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What's Up With the Astronomical League March 2013

Survey Regarding Possible Combination ALCon 2017/ Total Solar Eclipse

As many of you probably already know, several areas of the United States are on the center line for the late August 2017 total solar eclipse, including the state of Kentucky, the Kansas City area in Missouri, Casper Wyoming, etc.

Lowell Lyon, with the Salt Lake Astronomical Society, has successfully chaired or co-chaired two previous ALCons and has volunteered to lead the effort to hold a joint ALCon/Total Solar Eclipse viewing event in Casper, Wyoming, located on the center line of the eclipse. There are just a few seconds less of totality in Casper than in points further east. One of the major benefits of the Casper area is a better probability of cloudless skies for the event.

We want to make a decision fairly soon as Lowell would like to schedule well-known solar speakers early for the convention. **ALCORS, please share this information with your members and encourage them to respond to our survey now posted on the League website www.astroleague.org**



(photo courtesy NASA)

Marni Berendsen, ASP, Retires)

We extend best wishes to Marni Berendsen from the Astronomical Society of the Pacific and the Night Sky Network who is retiring at the end of March. We will miss seeing her at the League ALCons and other astronomical events.

Electronic Dues Statements and Election Ballots For Spring 2013

The League's national office will be implementing a couple of new programs this spring that will impact all of our member societies.

Thanks to the diligence of our society ALCors and officers, the office has a high degree of accuracy for society leaders' email addresses.

We can save several hundred dollars in postage by electronically sending societies the annual dues statements and officer election ballots.

Be watching for these two electronic mailings in the next few weeks, and if any of your organization's officer email addresses have changed please alert the national office: rosters@astroleague.org.

Proposals For Possibly Leasing the League's ISS/AT

The League's International Space Station/Amateur Telescope is now at the national office after being brought back from New Mexico (tube only).

Originally the intent of the League Council was to examine the condition of the 14" instrument and then sell it. Recently we have had a tentative offer from a western society to lease the instrument for a few years for a proposed public outreach facility. If your organization would also like to submit a proposal to use this instrument in an outreach setting, please email me at president@astroleague.org.

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