



Newsletter of the Milwaukee Astronomical Society

November and December 2005

MAS News

About a dozen members showed up at the **Yanko Farm** in Rib Lake Wisconsin the first weekend of October for camping, camaraderie and collective ooh-ing and ahh-ing over the dark skies. The area was lit by autumn colors during the day and a number of the campers took to nearby Timm's Hill, Wisconsin's highest geographical point. We certainly thank Dan for his hospitality!

The Board of Directors are seeking several volunteers to fill positions of importance to the club. A **Program Committee Chair** is needed to coordinate the programs given at monthly meetings from September to April. We normally have a party in lieu of the December meeting and the May meeting focuses on election of a new Board and Officers, leaving 7 programs per year to fill. Also, a **Membership Committee Chair** is needed to take membership

applications from prospective members and provide a "welcome wagon" of sorts to the club's organization. Prospective members are voted into membership by the Board of Directors after receiving application information from the Membership Committee Chair.

September's program, *Other Worlds Galore*, a video from Alex Phillipenko's astronomy lecture series was well received by the audience. Members entered into a round-table discussion afterwards on the techniques of detecting extra-solar planets.

October's program was given by Paul Greuner on the basics of scanning and printing images on a computer, showing just how much detail goes into making the best of an image.

Basic Intro to Amateur Astronomy

Friday, November 18th at 7:30 a program geared for members seeking an introduction to amateur astronomy, will be held under the large telescope in the Z-dome, providing new members a place to learn about the local astronomy scene and meet one another in a small group setting outside of the board or the general meetings.

Bob Manske will talk about our club's organization, other organizations of interest, basic constellation recognition, finding things in the sky, and hands-on demos with our telescopes.

November's Program

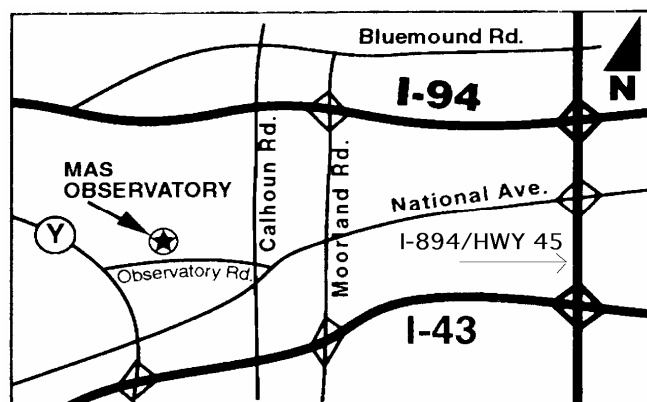
The program for November will be by Dr. Jim Lattis of UW—Madison's Space Place. Dr. Lattis has talked to us before on the state of astronomy in the time of Galileo. The title for his talk this month is, "120 Years and Still on the Frontier: The History of UW's Washburn Observatory."

Timetable

7:00 pm — Board Meeting.

7:30 pm — Basic Introduction to Amateur Astronomy (Z-dome)

8:00 pm — Membership meeting.



Calendar

November 18: Monthly meeting at the Observatory.

December 3: Annual Christmas Party at the Observatory, 7:30pm

January 20: at a location to be determined

Support Your Local Astronomy Club

The MAS has entered into an agreement with Park Printing House, Ltd. of Madison to create Greeting Cards for the Holiday Season. You can support the MAS by purchasing notecards with images taken by our own members. (they are very, very nice.) To find out more, visit the Park Printing House website at <http://www.parkprinting.com/store/mas/order>. A portion of the proceeds go to the MAS Treasury.

Help Wanted

I wish talk to someone owning a Losmandy GM-8 mount. In addition I'm looking for an 8" SC.
— Dennis Horvath (414) 421-2787.

Meeting Minutes

Minutes are published after they have been approved by the board at the following meeting.

M.A.S board meeting August 8th, 2005 held at the Observatory in New Berlin.

Board meeting was called to order @ 7:36 PM (19:36). by President Paul Borchardt.

Attendance: Gerry Samolyk, Vern Hoag, Brian Ganiere, Neil Simmons, Dave Weier, Kevin McCarthy, Scott Berg, Henry Gerner.

Observatory Director Report: Given by Gerry Samolyk (OBS. DIR).

A dead tree must be removed.

The roll off observatories (Albrecht, Tagney, Zit and Wiesen scope) should have aluminum cladding on the wood doors for protection from the elements.

The approximate cost for materials is \$250.00.

Treasurers Report: Given by Brian Ganiere (TREAS.)

Albrecht Fund is at \$3999.83

Checking Account is at \$5715.58

No report was given on the Endowment Fund.

Other Business:

* The board approved motion by Dave Weier to allow Gerry to put Aluminum cladding on the above observatories.

* The board approved the motion to table the discussion on holding the January thru April meetings at a different location other than UWM.

* Key Ring was found

* The board approved Two new members:

Jeff Setzer

Rebecca Sher

*The board meeting adjourned at 8:20 PM. (20:20)

The last General Membership Meeting was held May 20th , 2005 at the Observatory in New Berlin.

The meeting was called to order by President Bob Manske at 8:09 PM (20:09).

Elections were held.

Members elected to the board were Kevin McCarthy and Scott Berg. Officers were then elected by the board were Paul Borchardt as President, Steve Diesso as Vice President, Brian Ganiere as Treasurer, and Henry Gerner as Secretary.

The General Membership meeting adjourned at 9:18 PM (21:18)

M.A.S board meeting September 16th , 2005 held at the Observatory in New Berlin.

Board meeting was called to order @ 7:10 PM (19:10). by President Paul Borchardt.

Attendance: Gerry Samolyk, Brian Ganiere, Neil Simmons, Steve Diesso, Kevin McCarthy, Scott Berg, Henry Gerner

Observatory Director Report: Given by Gerry Samolyk (OBS. DIR).

The dead tree was cut down by Vern Hoag.

The aluminum cladding of the observatory doors is completed.

Treasurers Report: Given by Brian Ganiere (TREAS.)

Albrecht Fund is at \$6136.41

Checking Account is at \$6591.31

No report was given on the Endowment Fund.

Other Business:

A discussion on holding the January thru April meetings at a different location other than UWM was held. The New Berlin Library and The New Berlin High school both had good facilities but the school was available on Friday nights.

The board approved the motion made by Gerry Samolyk to try the high school.

Scott Laskowski's request for \$300.00 was approved by the board for the library.

The motion was made by Brian Ganiere.

The board meeting adjourned at 7:45 PM. (19:45)

The General Membership meeting was called to order at 8:05 (20:05) by President Paul Borchardt.

The Presentation was given by Neil Simmons.

The movie presented was "Other Worlds Galore" one of the lectures from "Understanding the Universe" series that was loaned by Rudy Poklar.

Open Houses for 2005

November marks the end of this year's open house season. Open houses start up again next spring.

Star Parties

The Milwaukee Astronomical Society provides tours and viewing for groups of people interested in astronomy. Contact Paul Borchardt for more information about scheduling and fees.

MAS Officers / Staff

President:	vacant	
Vice President:	Steve Diesso	(262) 641-0331
Treasurer:	Brian Ganiere	(414) 961-8745
Secretary:	Henry Gerner	(414) 774-9194
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Visit our website at <http://bb.1asphost.com/milwaukeeastro>

Saturday Night Key Holder

On Saturday nights the MAS opens its New Berlin facilities to all its members. If interested in using an observatory on the following nights, the following key holders will be on hand. Please contact them in advance to ensure access.

November

5	Gary Parson	262-895-3015
12	Terry Ross	262-784-2093
19	Gerry Samolyk	414-529-9051
26	Tom Schmidtkunz	414-352-1674

December

3	Lana Silke	262-966-4929
10	Neil Simmons	262-889-2039
17	Chris Weber	262-789-7128
24	Dan Yanko	414-453-3382

January

7	Tim Burrus	262-548-6372
14	Steve Diesso	262-641-0331
21	Brian Ganiere	414-961-8745
28	Carlos Garces	262-786-2623

Loaner Telescopes

These telescopes are available to members for local use.

Scott Jamieson (Waukesha)	(262) 896-0119	8"
Paul Borchardt (MAS site)	(262) 781-0169	6" & 8"
Chris Weber (New Berlin)	(262) 789-7128	8"

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***November 18 — 7pm Board; 7:30 New Member Forum;
8pm U.W. Prof. Jim Lattis — at the Observatory***

