

FOR SALE

6 inch **Meade Starfinder** Reflecting Telescope with Equatorial Mount. Package includes instruction manual and:

- 1 - Meade Multicoated 9mm eyepiece
- 1 - " " 12mm "
- 1 - " " 15mm Super Plossl eyepiece
- 1 - " " 25mm eyepiece
- 1 - 2x Telenegative Amplifier (Barlow)
- 1 - Red flashlight

Price \$550.00 (new price)

If you are interested contact John Murray at 519-944-7052 or at jmurray100@cogeco.ca

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Celestron Nexstar 114GT. It is 2 years old and used once. Note this is a Goto computerized telescope and includes a 25mm eyepiece. Asking \$200

Contact Alan King at 519-326-1361 or at jackall2@cogeco.ca

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Identiview 3 inch solar filter by J.M.B. Industries. \$150.00

Contact Ken Rount at 519-738-3479

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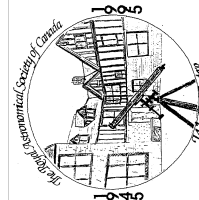
Skywatcher reflector telescope in new condition having had very little use. It is a 150mm diameter tube and mirror and is 650 mm in length. It has 10mm and 25mm objectives with a 2x Barlow, a moon filter and a skylight filter. It is on an aluminum tripod with an equatorial mount and has a red dot finder scope.

Price - \$250.00. If interested, please contact Stuart Kelch at skelch@cogeco.ca

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Celestron Nexstar 8se, used three times, 6 months old. Paid \$1846 Asking \$900!

Phone Isaac 519 324-9766(land), 519-816-8566(cell)



AURORA



Flyer

Next Meeting

Tuesday, April 15th, 2008
7:30 p.m.

Maidstone K of C Hall
10720 County Road 34
(Old Talbot Road)

Speaker: Walter Jin

Topic: T.B.A.
NOTE THE NEW STARTING TIME.

Upcoming Events

Hallam Observatory Open House:

April 12, 2008 8:30 p.m.
May 10, 2008 9:30 p.m.
June 7, 2008 9:30 p.m.

Celestial Events:

Mar 20 Equinox (2am)
Mar 21 Full Moon
Apr 22 Lyrid Meteor Shower
May 04 Eta Aquarids Shower

Centre Events:

April 27th Earth Day
June 14th Centre Picnic

Our new e-home:

<http://www.rascwindsor.com>

Monthly Meeting Minutes for February 19th, 2008 by Dave Panton

Chaired by Dr. Pierre Boulos

Members and visitors were welcomed and minutes from the January meeting read. Steve Mastellotto made the acceptance motion, Randy Groundwater seconded and the motion carried.

Main Presentation:

Tonight was “Movie Night” with hot buttered popcorn by Tina Chichkan and the DVD “Seeing in the Dark” by Timothy Ferris screened as in a movie theatre (less aggravating commercials). A well done documentary, the film gave a wonderful overview of the history of amateur astronomy from its beginnings to the current remarkable state of computer operated remote control telescopes. Contributions by amateurs with the latest equipment can rival or supplement observations made by professionals.

Coffee Break and 50/50 Draw

Tom Sobocan’s coffee and donuts were enjoyed by those who had room after eating bags of Tina’s popcorn. Marilyn Palmer won the 50/50 draw.

Notes by Pierre:

Dr. William Bayliss will speak at the March meeting and will talk about the wonders of quantum phenomenon.

Windsor Centre lacks a National Representative. Pierre explained how important the position is in Windsor Centre and asked if someone would consider filling this opening.

Another very important position, held by Randy Groundwater for over two decades is Public Education Director. The position is open for a willing volunteer.

Reports

Secretary: Dave Panton

All is in order in this area. Dave took a few moments to distribute spectroscopes to members who missed the presentation on spectroscopy at the January meeting. Tina reported she had used hers to educate her children about the differences in spectra of light sources in her home.

Treasurer: Ken Garber

Ken reported the bank balance is \$4859.98. Membership stands at 95 to 97. He has fresh paid up membership cards at his table and also one last planisphere for sale.

Librarian: Rick Marion

Rick was unable to attend the meeting.

Newsletter Editor: Ken Garber

Ken needs articles for his next newsletter.

Public Education:

Pierre has a request for an astronomy presentation to a group of seniors on Seniors Day. Harry Brydon may be able to handle this request.

Public Relations: Tina Chichkan

Tina had no new items to report

Light Pollution Reduction: Dan Taylor

Dan reported on progress in the Big 3 used car lot lighting matter. Randy managed to take damning night shots of their lights glaring into the eyes of southbound motorists on Campbell Avenue. The city building standards people are in the midst of looking at what might be done. “Earth Hour” is coming on arch 29th, the objective being to turn off all non-essential lights for one hour at 8:00 p.m. that evening. He suggested we contact local media regarding the planned event.

National Council: No representative

Steve Mastellotto and Pierre reviewed the concerns of National regarding charitable giving and income tax regulations. Windsor Centre is a registered charitable organization and donations can be made and claimed on income taxes as in the past. Pierre re-emphasized the need for a National Representative from Windsor Centre.

Observatory Director: Peter Bondy

Peter was unable to attend the meeting.

Membership Director: Paul Pratt

Paul had a nil report.

Welcome to new members by Pierre. One new member came to Windsor Centre after receiving a gift membership. Pierre also announced Walter Jin would be giving the main talk in April; his topic will be Amateur Astronomy in China.

Director of Observing for February: Steve Pellarin

Steve gave a well illustrated presentation showing all manner of exotic astronomical sights from space craft and huge Earth bound telescopes. Mercury is the current latest planet to have a visit from a space craft and all manner of new features have been photographed. The “shepherd moons” among Saturn’s rings affect their appearance and distribution of dust and other particles. A small asteroid passed by Earth safely beyond the distance of the Moon’s orbit. Clouds spoiled chances of observing it locally on its closest approach to Earth. We have an eclipse of the Moon pending on February 20th. The timing will be perfect for close observation locally. A small asteroid “Hebe” is close enough to Earth to be binocular visible at magnitude 9 near Ursa Major.

Pierre thanked Steve for his informative observer’s report. He also noted we might think of standing on the Moon looking toward Earth on lunar eclipse night. We would see an “eclipse of the Earth” during totality.

Pierre adjourned the meeting at 10:10 p.m.

David J. Panton

Recording Secretary