

STAR GAZETTE BUSINESS BITS — JANUARY 2018

Astronomical League Gatherings

As a member of Skokie Valley Astronomers, you are automatically a member of the Astronomical League. Both the national and regional conventions are in the Midwest this year. Check out NCRAL and ALCON under “Coming Events” below. They also sent this video:

https://drive.google.com/open?id=1KOS7_hlgw2_ISr1qGfTCXkdNBjYJuaqr

Bring Your Scopes & Binocs

Yes, January is bound to be COLD! But if it's even partly clear, please consider bringing your gear (and your warmest woolly hat). Visitors always expect to see scopes. And we're bound to have visitors, because:

We Were in the Newspaper!

The Lake County News-Sun interviewed Terry and ran a nice article on Dec 27:

<http://www.chicagotribune.com/suburbs/lake-county-news-sun/lifestyles/ct-lns-skokie-astronomers-st-0105-20171227-story.html>

...and other publicity...

Mike Stoltz has taken on the Marketing aspect of our club, and is doing a bang-up job. We're already in the Daily Herald, on the Lake County Forest Preserve website, in Meetup, and more to come. Thanks, Mike!

New Membership Form

Your 2017 membership is good through March of 2018. When you're ready to renew, please use the new 2018 membership form, available on our website.

Coming Events – 2018

Apr 21: **Astronomy Day**

May 4-5: **NCRAL 2018**, Door County WI <https://www.doorastronomy.org/ncral-2018>

July 11-14: **ALCON 2018**, Minneapolis/St.Paul MN <https://alcon2018.astroleague.org/>

Oct 4-6: **Illinois Dark Skies Star Party** <http://sas-sky.org/2017/09/24/illinois-dark-skies-star-party-2018/>

Oct 6-14: **Okie-Tex Star Party** <http://www.okie-tex.com/>

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