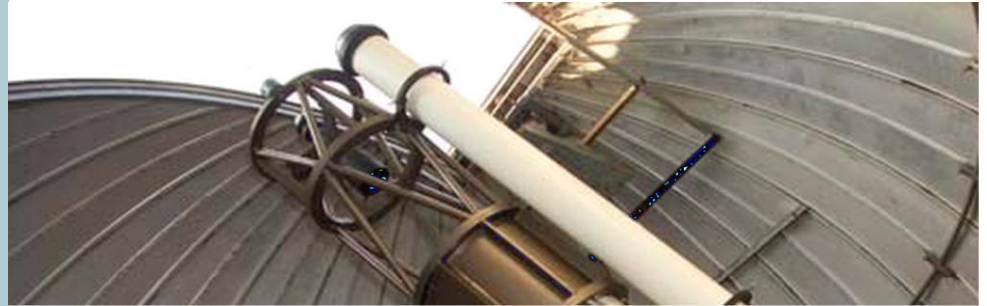




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Spring 2016



Racine Astronomical Society

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Mark Your Calendars!

The 2016 schedule of events has been released. We'll open the observatory with a Work Party on April 2nd and kick off the observing season the Star Party on April 16th.

The full event schedule is on the next page and on the website. Invite your friends & family to our public events via our facebook page.

Splitting Up Spring Astronomy Day & Solar Observing



In previous years we have had both solar observing and night observing on Spring Astronomy Day. This made for a very long day for our volunteers and often the public attendance was split between the two events.

This year, we have solar observing on a separate day, April 30th, with only night observing on Spring Astronomy Day.

Looking to help? Even if you don't have solar filters for your telescope, we'll have demonstrations that are easy to learn and perform. These quick demos can help entertain and educate folks while waiting in line.

WE'RE ON FACEBOOK!



Be sure to like and share our facebook posts and events. The more likes and shares they receive, the more exposure the posts and events receive.

[Facebook.com/RacineAstro](https://www.facebook.com/RacineAstro)

Have something interesting you'd like to share? We're always looking for great things to post on our page and in our newsletter:

- Astro Photography
- Club Event Pictures
- Interesting Information

Work Party on April 9th

It's time to clear out those cobwebs and dust off the scopes. There are a bunch of little things we need to take care of ahead of opening the Modine-Benstead Observatory for the viewing season.

The more volunteers we have the faster it will go and lunch will be provided for those that come out to help.

Don't forget to dress for the weather and you might also find work gloves useful.

Annual Picnic in August

This past picnic was a bit chilly, so we moved the picnic up into August to take advantage of the warmer days.

The picnic will be on August 20th from 4-7pm with Member's Night to follow.

From the Editor

Have comments, ideas or submissions for the newsletter or facebook? Send an email to Leigh at racineastrosoc@gmail.com

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2016 Events

April

2nd Work Party 9am

16th General Meeting 7:30pm
Spring Star Party 8pm

30th Solar Observing 1-4pm

May

14th Spring Astronomy Day
Night Only 8-11pm

28th Member's Night 8-11pm

June

10th Public Night 8:30-11pm

25th Member's Night 8:00-11pm

July

8th Public Night 8:30-11pm

30th General Meeting 7:30pm
Star Party 8pm

August

12th Public Night 8-11pm

20th Club Picnic 4-7pm
Member's Night 8-11pm

27th Member's Night 8-11

September

9th Public Night 8:00-11pm

24th Member's Night 8:00-11pm

October

8th Fall Astronomy Day 7-10pm

29th General Meeting 7:30pm
Fall Star Party 8pm

November & December

Nov 5th Work Party 9am

Dec 10th Christmas Party 7:30pm