



Newsletter of the Baton Rouge Astronomical Society

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The Next Meeting of the Baton Rouge Astronomical Society will be October 11, 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,

We had a great meeting last month and thanks again to Charles Genovese for stepping in to give a presentation at the last minute. It is amazing how far amateur astronomy has come in such a short time. (Especially for those with dedication and a fearless penchant for taking things apart like Charles!)

This month's meeting will not feature a guest speaker. Following up on the idea of some "activity" driven meetings, we are once again going to try to get ourselves outside to see some of the things we like to talk and learn about! The sky is looking quite nice these days with the weather cooling off. We are going to compile a checklist of objects to view and get several telescopes set up to use. If you don't get to do as much viewing as you would like, this is a great time to come out. This will also be a great opportunity for anyone that may not own their own telescope or those that are inexperienced at finding celestial objects to get some tips from others that may. This is weather permitting, of course, and in the event of clouds or rain, we will have a back-up presentation inside.

Our club is growing, and so is the interest in astronomy and science in our community. This can be seen at outreach events like the one in September at the Cortana Mall and in the consistent number of visitors to the HRPO on Friday and Saturday nights. We have a lot of ideas on the table including future outreach, scholarship awards, defending our dark skies and even taking part in contributing observing data to scientific institutions. Whether you know a lot about astronomy, or a little, we would love to get your input, concerns and ideas on what we are doing so please join us at the meeting this month and hope for clear skies!

Ben Toman,
BRAS Vice President

