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- QUESTION: If I can't find 'Star Gazer' on my hometown PBS station, how can I see it where I live?**
ANSWER: 'Star Gazer' is now available for download over the internet onto your computer at home in RealPlayer format. Go to www.jackstargazer.com and follow the links to download either the one minute Star Gazer or the five minute Star Gazer.
- QUESTION: Is it necessary to get special permission to use 'Star Gazer' for astronomy club meetings, teaching in the classroom, science museum or planetarium use?**
ANSWER: No. In fact, many astronomy clubs, teachers, science museums and planetariums have been taping 'Star Gazer' off the air and using it regularly as a way to reach their public.
- QUESTION: Is there any way I can get 'Star Gazer' other than my local PBS station?**
ANSWER: Yes. A month's worth of 'Star Gazer' episodes are fed monthly to a satellite from which all PBS stations take it for their local programming. ~~Anyone~~ with digital satellite receiving capability is welcome to the satellite feed. Again, no permission is required. For satellite feed dates and times call 9-5 Monday thru Friday (Eastern time) 305-646-4400. Ask for Mr. Dishong.
- QUESTION: Why does 'Star Gazer' always say "Keep Looking Up!" at the end of each show?**
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Astronomical League Council Names National Observing Award Coordinators

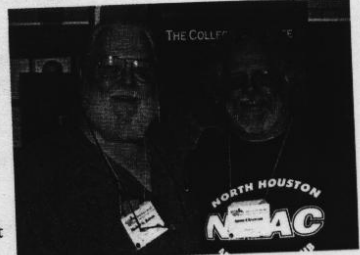
A resolution by the Council in session at ALConExpo 2006 in Arlington, Texas, created a new position which will administratively oversee the League's nearly 30 observing awards.

Aaron Clevenson of the North Houston Astronomy Club in Texas and Mike Benson from the Barnard-Seyfert Astronomical Society in Nashville, Tennessee, were named co-coordinators.

Recent years have seen a proliferation of new observing awards and it was felt that some standardization of administrative aspects of the programs was in order. In addition, an authority to assist those interested in creating new programs would relieve League officers to perform their growing responsibilities in other areas. National coordinators' other duties will include: responding to general questions about the observing awards; facilitating the opening of communications among the various coordinators of individual awards; connecting League members with those who administer

specific programs; responding to critiques of programs or program procedures by members; assisting members who are interested in starting a new observing program.

Benson and Clevenson bring considerable experience to the task. Between them they administer about a third of the current observing programs; they have a broad range of observational experience as well. Feel free to contact either of them with any questions or comments. Both coordinators will



Mike Benson, left, and Aaron Clevenson

consider any question or issue put to either of them.

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J. Kelly Beatty Wins Astronomical League Award

The 2006 Astronomical League Award was given to J. Kelly Beatty, Executive Editor of *Sky & Telescope* magazine, and editor of *Night Sky* magazine. The award was presented at the annual AL convention at the University of Texas, Arlington, on August 5.

Kelly joined the staff of Sky Publishing in 1974. *Sky & Telescope* magazine has been a strong supporter of the Astronomical League since its inception, and the first bylaws of the AL were published in the November 1941 issue. Kelly has been instrumental in the success of the Astronomy Day awards, administered jointly between *Sky & Telescope* and the Astronomical League.

Specializing in planetary science and space exploration, Kelly writes many of the feature articles and news items found in *Sky & Telescope* and on this web site. He also conceived and edited *The New Solar System*, which is now in its fourth edition and considered a standard reference among planetary scientists. In 2005, he received the Harold Masursky Award for meritorious service by the Division for Planetary Sciences (DPS) of the American Astronomical Society.

Kelly enjoys writing for a wide spectrum of audiences, from children to professional astronomers, and his work has appeared in numerous other magazines, newspapers, and encyclopedias. You'll occasionally hear his guest commentaries for National Public Radio's "Morning Edition," and he enjoys speaking to audiences of all ages and interest levels about his passion for astronomy. He observes when he can through one of his eight telescopes, and he is active nationally in the fight against light pollution.

Kelly hails from Madera, California, and he holds a Bachelor's degree in geology from the California Institute of Technology and a Master's degree in science journalism from Boston University. During the 1980s, he was among the first Western journalists to gain firsthand access to the Soviet space program. Asteroid 2925 Beatty was named on the occasion of his marriage in 1983.

