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# THEY EYE PIECE

## 1ST ANNUAL TELESCOPE CLINIC AUGUST 28

The NPMAS will be holding its first telescope workshop for the general public on Saturday, August 28th.

This Free event will run from 12:00 to 4:00 PM in the Neville Public Museum. The public will then be invited back (weather permitting) from 8:00 to 10:00 PM to get extra help finding objects in the sky. Once again, this will be held in front of the museum.

So, what is the Telescope Clinic? It is the opportunity for the general public (and club members) to bring in their telescope and learn how to use it.

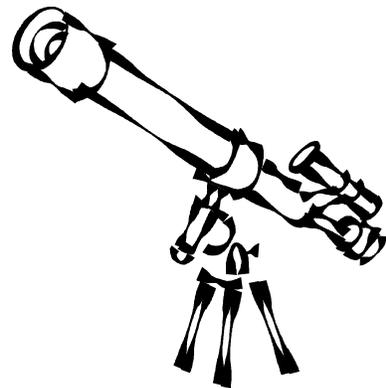
If its broken, we'll attempt to fix it. If the optics are dirty, we'll clean them. If its misaligned we'll correct it. We'll also provide information on their eyepieces, telescope function and answer any questions they may have FREE.

Members who have a working knowledge of any telescope design and repair, or know how to properly clean optics or general maintenance (such as alignment) are asked to help out with this event. We have a great list of volunteers so far, but would like to see more members involved.

If you have no telescope experience, come out to help anyway. We will have a kids table with various activities that will need monitoring as well as a free literature table. There is always something for someone to do.

Posters for this event were available at the July meeting and will be available at the August meeting as well. I have also included a copy with this newsletter. Please make some extra copies and help to get them distributed out in the community.

If you have any other questions, please contact Don DeWitt. Thanks in advance for your help!



## AUGUST MEETINGS, EVENTS AND STAR PARTIES

**August 11th - NPMAS Monthly Meeting.** 7:00 to 9:0 PM Topic: *Our Galaxy, Our Universe* by Katrina DeWitt. Happy Joe's pizza to follow. Everyone welcome!

**August 12th - Perseid Meteor Shower Peak.** Members are invited out to Parmentier Observatory anytime after sunset to watch this great meteor shower. Best viewing will be after midnight.

**August 13 - 15th - Northwoods Starfest** by Chippewa Valley Astronomical society. Advanced registration required. <http://www.cvastro.org>

**August 14th- Astrofest Registration Deadline.** Sponsored by Chicago Astronomical Society. <http://www.cas.org>

**August 28th - Telescope Clinic.** 12:00 to 4:00 PM Neville Public Museum. See Don DeWitt for more details! 

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## MAGAZINE RENEWALS

Each member is being asked to pick up their magazine and due renewals forms at the August meeting.

Payment for uninterrupted magazine service or to start a new subscription will be due by September 30th. Money for subscriptions received after this date run the risk of missing the January issue.

Also on this form will be dues renewal

and order prices for the RASC Handbooks and Calendars. The payment for these items will not be required until later in the year. However, Treasurer Dick Francini will accept payment for all of these items at once.

After the August meeting, forms will be mailed out to members. If you have any questions, please contact Treasurer Dick Francini. 

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## AUGUST MEETING PLANETARIUM SELECTION

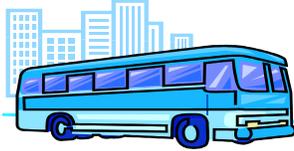
Just a reminder that at the August meeting, members will be choosing the planetarium show they would like to see at the Barlow planetarium in September.

Every member attending the August meeting will be given a list of current planetarium shows and a ballot.

The show with the most votes will be the one that will be seen in September.

Also, a preliminary sign up sheet will be passed around to get a headcount for the September meeting. The Planetarium show in September will be available for paid members and their families only. 

## BUS TRIP TO CHICAGO PLANNED



It's only August, but it's time to start planning for the bus trip to Chicago on October 23rd.

Once again, this will be a joint field trip with DPAS and NEWSTAR. Transportation will be a little more relaxed. We have chartered a 55 passenger motor coach for an enjoyable trip.

However, in order to take the bus, we need to have a minimum of 50 people. The cost for the bus will be \$25.00 per person. All seats are on a first come, first served basis and are only reserved with payment. There will be no refunds unless you can resell your seat to someone else.

Here are the preliminary details:

6:00 AM - Leave Green Bay with a pick up in Appleton. (There will be no stops. However, donuts will be provided).

11:00 AM Arrive in Chicago. You will then have the option of the Adler Planetarium, Shedd Aquarium or the Museum of Natural History. All are located within three blocks.

6:00 PM Board the bus and head back home. (There will be a quick stop for food).

11:00 PM Arrive back in Green Bay.

The cost for the planetarium, aquarium or the Museum will be your responsibility. There will be no pre-collecting for these attractions.

The cost for these attractions are:

Adler Planetarium and Astronomy Museum - \$13.00 adults, \$11.00 ages 4-17 (includes admission to museum and one planetarium show)

Shedd Aquarium \$23.00 adults, \$16.00 ages 3-11 (all access pass)

Field Museum of Natural History \$17.00 adults, \$8.00 ages 3-11 (includes access to the museum, one special feature and Sue).

Sign up forms for the bus will be available at the August meeting. **Deadline for payment will be October 17th or when the seats are filled.** If we do not have 50 people sign up for the bus, money will be returned.



## NEWSLETTER EDITOR POSITION AVAILABLE

**By Katrina DeWitt**

With this issue, I am announcing my decision to resign as newsletter editor of *The Eyepiece*.

I have taken on some new responsibilities and new hobbies that are now taking up a majority of my time.

I will continue on as newsletter editor until a replacement can be found or until the end of the year. Whichever comes first.

If you are interested in the position, please email, call or see me at the meeting. Thanks for a great year as Editor of *The Eyepiece*.



## WISCONSIN OBSERVERS WEEKEND REVIEW

**By Gerry Kocken**

This year was another great year for WOW. Attendees were Gerry and Jean Kocken, Don and Katrina DeWitt with Jacob, George McCourt, Steve and Sue Wicker, Tammy Wicker showed up on Saturday, Wayne Kuhn, Tony Kroes and Tara Adsit, and their two children Nickolas and Noah, Dick Francini, Sharon Campshure, Cassie Bellin, Ty and Kathleen Westbrook, Gary Baier, Ray Nancoz and Tom Jorgenson with his son. A number of members went out to Hartman Creek early where Jean and I went out later on Thursday afternoon. We arrived and they had spot already designated for us. I backed up the trailer and unloaded all my gear and some of Don and Georges stuff that they didn't have room for. We set up our tent and telescope. The weather looked good for a night of viewing. I brought my gas Weber grill and made tenderloin steak and potatoes for dinner. Thursday night was ok for viewing, not the best, but good enough to bag another 25 plus Hershel's. Don and George had trouble with the sky commander. Dick finished his Hershel's I. On Friday, Don, Katrina, George, Jacob

and Jean went geocaching and I stayed back to monitor the equipment. It was just as well because I received a phone call and spent most of the afternoon working on a proposal for a project and using the park's fax machine. That night I grilled salmon, grouper, and baby reds for dinner. The night started out looking good, but by 11:00 clouded up. On Saturday, we spent the day working on scopes, taking in the ice cream social, winning door prizes and playing games. Jean won a picture of the Venus transit and a CD donated by Tom Jorgenson. That evening Don, Katrina, George went home due to frustration with the sky commander. Jean went with them since she had to be home early Sunday anyway for another function she was to attend. That evening was very clear and good viewing. I on the other hand got sick from too much sun that day and had to lay down earlier than anticipated, about 12:00. I believe some of the members stayed up late to see daylight coming in. Sunday morning I packed it up and headed home. I would like to thank Ty and Newstar for hosting another great weekend.



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## THANK YOU FROM JIM MILLER

Hi Gerry, We had a safe trip home, getting here at 3:30 pm We can't thank you enough for such a fun week-end. The four of us had a wonderful time. You are a GREAT host and we appreciated all that you done for us while in your fun city. All your friends were such a joy to be with and all of you have personalities that are unbelievable and unforgettable. In short.. we had a ball and it is because of you! Have a wonderful life, and PLEASE! let's keep in touch. Love & Friendship, Jim, Donna, Mel and Ruth!



## NPMAS CLUB LOANER TELESCOPES

NPMAS members are eligible to use, free of charge, for a one month period, one of the two club telescopes available. Please contact Gerry Kocken, Properties Chair to make arrangements to use either scope..



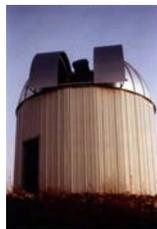
10" Dobsonian Telescope



8" Triple Axis Newtonian

## NPMAS OBSERVING SITES

NPMAS members have access to two observing sites. Both are located on private land and belong to members of our club.



**Parmentier Observatory** is home to the largest private observatory in Wisconsin housing a 30" classical Cassegrain. Members may view through the 30" or bring their own scopes and set up in the field below.

Observatory Number: 920-845-5626

Ron Parmentier Home: 920-336-5878

**Crivitz Observing site** is the private residence of Dave & Carol Jorgenson. Located in the Northwoods of Wisconsin on 100 acres of land, this site offers some of the darkest skies around. The field is equipped with electricity and a cabin is close by available for your use. Call ahead to make arrangements.

Dave & Carol Jorgenson Home: 715-757-3296

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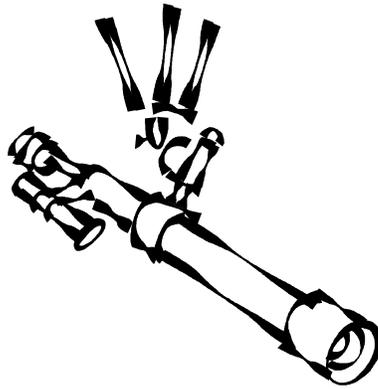
October Field Trip

Katrina DeWitt

Ty Westbrook

Neville Public Museum

12:00 to 4:00 PM



# First Annual TELESCOPE CLINIC

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