

# Astrofiles

## Auburn Astronomical Society E-Newsletter June, 2011

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### Events Calendar

We'll hold our June meeting on **Friday, June 3**, 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.

Our dark-sky star party this month will be on **Saturday, June 4**

June 01, New Moon  
June 03, AAS monthly meeting  
June 04, Dark Sky star party, at [Cliff Hill's farm](#).  
June 08, First quarter Moon  
June 15, Full Moon  
June 21, Summer Solstice  
June 23, Third quarter Moon

### Web Links

From John Wingard:

**Panorama Of The Night Sky:** You may have already seen the link to the sky panorama below, but it is amazing. Some of the other members may be interested as well. This stunning 360 degree panorama of the night sky was stitched together from 37,000 images by a first-timer astrophotographer.

<<http://feeds.wired.com/~r/wired/index/~3/zfQSWSOoTy4/>>

From John Zachry:

**New E-Mail Address:** I now have High Speed Internet service from Knology. My new e-mail address is jbzachry (at) knology (dot) net.

#### **Your Online Guide To Light Pollution**

I wanted to share a resource with you that I've been using: "[Your Online Guide To Light Pollution](#)" - < > - which I thought would make for a good addition to your page because it has a wealth of information and resources on the different facets of light pollution.

Mary Jenkins <mary@monumentcharterschool.org>

## **Binocular Review Site**

From: Erica <erica@allbestbinoculars.com>

My name is Erica and I wrote the web's most comprehensive binocular review site, [www.allbestbinoculars.com](http://www.allbestbinoculars.com). As an Astronomy club, I figured some of your group members and website visitors might find an unbiased, consumer driven website like mine useful if they were ever shopping for a pair of astronomy binoculars.

Really, there's no other website out there that goes to such great lengths to help people determine the best binoculars to meet their needs and I'm very proud of my accomplishment. Although a few brands are still missing, I'm sure my passion, dedication, and the overall usefulness of the site shines through.

If you think that visitors to The Auburn Astronomical Society's website would find this to be a valuable resource, I'd greatly appreciate it if you could add a link to your resources section so that more people can use this site as I intended it to be used: as an unbiased resource for detailed binocular reviews--the only one out there on the Web with such great detail.

Here's a direct link to all the astronomy binoculars I've reviewed:  
<<http://www.allbestbinoculars.com/category/astronomy-binoculars/>>  
Erica

## **New Members**

Please join me in welcoming our newest members, **Matthew Warren** from Pike Road, and **Michael Moussalli** of Montgomery, winner of this year's free AAS membership Astronomy Day door-prize.

## **Astronomy Day 2011**

We had beautiful weather and a great turn-out for this year's [Astronomy Day](#). See <[http://www.auburnastro.org/aday\\_11.htm](http://www.auburnastro.org/aday_11.htm)> for a review and photos. It was good to see so many of our group who find it difficult to attending our meetings, and we hope to see more of you next year. Thanks to all who contributed their time and telescopes and special thanks, as always, to **Rick Evans** for the use of the wonderful facility, for securing all of the presenters, the publicity, and his hospitality.

Hope to see everyone at the meeting,

Russell