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Call for

What's Up With the Astronomical League Submissions!

Does your society or you as a member-at-large have a time sensitive event you would like to share with the national membership? Or do you just want to share some special projects or events that you or your club have participated in?

This is your opportunity! The possibilities are endless.

Over the several years this periodic publication has been in existence, we have shared such varied subjects as positive dark sky ordinances in cities, online library signup for a member club, a celebration of a AL region's 50th anniversary celebration, star parties notices and follow-up stories, and articles from other astronomy groups.

A full one page submission is requested in either JPG, Word or PDF. Pictures are also encouraged as part of your submissions.

Please send an email to carroll.iorg@gmail.com with the words "What's Up With the Astronomical League" in the subject line to attach a submission or for more information.

The deadline for submissions is generally about the 5th day of the month.

Registration Open!

— The Astro Society 2026 —

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The Astro Society 2026: Astronomy@250 is a virtual conference celebrating 250 years of astronomy in the United States. We're bringing together researchers, Indigenous scientists, educators, amateur astronomers, and curious minds from across the community to honor the full, complex, and beautiful story of astronomy in the United States. We're not just looking to the past 250 years, but to the future as well.

Confirmed Speakers Include

- Dr. Meg Urry, Yale U., former President, American Astronomical Society
- Dr. Franck Marchis, SETI Institute, SkyMapper CEO
- Bart Fried, Antique Telescope Society President and founder
- Dr. Keshawn Ivory, Vanderbilt U, Black in Astro
- Ka'iulani Murphy, Polynesian Voyaging Society, University of Hawai'i
- Dr. Kim Arcand, CfA, 2025 **ASP** Klumpke-Roberts Award for astronomy outreach
- More announced soon!

DarkSky and allies ask the FCC to reverse its approval of the Reflect Orbital “space mirror”

By Ruskin Hartley · Published August 6, 2026 ⓘ

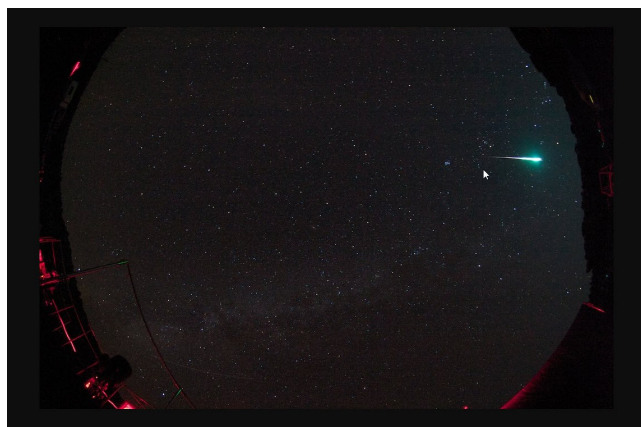


On August 6, 2026, DarkSky International—together with the American Bird Conservancy, Environment America, and Public Employees for Environmental Responsibility, represented by Earthjustice—filed a formal Application for Review asking the full Federal Communications Commission to reverse its Space Bureau’s approval of Reflect Orbital Inc.’s Earendil-1 satellite.

(Courtesy of DarkSky International)



For information: <https://www.okie-tex.com/index.php>



Bolide by David Wang at 2008 Okie Star Party, from Okie-Tex Star Party website.



Camp Observing Fields by Chuck Glascock, complements of Okie-Tex Star Party website.