southern Star registration has been extended to **Friday, April 18th**. Sign up and join us **April 24-27** at Wildacres Retreat. Please find the Speakers List and Registration forms attached.

### 2. **Would you like to help lead the CAAC Club?** Consider an officer position in 2025 - 2026 and speak with Jim Gaiser or drop Jim an e-mail at [jegaiser@gmail.com](mailto:jegaiser@gmail.com)

We have an opening for Vice President, if you're interested, please do not hesitate to contact Jim at [jegaiser@gmail.com](mailto:jegaiser@gmail.com)

### 3. The **2025 CAAC annual membership** began in October and we want to express our gratitude to new joining members and to our renewing members. Your participation is greatly appreciated.

- Annual individual/family membership, which includes access to the CAAC dark sky **observatory** (GHRO) - \$60.00
- Dues are collected at the October meeting and are pro-rated for members joining in January or later.
- Students up to 18 years old - \$15.00 per year.
- Private Observing Pads - additional \$25.00 per year.  
Optional fee for members with private concrete observing pads at the club's dark sky location. Contact the Observatory Director for additional information.

Membership Applications are available through the CAAC Treasurer at monthly meetings. Click <https://charlotte-amateur-astronomers-club-2.square.site/> to navigate to the CAAC online store. Then select "CAAC Membership" to add it to your cart

### 4. If you are a former CAAC member and have not been keeping up with your membership dues, firstly please come back! We'd love to reconnect you with the love of astronomy through our club, use of GHRO observatory, and the camaraderie of our members.

Please also remember to return your badges on the table near the exit at the end of the meeting before you leave! Doing this will significantly reduce the chances of badges getting lost and reduce the amount of time (and cost) of having to re-create your name tag if it is lost. Thank you!

### 5. Register with the **Night Sky Network!** It is imperative that all members of the CAAC join the Night Sky Network (NSN). Many of the club's outreach activities are 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](http://nightsky.jpl.nasa.gov/club-apply.cfm?Club_ID=1468&ApplicantType=Member Pre-Monthly)

### 6. **Are you looking for ways to participate in the club?** We would appreciate volunteers for the following standing committees to better serve our members:

- Room Set Up
- Refreshments
- Audio/ Video

- Web Master/ Social Media. Please be on the lookout in the next couple of weeks for emails with more details and how to participate. Please contact the CAAC Officers and let us know which committee interests you. Thank you for your consideration. The club is adding a new CAAC Astronomy Equipment Sales page to the newsletter. Please check out the offerings at the end of the newsletter.



7. Sign up for **CAAC Slack / chat!**

Chat with fellow astronomy and astrophotography enthusiasts on our discussion group. This is a free service, we are using the basic plan. See who's going to GHRO, ask questions, or just be sociable. You can access via webpage or native applications on all major platforms and mobile phones. Sign up, introduce yourself, talk to your peers, tell your stories, ask your questions, and share your wisdom!

How do I sign up?

- Visit this link: <http://slack.south40astro.com> or email [caac-slack@jamieandamy.com](mailto:caac-slack@jamieandamy.com)

If you run into issues signing up, email Jamie at [caac-slack@jamieandamy.com](mailto:caac-slack@jamieandamy.com) and he will help you get on the team.

8. The **CAAC website**, <https://charlotteastronomers.org/> has been updated to provide better service to our members with easier navigation, up to date announcements and postings, and accessible communication. Please explore and enjoy your new CAAC website.

Best,

My Do  
CAAC Secretary

## CAAC Treasurer's Report as of 3/31/2025

<b><u>Operating Fund</u></b>		
<b>Purpose: Enable the CAAC to pursue our non-profit goals, maintain our facilities, and run our programs.</b>		
*Funds are acquired through ongoing receipts of dues, fees, and annual Southern Star income (or expense).		
*Funds are expended to meet operating obligations of the club.		
1	<b>Operating Fund Balance: 2/28/2025</b>	<b>\$19,660.12</b>
2	<b>Income:</b>	
	Dues and Fees	\$690.00
	Southern Star Deposits	\$10,690.00
3	<b>Expenses:</b>	
	Zoom	\$51.98
	GHRO Utilities (alarm, elec, internet)	\$208.90
	GHRO Maintenance	\$327.00
	Service fee to accept credit cards	\$24.26
4	<b>Operating Fund Balance: 3/31/2025</b>	<b>\$30,427.98</b>

<b><u>Non-Operating Funds</u></b>		
<b>Purpose: Administer gifts and donations for designated use.</b>		
1	<b>Non-Operating Funds Balance: 2/28/2025</b>	
	Scholarship Fund	\$6,706.87
	CAAC Self Insurance Fund	\$20,000.00
	Contingency Fund	\$7,431.29
2	<b>Income:</b>	
	Interest	\$0.29
3	<b>Expenses or Transfers:</b>	
		\$0.00
4	<b>Non-Operating Funds Balance: 3/31/2025</b>	
	Scholarship Fund	\$6,706.87
	CAAC Self Insurance Fund	\$20,000.00
	Contingency Fund	\$7,431.58

Scott Goforth  
CAAC Treasurer

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## News from GHRO

1. The next **Star Party is Saturday, April 26th** beginning at dusk.
2. The next training date is **May 3rd at 6:30pm**.
3. I am starting to plan for new pads for members now. If you have an interest in your own pad at GHRO, please reach out and make sure I have you on my list. Please do this even if you have already talked to me about it. I have reached out to a concrete guy the club has used in the past, but have not heard back from him in a while. I'll be reaching out again and to other concrete vendors.
4. If you have a pad or building at GHRO that you are no longer using, please consider selling to another member or donating it back to the club. We have a large number of people interested in their own pads at the observatory. Please reach out to Rick Bassham if you are interested in giving up or selling your pad or building.
5. When observing at GHRO please ensure you minimize the amount of light you produce. Especially for imagers, **please take care to hide lights from your equipment and computers**. Plastic bins are available for use to put your laptop in.
6. Please follow the posted startup and shutdown procedures for any club owned scopes. This helps other members when they go to use our equipment.
7. Don't forget that the current sky conditions and weather and the Clear Sky Clock is found at the bottom of our homepage... <https://charlotteastronomers.org/>
8. Anyone interested in the "Sponsor a Telescope" program, please reach out. My vision on this is to pair up CAAC members who want to learn more about a particular club owned telescope and/or help pass on the knowledge and history of our club scopes. There would be no monetary commitment involved, only some time. Ideally we would have two members sponsor each telescope. Sponsors would be responsible for checking their telescope once a quarter and working with the observatory director to address any required maintenance or repairs needed. You would also be expected to attend a new-member training event once a quarter to help pass on your knowledge of the history and operation of the scope. As our club grows, maintenance and knowledge transfers become much more difficult to be done by just one person. If you are interested, please reach out to Rick Bassham ([ghro@charlotteastronomers.org](mailto:ghro@charlotteastronomers.org)).
9. Anyone interested in helping out with grounds maintenance, please contact Rick Bassham. It currently takes about 5 hours for one person to mow and trim the full grounds, and any help would be appreciated. Special thanks to Dale Poole for doing a lot of mowing at GHRO.
10. The complete GHRO calendar for 2025 is below

## 2025 Star Party and Training Schedule

Month	New Moon Date	Star Party Date	Moon Illumination	Moon Rise	Training Date	Training Start Time (PM)
January	29	25	16% waning	4:18:43 AM	No training	
February	27	22	31% waning	3:06:53 AM	8	5:00:00 PM
March	29	29	New Moon	7:12:18 AM	1	6:00:00 PM
April	27	26	2% waning	5:41:56 AM	12	6:00:00 PM
May	26	24	9% waning	4:11:22 AM	3	6:30:00 PM
May					31	6:30:00 PM
June	25	21	19% waning	2:43:06 AM	28	6:30:00 PM
July	24	26	4% waxing	8:17:51 AM	No training	
August	23	23	New Moon	7:08:31 AM	2	6:30:00 PM
August					30	6:30:00 PM
September	21	20	1% waning	5:58:38 AM	27	5:30:00 PM
October	21	25	15% waxing	11:36:38 AM	No training	
November	20	22	5% waxing	9:22:37 AM	1	5:30:00 PM
November					29	4:30:00 PM
December	19	20	0.5% waxing	8:06:18 AM	No training	

### What would you like to see at GHRO?

Please provide any suggestions on things you would like to see at GHRO! I want to make sure this facility is providing the maximum benefit to all of our members, and I can't do that without your feedback. GHRO is already a world class amateur astronomy location, but it can always be improved. You can always contact the GHRO director, Rick Bassham at [ghro@charlotteastronomers.org](mailto:ghro@charlotteastronomers.org).

Rick Bassham  
CAAC Observatory Director

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## **GHRO Information**

GHRO is located at [1427 Bloomwood Drive, Lancaster, SC](#). (some GPS show city as Pageland). Gravel road leading to the observatory is located 5.22 miles east of the "522 Grill" on Taxahaw, Rd.

### **Facebook FAQ**

<https://www.facebook.com/CharlotteAstronomers/> scroll down to NOTES, then Frequently Asked Questions page for more information about GHRO. Be sure to share your astronomy photos and observing tips.

### **Night Sky Network -- "Heading to GHRO"**

For updates on GHRO, be sure to join the <https://nightsky.jpl.nasa.gov/index.cfm> "Heading to GHRO" message group.

As always, we care about the safety and security of all visitors to our observing facility, the GHRO. To keep us all mindful for the need to keep alert while visiting the observatory, we provide the following reminder. Please share this with your family and any visitors who may join you at the observatory. Thank you.

**\*\*\* WARNING \*\*\***

This facility (GHRO) and adjoining area may contain uneven terrain, dangerous wildlife, low light conditions, and dangerous man-made obstacles.

By using this facility, users assume the risk of personal injury, and loss or damage to personal property. All persons should use extreme caution at all times.

Users of this facility agree to hold harmless the Charlotte Amateur Astronomers Club, its Directors, and its members for any and all injuries sustained while participating in club activities or using this facility.

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## CAAC Outreach Report April 2025

### Scheduled:

**04/12/2025 GHRO Heritage Learning Center - Girl Scouts**

[1427 Bloomwood Dr, Lancaster, SC 29720](#)

Setup: 6:00 PM

Program: 8:30 - ?PM

**05/02/2025 GHRO Heritage Learning Center - Cub Scouts**

[1427 Bloomwood Dr, Lancaster, SC 29720](#)

Setup: 6:00 PM

Program: 8:30 - ?PM

**05/04/2025 GHRO Heritage Learning Center**

[1427 Bloomwood Dr, Lancaster, SC 29720](#)

Setup: 6:00 PM

Program: 8:30 - ?PM

**05/10/2025 Cornelius Family Camp Out - Robbins Park**

[17738 W Catawba Ave, Cornelius, NC 28031](#)

Setup: 6:00 PM

Program: 8:30 - ?PM

**06/21/2025 Solstice Astronomy Program - Matthews Public Library**

[Depot Shopping Center, 230 Matthews Station St, Matthews, NC 28105](#)

Setup: 1:00 PM

Program: 2:00 - 3:30 PM

Clear Skies,

Tom Blevins  
CAAC Public Outreach Coordinator

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## CAAC Astronomy Ad Listings

Welcome to the CAAC classifieds. If you would like to post an ad in the newsletter, please let us know at the beginning of each month and we will list your items. Please provide a brief description and your contact information.

- Item 24-001:** *Obsession 15 Classic f4.5 with Argo Navis, Custom Equatorial Platform, etc.* for sale in Chapel Hill. \$2700. Local pick up or seller is willing to drive for meet up. Ad can be viewed on AstroMart [here](#), or contact:
- Bob Clemen, [rtclemen@gmail.com](mailto:rtclemen@gmail.com)



**Item 24-002:** Sold

**Item 24-003:** Sold

- Item 24-004:** *Star Tracker for sale: iOptron SkyGuider Pro EQ camera & the optional iOptron SkyTracker Ball Head camera mount, lightly used & in excellent condition.* for sale in Charlotte  
Included:

1. *iOptron SkyGuider Pro EQ camera (mount model #355)*

- internal rechargeable lithium battery, good for 20 hours of operation

- illuminated internal polar scope for polar alignment & built in bubble level

- built in camera trigger port & ST-4 guiding port

- Detachable counterweight shaft & 3-pound counterweight

2. *Includes the separately purchased iOptron SkyTracker Ball Head camera mount (model #3305A)*

- ball head mount allows for 360 degree panning & makes it easy to tilt a camera into position

- can support a heavy camera lens, bubble levels on each axis & also has a dovetail mounting bracket



List price for this package brand new with the optional ball head mount is \$463 today. Asking \$325 for the full package. Can be picked up in Charlotte or other arrangements may be accommodated, contact:

- David Harris, 704-577-8977, [davidharris11@yahoo.com](mailto:davidharris11@yahoo.com)

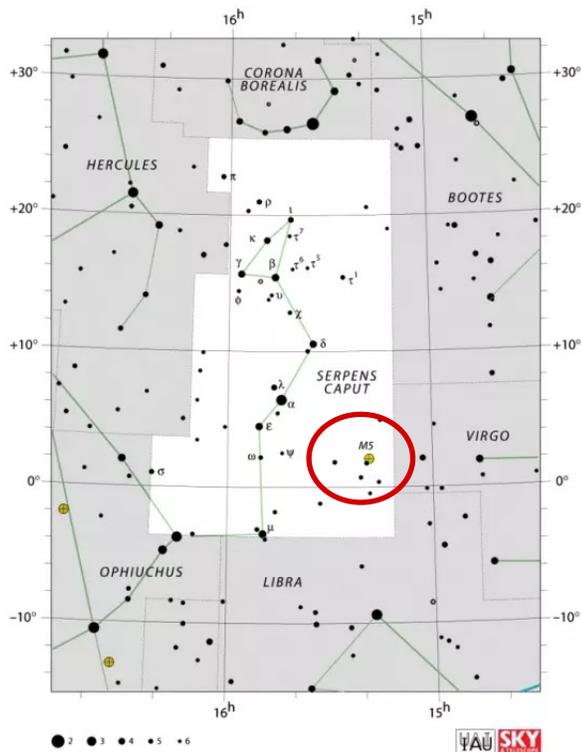
- Item 23-001:** *1958 Criterion Newtonian reflector*, 6" f/8 for sale with original mount. Asking \$600 with free delivery within the Charlotte area.
- David Friday, [wdfriday@twc.com](mailto:wdfriday@twc.com) 704-579-1778.

- Item 23-002:** **New SkyQuest Intelliscope XT8.** List Price \$ 1,300.00.  
All manuals with it-including initial purchase paperwork
- **Make An Offer.**
  - Contact Jim Gaiser



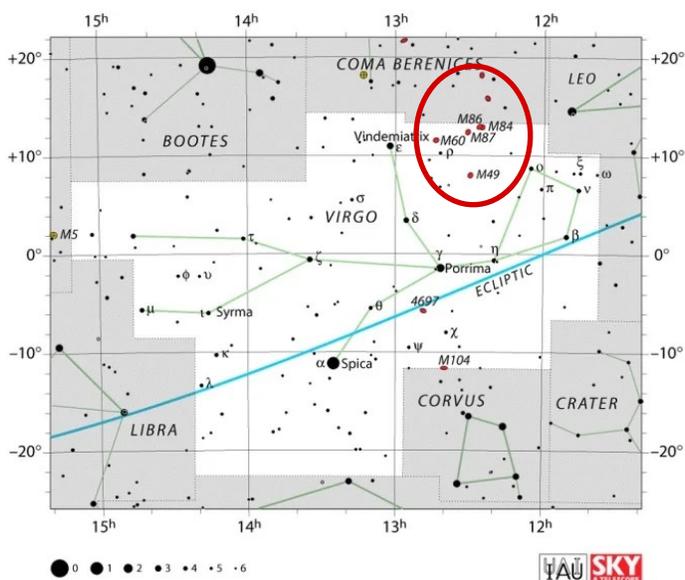
## The Night Sky in April 2025

### M5



At 13 billion years, the globular cluster **M5** is almost as old as the Universe and one of the very oldest in our Milky Way galaxy. Globular star clusters contain thousands of stars, tightly packed into a symmetrical ball. **M5** is estimated to have at least 100,000 stars and perhaps even five times that many. About 165 light years in diameter, it is one of the largest globular clusters discovered. Many amateurs believe it to be the most beautiful in the northern hemisphere.

### Virgo-Coma Cluster of Galaxies



The **Virgo-Coma Cluster of Galaxies**, is a huge aggregation of systems at a mean distance of around 60 million light-years. The cluster covers about 10° in the sky (twenty times the diameter of the Full Moon), which implies that its physical diameter is some 10 million light-years. For backyard telescope users, there are sixteen Messier objects in the cluster and several other galaxies brighter than 11th magnitude. From a dark site, a 6-inch scope will show about 140 galaxies in this region! The cluster straddles the boundary between Coma Berenices and Virgo. How many do you see!?

We welcome and encourage our CAAC members to come and visit the **GHRO Observatory** to enjoy, learn, and observe these and other celestial wonders.

**Serpens Caput and Virgo** Constellation Maps courtesy of IAU and Sky&Telescope, <https://www.constellation-guide.com/constellation-map/northern-constellations/>

We would like to acknowledge the content for this report was edited from information courtesy of NightSkyInfo, *\*Please note that NightSkyInfo has merged with Starlust.org and the original NightSkyInfo content has been migrated to the new site, Tom Urbain (Starlust.org) Acquire NightSkyInfo.com*

If you would like to download a map of each month's night sky, use this link, <https://www.skymaps.com/skymaps/tesmn2308.pdf> to download, print, and navigate the Evening Sky Map.

## **An *ENHANCED* Star Atlas – FREE!**

Our CAAC member, Mark Hoecker, has used the *Mag 7 Star Atlas – Color Milky Way version* (available on the internet) and added some enhancements including:

- A star map index to quickly identify the individual star chart you are looking for.
- Blue directional arrows at the edge of each chart guiding you to the adjacent chart. Also large page numerals were added in the lower right corner, helpful when thumbing through the charts.
- Finally, he manually added common star names and a selection of deep sky object names to the star charts, helpful in finding your way around the sky.

Such enhancements are allowed under the Creative Commons License by Andrew L. Johnson, author of the original charts.

**SUGGESTION:** While printing at the largest paper size you have available is helpful, a great alternative if you have a “letter size” color printer with a manual auxiliary feed slot, is to print on “legal size” (8½ x 14-inch) heavy paper or even “card stock”. You could also punch holes and place in a legal-size report cover available at office supply stores. You would then have a wonderful star atlas to help you through the night skies!

If you have access to a color printer that can print on 11 x 17-inch paper (or card stock), you can print a magnificent copy whose readability will rival that of very nice, commercially available atlases.

To download your ***Mag-7 Star Atlas Milky Way version – ENHANCED***, go to the CAAC website and scroll down the left column to “Mag 7 Star Atlas” and follow the link.

***Happy Observing!***

## Endowment Corner

Gifts for the Present

### Memorial Designations

One way to honor those who have passed on is to designate memorial gifts to the CAAC Stewardship Foundation.

FYI update: The CAAC Stewardship Foundation (Endowment) investment portfolio is now approximately \$28.722.00.

To make a contribution or learn more, please visit

<https://charlotteastronomers.org/endowment/>

Ken Steiner

Chair, CAAC Stewardship Foundation

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# SOUTHERN STAR



# April 24-27, 2025

## Wildacres Retreat

- **Four fabulous speakers!**
- **Camaraderie with your astro friends!**
- **Great accommodations and food at Wildacres Retreat!**
- **Solar viewing and night-time observing**
- **DARK skies all night!**
- **Wine and Cheese Reception and Ice Cream Social!**
- **Plenty of Free Time built into the schedule**
- **Door Prizes!**
- **Swap tables! Trade or sell your old stuff –**
- **Trade or buy some new toys!**
- **Three nights: Adult 18+: \$320.00 (double occupancy)**
  - Child 6-12: \$145.00
  - Child 3-5: \$100.00
  - Day Attendee: \$100.00

- **Registration opens on February 12, 2025**  
**Check our web site for registration details**

[charlotteastronomers.org/southern-star/](http://charlotteastronomers.org/southern-star/)



**Dr. Diana Hannikainen**  
**Sky and Telescope Magazine**

- \*Microquasars: Black Holes, Superfast Jets, and Fun Physics
- \*Behind the Scenes at *Sky & Telescope* :  
How a Magazine Gets Put Together



**Mr. Gayle Riggsbee**  
**Charlotte Amateur Astronomers Club**

- \*Russell William Porter
- \*Building of the 200" Hale Telescope



**Dr. Erik Peterson**  
**Duke University**

- \*Improving the Supernova Hubble Diagram on Both Axes
- \*How Much Dust is In Between Galaxies?



**Dr. Dave Moffett**  
**Furman University**

- \*Talk titles are forthcoming

# Southern Star 2025 Registration Form

April 24-27, 2025

Wildacres NC

Name (First, Last)	
Address	
City/State/Zip	
Phone	
Email (for confirmation of receipt of form)	
Astronomy Club Affiliation	
If you plan to room with someone registering separately, please indicate name below:	

<b>Accommodations desired</b>		
due to space constraints, there will be no single occupancy rooms available		
Upper level: <input type="checkbox"/>	Handicapped facilities are required: <input type="checkbox"/>	
Main level: <input type="checkbox"/>		
Lower level: <input type="checkbox"/>		
<b>Three night room options:</b>		<b>Total \$</b>
Please indicate how many of each needed.		
	\$320 - Adult. (Includes room and all meals)	
	\$145 - Child 6-12 (Includes room and all meals)	
	\$100 - Child 3-5 (Includes room and all meals)	
<b>Day Attendees</b>		
Please indicate how many of each needed. Include lectures and meals, but no lodging.		
	\$100 - Adult	

<b>Dietary restrictions</b>
Please indicate any dietary restrictions you may have:

# Southern Star 2025 Registration Form

April 24-27, 2025

Wildacres NC

## Southern Star Apparel 2025

Apparel for 2025 will be dark navy blue with silver lettering and will be available for pick up at the convention.

Please indicate the number of items in the blanks below

T-shirts - \$20 each		Long Sleeve T-Shirts \$25 each		Sweatshirts \$30 each	
	Small		Small		Small
	Medium		Medium		Medium
	Large		Large		Large
	X-Large		X-Large		X-Large
	XX-Large		XX-Large		XX-Large
	XXX-Large		XXX-Large		XXX-Large

**PLEASE DO NOT ARRIVE BEFORE 4:00PM ON THURSDAY.**

**WE MUST VACATE THE ROOMS BY 9:30AM ON SUNDAY.**

Persons bringing equipment trailers, please park in the flat area near the dining area.  
Please bring your own coffee mugs for coffee in the mornings.

PLEASE NOTE:

There are no RV accommodations. Pets are not permitted at Wildacres Retreat

In the event of a medical emergency, the nearest Emergency Medical Services must come from Marion, NC. Response time may be approximately 45 minutes.

### Payment:

Please total the amounts from the boxes above and enclose a check payable to:  
**CAAC / Southern Star**

Mail the completed registration form and your check to CAAC / Southern Star at the address below:

**Justin Peatross  
PO BOX 480452  
Charlotte, NC 28269**

**Total amount Enclosed:**