





### Star Party Corner---Keith Mullen, Star Party Coordinator

Wow, did July come roaring back or what, with no observing happening in June what could we expect from a Monsoon soaked July? For starters we had our largest turnout for The Full Moon Telescope Workshop on the 8th; 31 members dropped by RGO for the controller upgrade class and several stayed late into the night and observed with almost a full moon. As New Moon approached we had a string of 4 outstanding evenings leading up to our Members Star Party at Gary Myers Desert Coyote Observatory, the second of Gary's three for the year. After scanning the heavens with Gary's 30" and 12.5" until after midnight, we decided that Gary had finally been graced with a "Successful event", now let's see what he can conjure up on September 23<sup>rd</sup> when we all come back out for another Members Star Party at DCO. Let's thank both Barry Nelson and Bob Kepple for setting up their fine scopes at Gary's also. The July 29<sup>th</sup> Public/Members Star Party at JBO was clouded out so we will have to wait until later next month the catch some views through Big blue. With the spectacular New Mexico rocket test firing early in the month, the week of observing we had around New Moon and the participation at all the scheduled events; July 2006 will be a contender for the one of the most active July's ever.

#### August Star Party Schedule

##### Saturday, August 12<sup>th</sup>:

Full Moon Telescope Workshop will take us on a "Road Trip" to visit Dean Koenig at his new Starizona location in Tucson. Dean has promised us some special treatment while we have run of the store from 7 pm until closing. The plan is to carpool down, so, if you can be one of the drivers, and we need several larger Cars or Vans, contact Keith to volunteer At 366-0049, I'll keep everyone posted via the HAC group as to our progress. This will be a fun trip as there are members who anticipate bringing home their FIRST new Scope that evening, so let's go and give some moral support and maybe pick up that sought after eyepiece, accessory, book or poster you've had your eye on!

##### Friday, August 18<sup>th</sup>:

Public/Members Star Party at JBO-as always, let's bring out some scopes, new and old. Dave can't handle the public and members by himself, let's keep up this participation.

##### Friday, August 25<sup>th</sup>:

Hans and Joanne again will open his Observatory (Alkira) AKO, and her kitchen for their second Members Star Party of the season, so there promises to be good views and great snacks at this Mid Summer event, last time here in February we had about a dozen scopes show up, I want to see no less this time around, especially those new scopes bought on the road trip to Starizona!

**August Notes From The HAC President:** Since there were no newsletter contributions from any HAC member other than our star party guy, including our Chief Observers and our Astronomical League Correspondent, you'll have to make do with the copy of the Evening Sky Map enclosed, which is a great asset for use with or without a telescope. Be fore-warned that, starting in September, there will be no further newsletters mailed out to members unless the 60+ members of HAC (which includes YOU), including the Officers and Board of Directors decide that this newsletter is a worthwhile forum to contribute to and support. Currently, it appears that no one does other than myself and the Star Party Coordinator. Every member, whether novice or veteran, should be able to come up with an astronomy related tidbit, item or article. It can be long or short, just submit it! The deadline for the September issue is Monday, August 28. In other news.....August is the last month for donations to raise funds for Muscular Dystrophy and our T4T (Telescopes For Telethon). Please bring donations (cash or check made out to MDA) to the August meeting. Thanks! Hey, HighPoint Scientific ([www.highpointscientific.com](http://www.highpointscientific.com)) is offering HAC some great incentives and there will be advantage cards handed out to all members who attend the August meeting. HPS carries product lines from many major manufacturers of astronomy equipment. Lastly, get to the monthly meetings, attend our clear sky events, and support the newsletter! The August meeting POP QUIZ deals with the Messier Catalog; better brush up!

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