



THE STAR

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OUR PROGRAMS ARE HELD THE SECONG TUESDAY OF EACH
MONTH AT 7:30 P.M.

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**FROM THE COMFORTABLE CHAIR
HANK BOUCHELLE ED.D
MCAG CO-LEAD**

Folks:

I hope the summer and particularly its last long week-end have treated you well.

The first order of this season's MCAG activities is to extend a hearty thanks to Ralph Denlinger for his services as editor of the STAR. Unfortunately, other organizations have recognized his qualities and energy and left him with too little time to continue in his MCAG office. I remember a talk Ralph presented on astronomy-related coins from some years ago. I hope that he can evade his new keepers long enough to host this season a similar program for the MCAG.

To make matters much worse, I will be doing my best to fill this gap until someone else can take over. If you have any interest in helping, or perhaps the time to do just an issue or two a year, please make yourself known to Dave or me.

Originally, the plan was to send out a lengthy email message each month in place of the STAR. It seems to me that we should have some publication to archive on the MCAO website. I chatted with Dave about the idea, and after I sent a couple of my Chicago guys over to shoot out his porch light and spray-paint the flamingo in his front yard, he concurs.

The long and short of it is to send me event dates, programs, observances, information regarding celestial events, etc. I will do my best not to mangle them. Remember, though, that the sooner someone else takes over, the sooner the arrest warrants, hate mail, and cease-and-desist orders will disappear from your mailboxes..

I think that we have Sept.'s program set, with info and mini-talks. An additional topic of that meeting will be exploring programs people want to hear and/or suggestions or offers. It will make my job easier if you provide brilliant suggestions.

I hope you can send whatever you would like to see in the STAR by Tuesday evening, Sept. 3. I will send to you a preliminary draft for your corrections and opprobrium. In the future we can anticipate an actual setting of deadlines for aspects of the newsletter.

Hank

NEWSFLASH

**Paul Stratton has agreed to take over the STAR.
Please send all photos and articles you may want published to Paul.
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Thanks Paul

SEPTEMBERS MEETING

Tuesday, Sept. 10, 2013 Mini-Talks!
September Skies - Hank Bouchelle
The 10" Hartnet House Turret Telescope
Dave Groski
Discussions: Observing the Sun with a Solar Filter
Program Ideas for 2013 – 2014

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ABOUT MCAG OUTREACH LIBRARY NEWS

It looks like the library programs are coming along very nicely!
I have set a firm date for a talk at the Newark Free in Jan., with thoughts about hosting one each season.
Brandywine is interested in seasonal, or at least multiple, programs.
I have also talked to them about doing a telescope program like the one Dave presented at Brandywine last year.
I am feeling optimistic!

Hank

If you know of anyone who is interested in Astronomy or someone who would like to learn, please do not hesitate to extend and invitation to them to join us at our meetings.

Mt. Cuba Astronomy Group *Membership Form*

The Mt. Cuba Astronomy Group is a tax-exempt organization dedicated to astronomy education and public outreach. Benefits of membership include:

- Monthly newsletter that includes details about the Group's activities and much astronomical information
- Monthly programs on subjects and topics of astronomical interest
- Free or discounted subscriptions to astronomy-related publications
- Free registration for MCAG workshops and classes
- Mention Mt. Cuba Astronomy Group and receive a 5% discount at Manor Books in New Castle (<http://www.yelp.com/biz/manor-used-books-New Castle>)
- Dues are free until January 2013



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