

Newsletter of the Baton Rouge Astronomical Society

NOVEMBER 2010

The Next Meeting of the Baton Rouge Astronomical Society will be November 8, 2010 at 7 PM. We will be meeting at the Highland Road Observatory. The meeting starts at 7 PM.

Vice President's Message and Program Notes

Hey Everyone!

I hope you were able to enjoy the string of cool, clear evenings we had last month. Hopefully we'll have a lot more to come. Last month's meeting looked like it was almost going to be a bust as far as the planned observing went, but fortunately it cleared up just enough to get some scopes out on the pad. It was fun to socialize and do some actual observing. We have so many nice scopes out at the HRPO now, it's getting difficult to choose which ones to bring out!

This month's meeting is going to focus on accounts of the Deep South Regional Stargaze, which is happening November 3rd-7th. I just received the updated registered persons list, and so far BRAS has at least 8 members that plan on attending. We should have some great reviews and pictures...astro and otherwise. We will also be fielding nominations for the officer positions to be voted on at our December meeting. Please come join us! The meeting is Monday, November 8th at 7:00PM at the HRPO. And if you are one of the members attending the DSRSG, bring a story and some pictures! As always, feel free to tell a friend or neighbor about the meeting. We aren't a secret organization as far as I know...

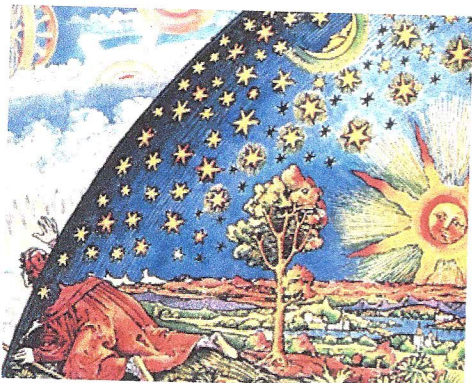
One other reminder...The monthly meeting for December is being moved to the FIRST Monday of the month. That will be December 6th. We are doing this due to the fact that the HRPO will be open to the public for the Geminid Meteor shower on the night of our normally scheduled meeting day. Since we have our potluck dinner during the December meeting, we are moving it so we don't have to cut it short to clean up before the general public begins to arrive. I'm sure this will be just one of several reminders for this!

Thanks and hope to see y'all at the meeting (and at the DSRSG if you're going!)

Ben Toman BRAS VP

The Search Goes On

Election of Officers for 2011



Election of officers is coming up at the December 7 meeting. Nominations will be taken at the November 8 meeting.

A short listing of duties of each office for the *Baton Rouge Astronomical Society* is as follows:

President - Presides over all meetings of the Society. Sets the agenda for each meeting. Sees that communications to the general membership is carried out. Oversees general operations and activities of the Society. Each president, upon retiring from office, assumes chairmanship of the executive board, with

power to call meeting of this board.

Vice-president - The vice-president shall preside at all meetings in the absence of the president. The primary duty of this office shall be to arrange the program for each regular monthly meetings.

Secretary - The secretary's primary duties is to keep brief minutes of all society meetings, maintain correspondence external to the Society, and oversee Society publications as concern Society members.

Treasurer - The duties of the treasurer is to receive and disburse all Society funds and maintain permanent records of all such transactions. Keep a record of members in good standing and give notice to pending Society annual dues owed.

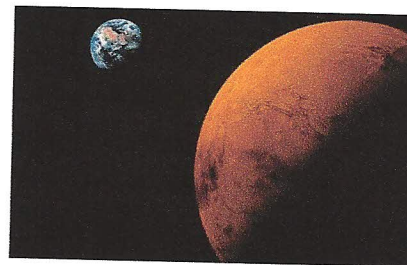
Any member wishing to serve as a officer for next year may enter his or her name onto the ballot at the November 8 meeting.

Send your name to Mars

Go to the website below and fill in your information and your name will be included with others on a microchip on the Mars Science Laboratory rover heading to Mars in 2011!

<http://marsparticipate.jpl.nasa.gov/msl/participate/sendyourname/>

See how well your state it doing!



Folks,

It was just pointed out to me that Louisiana is showing only 4131 names going to MARS as opposed to Texas with 27,034 and Florida with 24,769. Even Alabama is doing better than us with 5911 names registered. (Now that is a real insult!) Encourage your students to go to the Mars Science Laboratory website and signup to send their name on to MARS along with learning a bit about MSL (as well as poking our collective thumb in Nick Sabin's eye!).

Cheers,
Greg

