



What's Up With the Astronomical League August 2025

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Special League Sales Announcement: 2026 RASC Observers Handbooks and Calendars are now available for pre-ordering on the League Sales web store at store.astroleague.org. Orders will ship in early December. Order now to ensure availability as quantities are limited.

Advertising Coordinator **N E E D E D**

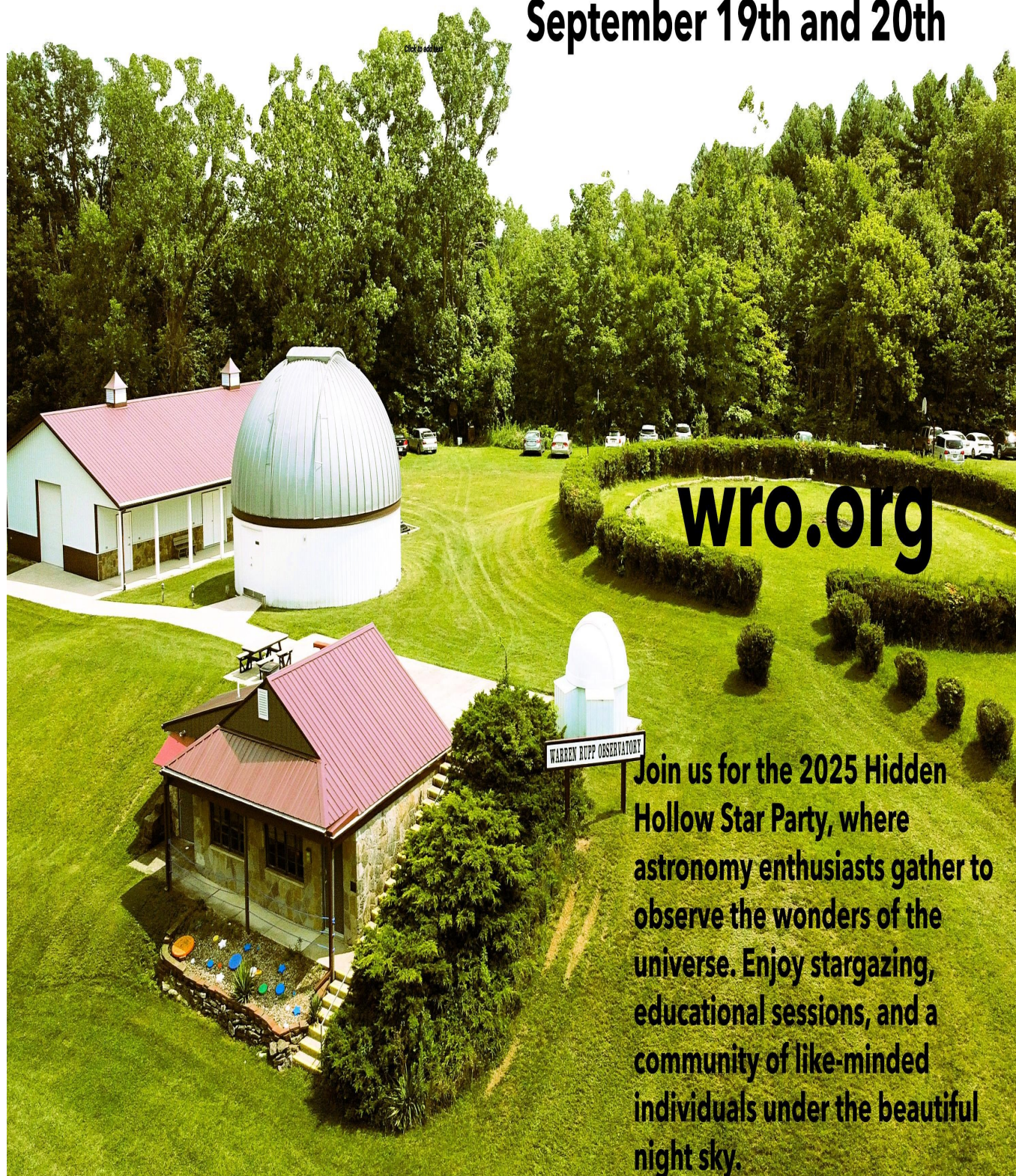
Now is your chance to join the *Reflector* team! We are currently seeking a volunteer Advertising Coordinator. Responsibilities include contacting existing and prospective advertisers, collecting ad orders, forwarding prospective ads to our Design/Production Coordinator, and working with the AL Treasurer to issue invoices once ads have run. Estimated time commitment per issue is only about ten hours of work. This is a great opportunity to connect with star party organizers and industry experts across the country. Plus, you'll have the satisfaction of supporting the success of our beloved magazine.

If you can help, please contact
Chuck Allen at president@astroleague.org.



2025 Hidden Hollow Star Party

September 19th and 20th



Join us for the 2025 Hidden Hollow Star Party, where astronomy enthusiasts gather to observe the wonders of the universe. Enjoy stargazing, educational sessions, and a community of like-minded individuals under the beautiful night sky.

September 12, 2025 7:00 PM EDT



Scott Harrington

*"Where is the
nearest black hole?"*

also | Chuck Allen,
Terry Mann,
Don Knabb,
Scott Roberts,
and David Levy



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ALCon 2026:
hosted by the Cincinnati Astronomical Society at the
Marriott RiverCenter, Covington, KY, August 12–15, 2026



Eastern Iowa Cosmic Conference

The 2026 annual conference of the North Central Region of the Astronomical League

Location and Date:

Double Tree by Hilton in Cedar Rapids, Iowa on Saturday, May 16, 2026.

Host: Cedar Amateur Astronomers, Cedar Rapids, Iowa

Confirmed speakers with more to follow:

- **Professor Jasper Halekas, one of the developers of instruments aboard the Parker Solar Probe mission, from the University of Iowa**
- **Professor Allison Jaynes, who has made significant contributions to Aurora and TRACERS missions, from the University of Iowa**
- **Sean Walker, associate editor and contributor to Sky and Telescope magazine! Walker is also involved in the MDW H alpha survey.**

Promotional Video (use link just below):

<https://1drv.ms/v/c/7cde9ad456da82c9/EUruXlLqOcxBs-mt-QY0x9ABYih3zOvW48KVH4Lemi90zQ?e=41EvrP>

Other possible activities:

- **Events on Friday night at the Eastern Iowa Observatory and Learning Center**
- **Partial list of possible Sunday events after the formal end of the event:**
 - **Collins Aerospace Museum**
 - **The University of Iowa Astronomy and Physics Lab**
 - **NRAO telescope site**
 - **Tour of the new astronomical clock tower located at the Czech and Slovak Museum, which mirrors the original clock in Prague.**