



**2008 B.R.A.S. Officers**

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**----- Next Regular Meeting -----**

Wed., Feb. 6 at 7:00 pm at the Carlisle Visitor Center.

Dave Lengyel will present Comet Hyakutake C/1996 B2.

**----- Next Board of Directors Meeting -----**

Thu., Feb. 14 at 7:00 pm at the Blue Sky Restaurant on Rt.58 in Amherst.

**----- Upcoming Observing Dates -----**

Fri., Feb. 8, 7:00 – 9:00 pm, Mars and Saturn – Nielsen Observatory

**----- Upcoming Programs -----**

March: Black Holes

April: TBA, Photography-related

May: Solar Finder – Make It and Take It.

June: John & Dave's Excellent Pahrump Adventure

July: Ancient American Astronomy

**----- A Sad Note -----**

We're saddened to announce the passing of our friend Charlie Cervenak, our OTAA optics dealer and eagle expert. Charlie died on Dec. 23 due to complications from leukemia. Charlie was always very enthusiastic about sharing his interest in photography at OTAA in Birmingham and presenting programs on northeast Ohio's American bald eagles. He had a great sense of humor and it was a joy to be in his company. He will be fondly remembered and missed. His Plain Dealer obituary is attached.

----- Items For Sale -----

Meade 4" ETX-105EC w/UHT Coatings & 8 x 25 mm Viewfinder

Meade Autostar Controller #497

Meade Deluxe Field Tripod #884

Set of 8 Meade Super Plossl Lenses, 6.4 mm thru 40 mm w/Storage Case

All components are in very good condition, and any reasonable offer will be accepted. I live in Chesterland if anyone would like to see it. Contact Scott Marlow at [scmarlow@adelphia.net](mailto:scmarlow@adelphia.net) or 440-729-1030.

Celestron Nexstar 114GT Scope (Excellent Condition) Comes complete with tripod, GT keypad, Finder, Mounting rings etc. Includes seven lenses: 32mm Plossl, 12mm, Plossl, 12mm Super Wide Plossl 2x Barlow, 25mm Celestron, 10mm Celestron, 25mm Meade, 9mm Meade Plus! Brand new, never used, Meade 114 Optical Tube (Fits Nexstar mounting) Rack and pinion focuser, 6x30 finder, cradle rings and knobs, and both 1.25 and 2" eyepiece holders. Also included are seven filters, car adapter, sky program. I'll take \$225 for everything. Nelson Kirsch 30820 Shaker Blvd. Pepper Pike 216-464-9391.

Dave Partyka has 17 years of back issues of Sky & Telescope looking for a good home.

Please call at (440) 774-3417.

Starsplitter 10" f/6 Compact Newtonian telescope, 2" focuser, light shroud, mirrors and all components in excellent condition, always well cared for.

Meade 4000 Ultra Wide 8.8mm 1 1/4" / 2" eyepiece, Meade 4000 Super Wide 18mm 1 1/4" eyepiece, University Optics 32mm 2" Konig II eyepiece, Meade 4000 ND96 0.9 moon filter, collimation tools, Telrad. I am asking \$1350 obo for all. Dan Hartnagel" <[dhrtngl@woh.rr.com](mailto:dhrtngl@woh.rr.com)>. West Milton, OH (near Dayton).

Brand new Canon EF 28-135 Image Stabilized USM lens. I have only used this lens to test it and will be bringing it to the Wednesday regular meeting with a camera so anyone interested in it can try it out. Asking \$400. The lens is great and the only reason for selling is because I already have a lens that covers this range. Anyone interested in buying can contact me at [wrenchbender54@oh.rr.com](mailto:wrenchbender54@oh.rr.com) <<mailto:wrenchbender54@oh.rr.com>>.

Meade digital electronic series telescope model # DS114 (114mm reflecting telescope with 910mm focal length). It includes a Meade #495 Autostar computer controller and starfinder software, 3 eyepieces & 3x Barlow Lens, azimuth motor assembly, battery pack and tripod. Interested parties can contact Greg Ausflug at 440 -230-4381. Asking \$150 for all or best offer.

10mm Sirius Plossl Eyepiece like new condition, comes with box and both end caps.

Price: Make an offer Anyone interested in buying can contact me at [wrenchbender54@oh.rr.com](mailto:wrenchbender54@oh.rr.com) <<mailto:wrenchbender54@oh.rr.com>>. Let me know in advance and I'll bring the item to a meeting.

Editor's note: Please let me know when an item has been sold so I can delete the listing from the next Guidescope. [astr0wxcat@eriecoast.com](mailto:astr0wxcat@eriecoast.com).

Astrophotography by Dave Lengyel

