

# The Shoreline Observer



## *Newsletter for the Shoreline Amateur Astronomical Association*

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### **April Meeting**

The April meeting of the Shoreline Amateur Astronomical Association will be held on April 16th, beginning promptly at 7:00 PM in the West Ottawa Middle School Planetarium in Holland, Michigan. The agenda will be as follows:

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| 7:00-7:15 | Refreshments and socializing.          |
| 7:15-7:30 | Announcements, etc..                   |
| 7:30-8:30 | Family Night -- see below for details. |

### **March Board Meeting**

Peter Burkey called the meeting to order at 7:25 PM on March 23rd, 1992.,

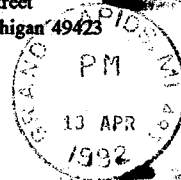
**Treasurer's Report:** \$261.14

Welcome **Steve DeYoung** and **Fran Smith** as SAAA's newest members!

**Star Parties:** On Friday, May 1, a star party is scheduled at Mark's location on 46th St. On Friday, April 24 a star party is scheduled at Bob's location on 62nd St.

**Summer Meetings:** Sandy reported that due to remodeling, the West Ottawa Middle School Planetarium will be closed for the summer.

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Therefore, Pete will check into the possibility of our June and July meetings being held at Vivekananda Monastery in Ganges.

**Family Night:** Thursday April 16th will be SAAA family night. Bring the whole family for an evening of activities geared towards those who could enjoy an "entry level" program. Videos, slides, and a planetarium sky tour are on tap. Don't forget the "pot luck" refreshments for this special meeting. Sign-up sheets for Astronomy Day volunteering at the Westshore Mall will be available also.

Respectfully submitted by Mark Logsdon, Secretary/Treasurer.

## April/May Occultations

About 2:00 am local time on April 21st, the moon will occult  $\theta$  Oph (magnitude 3.4). The following month, about 5:00 am local time on May 20th the moon will occult  $\nu^1$  Sgr (magnitude 5.0). So, if you can drag yourself out of bed and the sky is clear, these could be good chances to see a moderately bright star disappear behind the moon's dark limb. We will point out these stars during the April planetarium show for the benefit of those without star charts, etc.

## The 22nd Annual Apollo Rendezvous and Telescope Fair

Apollo Rendezvous and Telescope Fair, on June 12th and 13th, hosted by the Miami Valley Astronomical Society and the Dayton Museum of Natural History, initiates the summer season of gatherings for amateur and professional astronomers of the midwest. This year's convention will be held entirely within the newly remodeled Dayton Museum of Natural History, featuring the DIGISTAR planetarium, the only one in Ohio.

On Friday is registration, an informal slide presentation, as well as a planetarium show. Star gazing will follow on the museum grounds. On Saturday, displays will be set up featuring commercial and amateur astronomical software, a telescope fair and flea market (good place to get a scope!), as well as numerous talks. Featured speakers include Australian astronomer Rev. Robert O. Evans of supernova fame, and Deborah Byrd, formerly of *Star Date* and now producer of *Earth and Sky*. Saturday evening will host a star party at the John Bryan State Park Observatory.

For more information, contact Bob Wade.