



The Eyepiece

Neville Public Museum Astronomy Club

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New Board of Directors

The elections for the board of directors was conducted at the October 4th NPMAS meeting.

The new 9 person board was selected for the next two year term.

The board of directors meets roughly 5-7 times per year and has the responsibility for such things as: PARMS Observatory, club finances, club calendar of events, speakers for monthly meetings, coordinating public outreach and observing events, etc.

We had 11 excellent candidates from which to choose the final 9 members for the board.

The following is the new NPMAS board

Gerry Kocken — President

Kevin Nasal — Vice President

Dick Francini — Treasurer

Brian Chopp — Secretary

David Wagner

Tom Cashman

Lynn Ward

Rodrigo Roesch

Mark Wells

See the 2018 calendar of events updated in this months news letter!

Upcoming Events

Board Meeting

- TBD

Monthly Meetings

- NOV 1ST

-Photographing

Aurora Borealis

- DEC 6TH

- Year in Review

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Night Sky Network

Astronomy Clubs bringing the wonders of the universe to the public



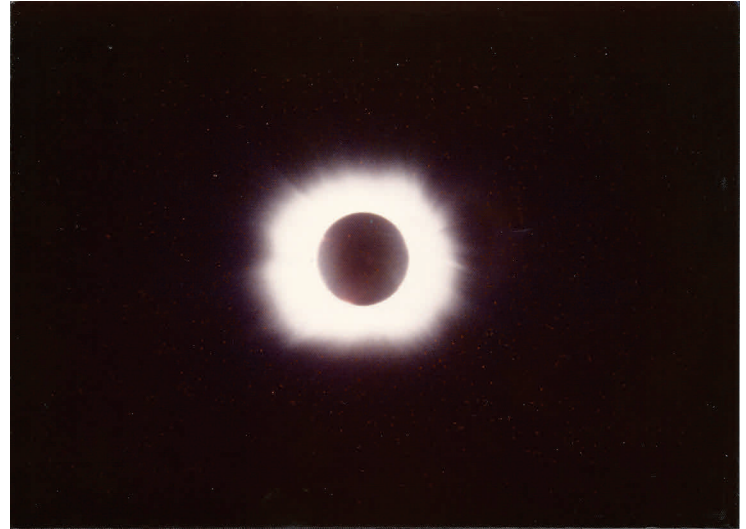
The NPMAS Historian

A Photo From The Past



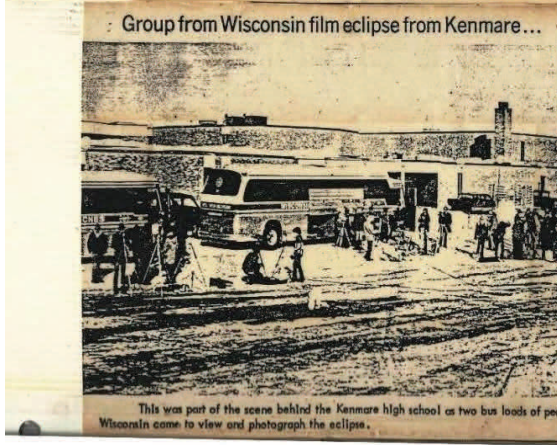
This Month's Photo Trivia

1. Who built the telescope in the photo?
2. What date or year was the photo taken?
3. Who were the owners of this telescope?
4. What is the significance of this telescope to the



Answers to Last Month's Photo Trivia

1. Question: Where was the photo taken? Place, event, etc.?
Answer: The event was a total solar eclipse viewed in Kenmare North Dakota.
2. Question: What date or year was the photo taken?
Answer: The photo was taken February 26, 1979.
3. Question: Who sponsored this event?
Answer: UWGB Office of Outreach and organized by Dr. Steven Dutch.
4. Question: Who attended this event and took the photo ?
Answer: NPMAS members Ron Parmentier and George McCourt attended. The photo was taken by George McCourt.



Group from Wisconsin film eclipse from Kenmare...

Aproximately 65 people from the Green Bay, Wisc., area traveled from 800 to 900 miles in two chartered buses and set up their cameras and viewing equipment in Kenmare to view the eclipse.

The site chosen in Kenmare was just east of the high school, where the group had an excellent vantage point with beautiful clear skies to enhance their day.

The group were mostly amateur astronomers from northeast Wisconsin, some studying at the University of Wisconsin at Green Bay, and others just interested in the spectacle.

The Wisconsin buses left Saturday afternoon and plans were to head back to Wisconsin shortly after the eclipse had ended. The tour was organized by the University's office of outreach education

but members participating were almost totally self-supported in the costs of the tour.

Originally the group had planned to travel to Winnipeg, Manitoba to view the spectacle, but weather forecasts indicated better conditions in North Dakota, so plans were changed in the last days prior to departure and the group decided on the Kenmare location. One reason for Kenmare was the fact that the eclipse lasted a few seconds longer than at other points further south and east.

Some of their photos and movies of the eclipse may be eventually published in magazines and possibly may be used for programs over Public Television, a spokesman said.

New Member Welcome

No new members this month

Year In Review Photo Request

Please be sure to pass along any photos from this years events, meetings, or trips to Rodrigo Roesch for our annual year in review. Rodrigo will need these photos ASAP as the December meeting is fast approaching.

Please email photos to: rroesch@gmail.com

If you have quite a few photos, please forward photos via a CD.

Eye in the Sky

November 2017	
4th	Full Moon
17th -18th	Leonids Meteor Shower
18th	New Moon

December	
3rd	Full Moon
13-14	Geminids Meteor Shower
18th	New Moon
21st	Solstice
21-22	Ursids Meteor Shower

<http://www.seasky.org/astronomy/astronomy-calendar-2017.html>

<http://www.nightskyinfo.com/>

<http://www.astronomytoday.com/skyguide.html>

2018 Schedule of Events for NPMAS

January

3 – Meeting/Holiday Party – Mackinaw’s

31 – Lunar Eclipse

February

2-3 – Einstein Science Expo—Shopko Hall

7 – Meeting – Brian Welsch UWGB—Sun

23-25 – Camp U-Ni-Li-Yah

March

7 – Meeting – NPMAS Club Equipment Dave Wagner

17 – Messier Marathon (Tentative)

24 - Sheboygan Swap & Sell

April

4 – Meeting – Brian Chopp—Observing Tips

21 – Public Observing – Bay Beach Wildlife Sanctuary

May

2 – Meeting – Steve Dutch UWGB—Unknown topic

4-5 – NCRAL Convention Door County

11-12 – Parmentier Observing Weekend

June

6 – Meeting – Tony Kroes—Unknown topic

8-9 – Parmentier Observing Weekend

9 – Club Picnic (Tentative Bay Beach)

14-17 – Pike River Starfest

July

4 – NO MONTHLY MEETING HOLIDAY

6-7 - Parmentier Observing Weekend

11-14 – ALCON 2018

12-15 – Wisconsin Observers Weekend

August

1– Meeting – Lynn Ward—Unknown Topic

10-11 Parmentier Observing Weekend

10-11 - Northwoods Starfest (Tentative)

September

5 – Meeting – Gerry Schefer—Extra Terrestrial Exoplanets

5-9 – Northern Nights Starfest

7-8 – Parmentier Observing Weekend

8– Sputnik Fest

15 - Public Observing, Brillion

Yerkes Trip (Tentative 22nd or 29th)

October

3 – Meeting – Jim Sentoski—Unknown Topic

5-6 - Parmentier Observing Weekend

13 – Public Observing – Bay Beach Wildlife Sanctuary (Tentative)

November

7 – Meeting – Barlow Planetarium

9-10 – Kroes Observing Weekend

December

5– Meeting – Year in Review

Hugh Swoboda Donation

The family of Hugh Swoboda made a donation to the NPMAS club.

Some of you may know Hugh and those that don't should know he was a dedicated astronomer and great builder who made many different observing instruments and equipment.

The club has received mirrors, telescopes, various small items, a large collection of astronomy related magazines going back to some of the first issues.

A few of the items will be added to the club equipment collection, but many of them we have decided to offer for sale to club members.

Starting with the June meeting, we will bring the collection of magazines to the monthly meeting and offer them up for sale.

Below you will find the list of magazines that will be available:

Magazine	Year	Count
The Planetary Report		3
Telescope Making		8
Various Titles		6
Astronomy	2006	1
	1995	1
	1993	4
	1992	7
	1991	1
	1990	1
	1989	1
	1987	3
	1986	1
	1985	2
	1984	1
	1983	1
	1982	2
Sky & Telescope	2006	1
	2002	2
	2001	1
	2000	13
	1999	4
	1996	2
	1995	2
	1992	3
	1991	1
	1989	2
	1987	2
	1985	1

Sky & Telescope	1984	1
	1982	1
	1978	1
	1976	1
	1974	7
	1973	10
	1972	10
	1971	10
	1970	9
	1969	10
	1968	1
	1965	1
	1961	1
	1960	1
	1959	1
	1958	2
	1957	6
	1956	11
	1955	10
	1954	4
	1951	2
	1949	1
	1948	10
	1947	1
	1946	12
	1945	9
	1944	10
	1943	5

Club Member Services

LOANER TELESCOPES

NPMAS members are welcome to use, free of charge for a one month period, one of the six club telescopes available. Please contact one of the board members to make arrangements. The six telescopes available are:

- 10 inch Dobsonian Telescope
- 60 mm Bushnell Voyager
- 12" Orion Sky Quest Intelliscope (Object Locator)
- Meade ETX125 Cassegrain Telescope with Auto Star
- 4" Meade Schmidt Cassegrain
- 8" F10 Celestron Schmidt Cassegrain

Club Library

NPMAS has a collection of astronomy related books and videos covering a wide variety of topics including observing, the solar system, stars and more. Items can be checked out at monthly club meeting or by contacting Tom Cashman at 920-432-2261.



NPMAS OBSERVING SITES

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

Parmentier Observatory

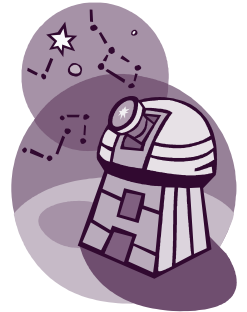
Parmentier Observatory is home to a 30 inch classical Cassegrain telescope, the largest private observatory in Wisconsin. Members may view through the 30 inch or set up their own telescopes in the adjoining field.

Observatory Representative
Mike Monfils—920-435-7350

Cedar Drive Observing

This is the private residence of Tony and Tara Kroes, located Southwest of Pulaski on 10 acres of land. Members are welcome anytime but please call ahead to make arrangements.

Tony Kroes Home—920-265-9290.



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