



What's Up With the Astronomical League November 2024

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Special Message from the Astronomical League Office Manager

To: Astro League Societies (Alcors & Presidents)

RE: Club/Society Listings on the AL website

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Please note: This information being requested is an important part of helping prospective new members find your club/society.

We are working to finish the process of gathering and including the information that each society wants listed on the AL website.

To make this process work, we need you to use the Google Form link below. PLEASE only have ONE officer in your club submit the data to the form. Multiple submissions from the same club will cause delays and confusion.

Please fill in the Google form at:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdiGR1EmsVWVqiBm0PgIcCLxflFvk4dcGvcSh5kf3e2xPZxaA/viewform?usp=sf_link

When you fill this information in on the Google form, the data will be collected so that we can post it on the AL website.

If at all possible, please have your information submitted by December 15th. We know this is a very short notice, but we are trying very hard to get this information completed and published on the Website just as soon as possible. The form is comprehensive. Please fill in as much of the information as you can. It should take only about 10-15 minutes at most.

Thanks for completing this task by December 15, 2024!

Mitch Glaze, Astronomical League Office Manager

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Special Notice Regarding the March 2025 Issue of the *Reflector*



As most of our readers probably have noticed in the last several years, the prices for many of the items we individually purchase have gone up considerably.

The printing industry has not been protected from these price increases. In fact, prices for printing paper and related expenses for the industry have increased even more dramatically than for other segments of the economy.

With all of these considerations, the League leadership has made the decision to change to a less expensive printer. Our new printing company will need ample time to set up the conversion between companies. Therefore, the **March 2025 issue of the *Reflector* will be published in digital format only**. We should have the new printing vendor firmly in place to hopefully insure a smooth experience with the June 2025 *Reflector*, the first issue printed by the new company. Thanks for your understanding!

Denise Moser is now the new A.L. Historian

President Chuck Allen recently appointed a new Historian for the Astronomical League. She is Denise Moser, former Sales Coordinator for Astronomical League Sales, and current active member of the Astronomical Society of Kansas City.

Many thanks to the previous Historian, Mike Stewart, for his many years of commendable service. Mike's work situation has become very busy, and he is unable to continue in the role as League Historian.



Denise is no stranger to the office after several years in the League Sales department.

Like many, Denise has been an astrophile since seeing Saturn through a telescope at age nine. After years of naked-eye stargazing, joining the Astronomical Society of Kansas City over 30 years ago accelerated her observing.

Binocular observing and lunar gazing turned into officer gigs and outreach events at the observatory, and public speaking roles. She has recently been seen lugging a 10" DOB or tapping her phone to run the SeeStar 50 under clear skies.

The priority for the historian will be to digitalize the current files and stacks of paper material already waiting in the national office. This includes structuring the repository, scanning the hard copy and platforming it in the cloud. The goal will be reasonable access for AL members and researchers.

We will always be collecting more information for the archive. If you have history material to donate to our collection, contact her at

Historian@astroleague.org.

Our preference is that the submission is already in digital media, but technical requirements for format and delivery can be discussed. If you have any ideas for unexplored topics or other sources of the history of the League, leads are always welcome.



The annual national convention of the Astronomical League, ASTROCON 2025, will be held June 25-28, 2025, under the spectacularly dark skies of Bryce Canyon National Park in southern Utah. The venue will be Ruby's Inn and Convention Center a few miles from the park entrance. A special area a few miles east of the convention center will be available for evening viewing plus astrophotography/digital imaging workshops.

The convention will include:

- 1) Daytime workshops/presentations and evening follow-up sessions dealing with how to enhance your own personal viewing and/or astrophotography/digital imaging skills.
- 2) Daytime and evening social events providing opportunities to network with fellow amateurs from around the country.
- 3) Exhibitors showcasing their products and services.
- 4) Daytime solar and evening viewing opportunities.
- 5) Observing and imaging contests.

Vacation in one of the most beautiful areas of the country with other national parks within a day's drive

Check the event website at www.astrocon2025.org for more information.

