

June 2011



Charlotte Amateur Astronomers Club  
<http://www.charlotteastromers.org>

**Next Meeting: Friday June 17, 2011**  
**Time: 7:00 PM**  
**Place: Masonic Temple**  
**Address: 500 N. Sharon Amity Rd.**

The Presentation for the June meeting will be:

### **Astronomical Websites...CAAC Favorites**

Moderated by Jim Gaiser

The June meeting focus will be on Astronomical Web Sites. So fire up your browsers and send your favorite URL to Jim Gaiser at [jgaiser@carolina.rr.com](mailto:jgaiser@carolina.rr.com). A complete list of all submissions will be printed and available at the meeting.

**COME EAT WITH US:** Several members will gather at the International House of Pancakes at Cotswold Friday evening, June 17, at 5:30 PM before the meeting. We would love to have you come and join us.

**Visitors at the May Meeting:** William Bunting, John Bowers, Emma-Katherine Bowers, Jeff Bassett

**New Members since the May meeting:** William Bunting, Leslie Ann Keller

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## FROM THE OBSERVATORY DIRECTOR

The club has several loaner telescopes for use by members. Contact the Observatory Director, Ken Steiner for details on the telescopes and how to check out one of them.

### CAAC Upcoming Monthly Star Parties:

Saturday July 2, 2011  
Saturday Aug 27, 2011

These star parties are held at the club's **Gayle H. Riggsbee Observatory** in Taxahaw, SC, weather permitting. Contact the Observatory Director, Ken Steiner, for directions to the observatory. All members and their guests are welcome.

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### CAAC Yahoo Group

Consider signing on to the Charlotte Astronomers Yahoo Group site:

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/charlotteastronomers>

This site is used to share information about local astronomical activities, star parties, informal gatherings, and general information related to club activities among members. The group is open to all CAAC members.

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## FROM THE SECRETARY

Newsletter questions or announcements? Please contact [Skip Copp](#) either by email or at (704) 568-3732 about newsletter-related matters. If your email address changes, please notify Skip.

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## FROM THE TREASURER

### Financial Status from April, May 2011 Bank Statements:

Balance as of June 12, 2011	\$46,953.38
May Receipts	\$ 1,153.13
May Expenditures	\$ 953.35

### CAAC Annual Dues and Fees

**\$35.00** - Family or Individual membership. Dues are pro-rated for new members joining in the middle of the year. Membership renewals are due each year on October 1<sup>st</sup>.

**\$6.00** - Students up to 18 years of age.

**\$10.00** - Observatory Fee. Payment of this fee allows the member unlimited access to and use of the club's observatory facilities and equipment after being checked out by the Observatory Director.

**\$25.00** - Observatory Pad Fee. This fee is assessed to members that have a private observing pad or observatory on the club's property. Any member wanting to build a private pad or observatory should contact the Observatory Director.

### Sky & Telescope and Astronomy Magazine Subscriptions

Discounted magazine subscriptions can be obtained through the club for the following price:

Sky & Telescope: \$32.95 per year

Astronomy: \$34.00 per year or \$60.00 for two years

Please make checks payable to CAAC and give them to Jim Gaiser, Treasurer, at a monthly meeting or mail to:

Jim Gaiser  
2164 Vardall Court  
Charlotte, NC 28226

Club members are now able to renew their own subscriptions to S&T magazine via mail or phone. Members may mail in the renewal notices with payment or renew via phone using a credit card. Indicate on the renewal notice that you are a member of the Charlotte Amateur Astronomers Club. This is only for renewals! The club treasurer must still process new subscriptions and must annually validate a subscriber's membership in the CAAC. This revised process only applies to S&T magazine. The club rate for S&T subscriptions is still \$32.95 per year. Subscriptions to Astronomy Magazine, both new and renewals, must still go through the club treasurer to obtain the discounted club rate.

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## FOR SALE ITEMS

Bring your items for sale to regular club meetings and display them if you wish. To include sale items in the newsletter, please contact Skip Copp at [gcopp@carolina.rr.com](mailto:gcopp@carolina.rr.com) or call (704) 568-3732 no later than the second Friday of each month. Ads will run for three months or until the item(s) is sold and may be renewed as desired.

## CLUB CONTACTS

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