

2008 B.R.A.S. Officers

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

Wed., Apr. 2 at 7:00 pm at the Carlisle Visitor Center.

John O'Neal will give a presentation on Astrophotography.

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

Thu., Apr. 10 at 7:00 pm at the Blue Sky Restaurant on Rt.58 in Amherst.

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

Sat., Apr. 12, 9:00 – 11:00 pm – Nielsen Observatory – Moon Madness

Sat., Apr. 26, 9:00 – 11:00 pm – Nielsen Observatory – The Lion & the Bear.

----- Upcoming Programs -----

May: Solar Finder – Make It and Take It.

June: John & Dave's Excellent Pahrump Adventure

July: Ancient American Astronomy

August: To be announced.

September: OPEN – Volunteers needed!

October: Nielsen Observatory meeting

November: Telescopes 101

December: Holiday Dinner

----- **Guidescope Editor Needed** -----

It has been a pleasure to prepare and send the Guidescope for almost 2 years. However, I'm finding my free time more limited since my family has grown, and we plan to be traveling more in the next year. So, I would like to pass the torch on to someone before the end of 2008. I use Microsoft Word for the main text (.doc) and the minutes are sent to me as .pdf (Adobe Acrobat) files by the Secretary, so no special software is needed. I have all of the back issues that I have prepared. Please let a board member know if you are interested. I will help you get set up!

----- **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 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).

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>>. Let me know in advance and I'll bring the item to a meeting.

Canon BG-E1 battery grip. Includes a genuine Canon BP-511 battery. Fits Canon 300D Digital Rebel (the original 6.3 MP version). \$100. Prices are negotiable, pictures upon request, just contact me at wrenchbender54@oh.rr.com <<mailto:wrenchbender54@oh.rr.com>>

Orion Astroview EQ Mount. This is the older version, not the newer dovetail type. Dual axis slow motion knobs. The spreader for the legs has had one side repaired. Mount functions perfectly, just too small for my long tube 5 inch refractor. Comes with 10lb counterweight. Would be great for a smaller refractor or short tube scope. Includes accessory tray. \$125. Prices are negotiable, pictures upon request, just contact me at wrenchbender54@oh.rr.com <<mailto:wrenchbender54@oh.rr.com>>.

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 .