

Evansville Astronomical Society

Greetings ! Welcome to the Evansville Astronomical Society. We are a small, family-like group of sky enthusiasts, willing to both learn of and teach others about astronomy as we share our knowledge, experiences, and questions about the Universe around us. We use the naked eye, binoculars, and telescopes for viewing, while some members employ cameras for capturing incredible images. We will do our best to answer questions you might have, and to assist you in getting the most from your interest in astronomy.

Public Star Watches are held about once a month from March - October. The public is invited to the observatory for a program and telescope viewing. Members are encouraged to help out. Public Star Watches are usually scheduled for Friday or Saturday nights beginning about 7 or 8 pm depending on when it gets dark.

Public Programs occur all year and are scheduled on an individual basis (Scouts, school classes, etc.). Usually an Astronomy program is presented followed by observing. Members are encouraged to help out. These programs will take place at the Observatory and offsite.

The **Wahnsiedler Observatory** is located in Lynnville Park about 20 miles northeast of Evansville. Built in 1980, it contains a lecture hall, computer room, lounge, and dome. Two reflector type telescopes are housed in the dome on a clock-driven, equatorial mount: a 14" Celestron Schmitt-Cassegrain, and a 12.5" Cave Newtonian. In addition, a pair of portable Dobsonian telescopes (12" and 16") are accessible for viewing on the club's grounds. The club also has a solar telescope which is composed of a Coronado 40 mm refractor with H-alpha filter, and a small portable tracking mount.

General Membership Meetings are held the third Friday of each month at the observatory except one month in the summer when we hold the annual picnic. Meetings start at 7:30 pm. The meetings begin with club business, stop for a short break, and end after an Astronomy related program. Then, weather permitting, members and guests retire for an evening of observing.

Member Observing Sessions are held at various times, for E.A.S. members and guests. Members get together for viewing through telescopes they might bring or via the club's scopes. This is the best opportunity for new members to learn how to operate the dome telescopes and ask questions of other members. This event is usually held on a Friday or Saturday night closest to a new moon. You can use the observatory any time once you have learned how to operate the dome telescopes.

Special Events such as solar eclipses, bright comets, mall shows, and Astronomy Day activities are all things where members are asked to help out. Also included are field trips to various locations, as well as national Astronomy Conventions.

The club has a **Library** located in the computer room. It contains books and video tapes. All members are allowed to borrow media free of charge. There is a sign out sheet located on the clipboard . Books and tapes can be kept for several months.

Officers and Key Contacts for 2013:

President - Scott Conner 812.604.7164
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Vice President - Tony Bryan

Secretary - Charleen Kaelin 812.303.1711

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For more information about EAS, to obtain an application for membership, or directions to the Observatory in the Lynnville Park, visit the club's web page.

<http://www.evansvilleastro.org>

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Schedule 2013

Regular Meeting	Friday , Jan 18	7:30 pm
Regular Meeting	Friday, Feb 15	7:30 pm
Astronomy Night	Friday, Mar 1	@ Delaware School -- dusk
PSW	Saturday Mar 9	TBD observe comet C/2011 L4 (PANSTARRS)
Regular Meeting	Friday, Mar 15	7:30 pm
<i>Mid South Star Gaze</i>	<i>April 10-13</i>	<i>French Camp, MS</i>
Regular Meeting	Friday, Apr 19	7:30 pm
Astronomy Day	Saturday, Apr 20	@ Museum 11 am – 4 pm @ Museum for observing in evening
Dome Repair Day	Saturday, April 27	9:30 am (painting, cleaning carpet in lounge)
<i>Texas Star Party</i>	<i>May 5-12</i>	<i>Ft. Davis, TX</i>
Regular Meeting	Friday, May 17	7:30 pm
PSW	Saturday, May 18	8:15 pm
EAS Picnic	Saturday, Jun 8	eat at 6:00 pm with member observing to follow
PSW	Saturday, Jun 8	8:30 pm
Patoka Lake (22nd)	Saturday, Jul 13	6:00 pm Patoka Lake
Regular Meeting	Friday, Jul 19	7:30 pm
<i>Nebraska Star Party (20th)</i>	<i>Aug 4-9</i>	<i>Merritt Reservoir's Snake Campground (near Valentine, NE)</i>
PSW	Saturday, Aug 10	8:00 pm
Regular Meeting	Friday, Aug 16	7:30 pm
PSW	Saturday, Sep 7	7:30 pm
Ferdinand Folk Festival	Saturday, Sep 21	11 am - 6 pm (local time)
Regular Meeting	Friday, Sep 20	7:30 pm
<i>Okie-TEX (30th)</i>	<i>Sep 28 - Oct 6</i>	<i>Camp Billy Joe (near Kenton, OK)</i>
<i>Twin Lakes (24th)</i>	<i>Oct ???</i>	<i>Pennyrile State Forest (near Dawson Springs, KY)</i>
Fall/winter Cleanup	Saturday, Oct 12	3:00 pm with member observing to follow
PSW	Saturday, Oct 12	7:30 pm
Regular Meeting	Friday, Oct 18	7:30 pm (nominations for Officers)
Regular Meeting	Friday, Nov 15	7:30 pm (election of Officers)
Comet watch	Saturday, Nov 30 (tentative)	5 pm ?? observe comet C/2012 S1 (ISON)
Regular Meeting	Friday, Dec 20	7:30 pm (Scott Conner - Quiz Master)

Daylight savings Time Begins **Sunday, Mar 10** **2:00 am**
Daylight Savings Time Ends **Sunday, Nov 3** **2:00 am**

Events in Red are at the Observatory.

Events in Black are not at the observatory

Events In Green are not EAS Events