

IMPORTANT ASTRONOMY CLUB MEETING

Requesting that as many long term members concerned about the continued stability of the club try to attend.

Monthly Club meeting and business session after meeting

Friday Sept 28 7:00 PM

TCC Metro Campus - Philips Auditorium

Located in Building 2 at the corner of 9th and Cincinnati.

Park in Lot 5 to the north on Boston Ave. [Map](#) [Directions](#)

Friday Oct 12 Club Star Party at observatory

Come celebrate Columbus Day under the Stars

President's Message by Tamara Green

For the month of September, our monthly meeting will be taking a different format from normal.

The first part of the meeting will be a “potpourri night” of people sharing photos and stories of various Astronomy events they have attended. This will give members and guests a chance to learn about the types of events featuring astronomy activities.

The second part of the meeting will be for members only to conduct club business of a sensitive nature that requires a vote of the membership. Despite the fact that the presentation will not involve an invited guest speaker, I have to ask that as many of our members as possible please attend this meeting.

The first portion will be as usual, with members, guests, and the public welcome.

The presentation will be sharing of stories and photos of different Astronomy events, to get everyone excited about upcoming fall events, such as Okie-Tex. Tom McDonough will be presenting images of our summer visit to Adams Ranch. Teresa Kincannon will be talking about some of the many outreach programs we do for groups and schools. Rod Gallagher will talk a bit about some of his outstanding astronomy images he has been doing. Then, there will be a brief intermission to allow the public and guests to go home.

Following the intermission, the **second portion of the meeting will be MEMBERS ONLY.**

Details of the business at hand will be explained during the members-only portion of the meeting. I want to assure you all that the club is still OK, We are still doing just fine, we just have an issue that needs to be resolved by a vote of the membership.

OKIE-TEX TIME IS ALMOST HERE!!!!!! If you have not yet registered, get registered!!!! A whole week of observing, friends, good food, astronomy shopping, great prizes, and fantastic fun under one of the darkest skies around, you just can't beat that!!!! If you

plan to go, make sure that your registration is postmarked by no later than September 22. I do believe that you can also “pay at the door”, however, it is a lot less expensive to pre-register. It will be at Camp Billy Joe, near Kenton, OK from October 6-13. I look forward to seeing you there!

Also, we will be having another **event at Pawhuska with the Tulsa Rocketry Club**. We will be doing a public star party on the evening of **Saturday, October 20th**. These are always a lot of fun, with rocket launches during the day, and stargazing at night in one of the friendliest towns around! Details will be coming soon, so mark your calendars!

Hope to see you in Kenton, OK for Okie-Tex!

Clear Skies,
Tamara

Lands Tidbits – by *John Land* Sept 28, 2007

Note: We will only be taking orders before the meeting so arrive early.



2008 Deep Space Mysteries Wall Calendars from Astronomy magazine are here. Twelve stunning Astronomy photos plus all the major astronomy events for the year. As club members you can get yours for \$ 8.00 each a 38% discount over the cover price. Contact John Land to reserve yours



2008 Royal Canadian Observers Handbooks – will be available this year at \$19.00 each. This excellent observing guide has detailed calendars of observing events throughout the year. Due to the high cost of the handbook these must be **PREPAID** no later than the meeting to have them arrive on time. **MUST HAVE PREPAID ORDERS BY Oct 26th MEETING.** Contact John Land to reserve yours

FIGHT LIGHT POLLUTION - Join the International Dark Sky Association - .We all experience the excesses of Light Pollution. The IDA's goal is to provide information and solutions to decrease the light spilling into our night sky. From now until November 1st, the IDA is offering a one-year membership for just \$20 (a \$10 discount) to anyone who belongs to an astronomy club. That's about what it would cost for the gas to make a few round trips to your club's dark-sky site outside the city. Joining the IDA is easy. You can [do it right now](#) using the online application, or you can download a [membership form](#) to fill out and mail in. Either way, please consider joining. (If you don't belong to an

astronomy club, individual membership is only \$30.) You might not have the opportunity or wherewithal to stand in front of your town or city officials to lobby for better outdoor lighting. But that's what the IDA's staff and representatives do every day.

The OkieTex Star party - Oct 6 to Oct 14 is just around the corner. Several of our members will be making the long trek to the tip of the Oklahoma Panhandle under some of the darkest skies in America. www.okie-tex.com

Welcome Recent New Members: Marvin Nelson, John Robertson