

Astrofiles

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Events Calendar

We'll hold our January meeting on **Friday, January 7**, at **7:45PM**, [in room 215 of Davis Hall, the Aerospace Engineering Building](#). Riders from the Montgomery area are welcome to meet at the [home](#) of Russell Whigham, [518 Seminole Dr.](#), and carpool over to Auburn. Plan to be ready to leave for Auburn at 6:45PM.

January 7, Monthly meeting **7:45PM**, [in room 215](#) of [Davis Hall](#).
January 29, Star Party at [Cliff Hill's farm](#)

Dues

AAS memberships (\$20.00/\$10.00 for full-time students) are due in January. Make checks payable to "Auburn Astronomical Society". If you're unable to attend our January meeting, mail your dues to:

Auburn Astronomical Society
c/o John B. Zachry
501 Summerfield Road
West Point, GA 31833

Your dues allow us to purchase DVDs for programs, continue our affiliation with the Astronomical League, and to buy, upgrade, and maintain our loaner scope program and tape/DVD library.

We've never made a big deal about membership and encourage "AAS friends" to attend and participate in meetings, star parties, and public events. But, there are a few benefits restricted to members:

- Discounts on purchases from [Oceanside Photo & Telescope](#)
- Discounts on subscriptions for [Astronomy](#) and [Sky & Telescope](#) magazines
- Access to the society's extensive [video tape, book, and DVD library](#)
- Access to the society's [Loaner Scopes](#)
- Because the Auburn Astronomical Society is affiliated with the [Astronomical](#)

League members are entitled to enjoy all of the benefits afforded to League members, including observing programs and quarterly issues of *The Reflector*.

If this will be your first time to join, please print out the Membership Application form, and include it with your check. We need your address to ensure that you'll receive your *Reflector*.

Special thanks to those members who do not attend on a regular basis but still want to help us out by paying AAS. membership dues.

News

From Steve Bentley, GSV coordinator: Georgia Sky View 2011 has been cancelled.

Each year, FRAC's Board of Directors decides whether or not to hold the event. But with our nation in dire economic turmoil and no foreseeable turnaround in sight, the Board was forced to cancel next year's event because GSV 2010 attracted just 35 paying registrants and barely broke even, expense-wise. The event was successful in every other respect. Our club is small and our annual dues are low, so GSV must pay for itself. The club simply cannot afford to risk taking a loss on the event.

For Sale

William Baugh's **18-inch StarMaster** up for sale. Contact William at: baughwl@bellsouth.net

Web Links

Pictures of the year 2010: space - Hubble, Chandra and Spitzer telescope images
<http://refreshingnews9.blogspot.com/2010/12/pictures-of-year-2010-space-hubble.html>

Incredible **Pics from ISS** by NASA astronaut Wheelock:

<<http://triggerpit.com/2010/11/22/incredible-pics-nasa-astronaut-wheelock/>>

<<http://triggerpit.com/2010/12/23/more-iss-photos-from-space-poet-nasa-astronaut-wheelock/>>

The **Night Skies stencils** can create accurate displays of the sky at night in most any darkened room with the luminous paint that is included. They are produced in two sizes featuring either the winter or summer night time displays over the Northern Hemisphere. A corresponding star map is also included. More information about the Night Skies is available at www.ursamajorstencils.com. The 8 foot Night Skies are priced at \$25.00 and the 12 foot at \$30.00 each.

Hope to see everyone at the meeting,

Russell