



Panhandle Astronomy Club

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Nebraska Star Party

Bruce, Virginia and Amanda Mues represented the Panhandle Astronomy Club at the 15th annual Nebraska Star Party near Valentine the end of July. Several nights of viewing were available to 125+ attendee's this year.

Bruce was appointed to the NSP Board of Directors this year. It will be great to have Western Nebraska and our club represented on this newly formed board.

A few links have been posted to the yahoo group located at <http://tech.groups.yahoo.com/group/PanhandleAstronomyClub/> and a few pictures taken by the Mues' have been uploaded to our photo album at <http://panhandleastronomyclub.myphotoalbum.com/albums.php>

Scottsbluff National Monument Outreach Program

Bruce Mues provided an astronomy program to a good size crowd at the Scottsbluff National Monument on August 5th. After the presentation the skies cleared and the group was able to look through telescopes and learn the night sky with the aid of Jon Smith, Amanda Mues and Chris Olsen.



PERSEIDS METEOR SHOWER & CLUB MEETING Tuesday, August 12th 8:00 pm Jon Smith's Farm

Join members of the Panhandle Astronomy Club at Jon Smith's Farm to view the perseids meteor shower at their peak. No special equipment is required to observe the meteor shower. Plan to bring your lawn chair, bug spray and warm clothing. You are welcome to bring your telescope or binoculars if you so desire. Jon's farm has nice dark skies to observe from. For more information or directions contact Jon at 308-635-0969.

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CLUB STAR PARTY Friday, August 22nd 8:00 pm Chris Olsen's Home

Come out and stargaze with your fellow club members at Chris Olsen's place. Bring your binoculars or telescopes or view from other members scopes. Needing help learning the night sky? Now is the time to learn, during the constellation tour. Have questions about your scope? Bring it and get the answers your seeking. Just looking for dark skies away from city lights, join us. For more information or directions contact Chris at 308-436-5797.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3	4	5 <i>Scottsbluff National Monument Outreach Program</i>	6	7	8 <i>First Quarter Moon</i>	9
10	11	12 <i>Perseid Meteor Shower & Club Meeting at Jon Smith's Farm</i>	13	14	15 <i>Mercury, Venus & Saturn in same binocular field of view</i>	16 <i>Full Moon</i>
17	18	19	20	21	22 <i>Club Star Party at Chris Olsen's Place</i>	23 <i>Last Quarter Moon</i>
24	25	26 <i>Newsletter Submissions Due</i>	27	28	29	30 <i>New Moon</i>
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Survey – Please return by midnight 8/26/08
Mailto: Panhandle Astronomy Club
P. O. Box 987
Scottsbluff, NE 69363
Or email your answers to: survey@panhandleastronomyclub.com

In an effort to improve the Astronomy Club we would like your input on the following areas:

- 1) What would make you more active with the club?

- 2) What are you most interested in doing with the club?

- 3) Do you like monthly meetings or would Quarterly meetings be better?
 Monthly Quarterly

- 4) What night of the week is best for you for a meeting?
 Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday

- 5) Would you like the meeting the same night as an observing session?
 Same night Separate nights

- 6) Would you participate in a monthly observing session?
 Yes No

- 7) Should the club do public observing sessions or just focus on club only activities?
 Public Sessions Focus on club only



Bob Runyan, Platte Valley Astronomical Observers, and Bruce Mues in deep discussion.

NEBRASKA STAR PARTY 15



Nebraska Star Party
Beginner's Field School



Bruce Mues shares telrad maps with a family from Eustis, Nebraska.

BENEFITS OF MEMBERSHIP

- Members receive the SCOPE, our monthly newsletter.
- Participation in monthly club observation nights and annual star parties.
- Each member is automatically a member of the Astronomical League, the only nation-wide organization for amateur astronomers.
- Free subscription to the Astronomical League's quarterly publication "The Reflector".
- 10% discount on astronomy books when purchased through the Astronomical League.
- Participation in both regional and national conventions through the Astronomical League.

The Panhandle Astronomy Club
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PANHANDLE ASTRONOMY CLUB

The Panhandle Astronomy Club was founded in the Fall of 2005. Anyone with an interest in astronomy is welcome. Members are not required to own any equipment or have prior knowledge of astronomy. For more information on the Panhandle Astronomy Club log on to any of the following:

PAC Email: info@panhandleastronomyclub.com

PAC Website: www.panhandleastronomyclub.com

PAC Photo's: panhandleastronomyclub.myphotoalbum.com/albums.php

PAC Yahoo Group: tech.groups.yahoo.com/group/PanhandleAstronomyClub

2008 Western Nebraska Star Gaze: tech.groups.yahoo.com/group/Western_Nebraska_Star_Gaze/

The Scope

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