



What's Up With the Astronomical League April 2025

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- *Some of the darkest skies in the United States*
- *Talks and workshops during the day*
- *Nightly dark sky observing at Rainbow Point*
- *Gala Banquet with AL Awards Saturday night*

And MUCH MORE!!!!

For complete convention information visit:

WWW.ASTROCON2025.ORG



Share the Magic of Astronomy Day May 3 (corrected date) & September 27

Inspire, Engage, and Share the Wonders of the Cosmos

Astronomy Day is your chance to captivate and educate your community by bringing the universe to them. On May 3rd and September 27th, 2025, astronomy clubs, observatories, and science centers across the country will host events that ignite curiosity, foster discovery, and create unforgettable stargazing experiences.

Why Astronomy Day?

Since its inception in 1973, Astronomy Day has been a powerful movement dedicated to making astronomy accessible to all. In an era where technology often distances us from the natural world, this event serves as a bridge, reconnecting people with the night sky and the limitless possibilities it holds.

How Your Club Can Shine

Astronomy clubs are the heart of this celebration, bringing expertise, passion, and hands-on experiences to the public. Here's how you can make an impact:

- **Host a star party**—Guide visitors through breathtaking views of planets, nebulae, and galaxies.
- **Showcase the Sun**—Conduct safe solar viewing events to explore our closest star.
- **Lead interactive workshops**—Teach telescope basics, astrophotography, and stargazing techniques.
- **Engage through storytelling**—Share insights on celestial wonders through Q&A sessions and expert talks.
- **Partner with schools, libraries, and community groups**—Expand your reach and introduce new audiences to the wonders of space.
- **Make astronomy inclusive**—Offer programs tailored for underserved communities, including rural areas, senior centers, and youth organizations, ensuring everyone has a chance to explore the stars.

Bringing Communities Together Under the Stars

Astronomy has the extraordinary ability to unite people from all walks of life. Whether it's a child seeing Saturn's rings for the first time, a family gazing at the Milky Way together, or seasoned astronomers sharing their knowledge, Astronomy Day strengthens connections and builds a greater appreciation for the universe.

Make This Year's Astronomy Day Unforgettable!

The countdown is on! Mark your calendars for May 3rd and September 27th, 2025, and start planning now. Secure locations, promote your event on social media, and collaborate with local organizations to maximize your reach.



ASTRONOMY DAY

Bringing Astronomy to the People

For more information, visit:

astronomyday.astroleague.org

This is your moment to inspire. Let's make Astronomy Day 2025 a stellar success!

**2025 Mid States Region of the Astronomical
League (MSRAL) Convention in Little Rock, AR**



The 2025 MSRAL Convention will be held on the campus of the University of Arkansas at Little Rock (UALR).

**Friday, June 13 through
Sunday, June 15, 2025**



For complete information, please refer to the link just below:

<https://msral2025.caasastro.org/>

Featured speakers include:

**William I. Hartkopf, PhD,
a retired US Navy Observatory astronomer,
who is the keynote speaker.**

**He will summarize the highlights of the
195-year history of the US Naval
Observatory and revisit the 125th
anniversary celebration of their 26-inch
Alvin-Clark refractor.**

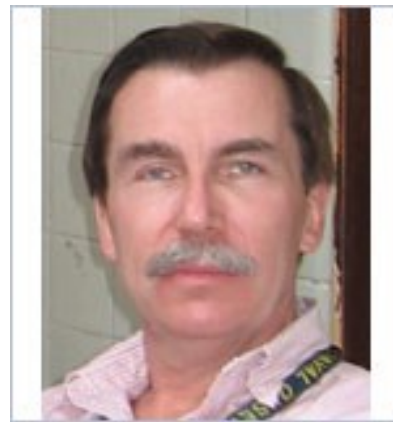


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Other notable speakers will include:

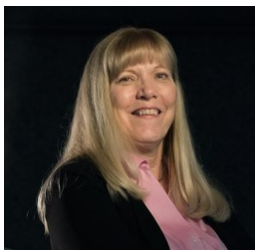


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**Linda Spilker,
Ph.D., current
NASA director
for the Voyager
Program**



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**Brian Fields,
Ph.D., Professor
of Astronomy at
the University of
Illinois at Urbana-
Champaign**

***We invite you to join us for an enjoyable, informa-
tive and hopefully thought-provoking event!***