

STAR GAZETTE BUSINESS BITS — MAY 2017

Membership!

If you haven't renewed your membership yet, please do it soon! Our year runs from April through March. The sign-up form is available here: <http://www.skokievalleyastronomers.org/sva-signup-2017.pdf>
Print it, fill it out, bring it (and your check) to the meeting – or mail it to Andy K.

IMPORTANT WARNING ABOUT ECLIPSE GLASSES

NASA says:

To date four manufacturers have certified that their eclipse glasses and handheld solar viewers meet the ISO 12312-2 international standard for such products: Rainbow Symphony, American Paper Optics, Thousand Oaks Optical, and TSE 17.

If you purchased glasses from any other source, they may not be trustworthy! Follow up to make sure they were manufactured by one of those four trusted organizations. (I just returned a batch of 100!)

Eclipse Booklets

There are a few left – only \$6 apiece.

Coming Events

5 May, 8 PM: “Mapping Dark Matter” by Dr. Priya Natarajan; Fermilab, \$7

<http://events.fnal.gov/arts-lecture-series/events/event/topic-mapping-dark-matter/>

19 May, 8 PM: “We Have No Idea: A Guide to the Unknown Universe” by J. Cham & D. Whiteson; Fermilab, \$7

<http://events.fnal.gov/arts-lecture-series/events/event/we-have-no-idea-a-guide-to-the-unknown-universe/>

19-21 May: Michiana Star Party – Lawless Park near Vandalia <http://www.michiana-astro.org/index.php/msp9/>

21-28 May: Texas Star Party – near Ft. Davis; dark sky, limited space <http://texasstarparty.org/get-started/>

16-19 Aug: ASTROCON – Casper, Wyoming <https://astrocon2017.astroleague.org/>

21 Aug: Total Solar Eclipse – Coast to coast! <http://www.greatamericaneclipse.com/>

21-23 Sep: “Illinois Dark Skies Star Party” Jim Edgar Panther Creek State Fish & Wildlife Area
<http://www.sas-sky.org/>

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