

# SPECTRUM

Northern Cross Science Foundation Newsletter

September 2005

## LOOKING UP

September 1 Thursday  
General Meeting  
6:30 p.m. Astronomy 101  
7:30 p.m. Business Meeting

September 9 & 10 Fri. & Sat.  
Public Viewing Nights  
8:00 p.m.  
Harrington Beach St. Park

September 15 Thursday  
Board meeting  
7:30 p.m.  
Home of Jeff Setzer

September 17 Saturday  
Community Campfire  
8:00 p.m.  
Pike Lake State Park

September 24 Saturday  
Members Night  
8:00 p.m.  
Kevin Bert's Home

October 6 Thursday  
General Meeting  
6:30 p.m. Astronomy 101  
7:30 p.m. Business Meeting

October 7 & 8 Fri. & Sat.  
Public Viewing Nights  
7:00 p.m.  
Harrington Beach S. Park

October 29 Saturday  
Haunted Hike  
6:00 p.m.  
Harrington Beach S. Park

## August Meeting Minutes

By Kevin Bert

The August business meeting of the Northern Cross Science Foundation was held at the Unitarian Church North in Mequon. President Jeff Setzer opened the meeting at 8:40 p.m. to 23 members and guests.

Jeff thanked all of the members for being there and asked for standard reports. Treasurer Rob Powell and secretary Kevin Bert had no new information for the members.

Under old business Jeff talked briefly about the Harrington Beach Building project. Progress is slowing up as final approval of the plans continues. Rob Powell said that the fundraising push would begin once the potential primary donor is contacted and an answer is given.

Joyce Jentges informed the membership that the order for shirts and hats will be turned in within a week and encouraged members to get their orders and money in to her soon.

Joyce sent a sign-up list around for the August 20<sup>th</sup> and September 17<sup>th</sup> brat fry. Just as the last fry was run, two shifts would divide the work and all members were encouraged to participate by stopping in for lunch or helping with designated jobs on the

list. Any members not signing up were requested to call Joyce if they had second thoughts about helping, to get a better feel for the work crew size.

Under new business, Scott Tannehill said that there was an enthusiastic response from the St. Mary's Columbia system about setting up scopes for staff and ambulatory patients some evening. They would publicize the event and would shine favorably on the club.

Jeff ran down a list of upcoming NCSF events. Northwoods Starfest would be held this weekend and there is a good chance that openings still existed for anyone that had not registered.

One comment was made of the discovery of a 10<sup>th</sup> planet. More details would need to be gathered and debated before official planet status could be made.

With no further new business, Jeff closed the business meeting at 9:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kevin Bert, secretary

## Astronomy 101 And Main Program

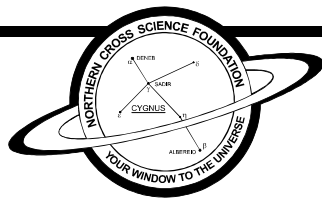
By Kevin Bert

The September 101 class will be "Using Setting Circles" and led by Kevin Bert. Finding Deep Sky Objects can be one of the most frustrating of all things for the beginning stargazer. If you are patient, hundreds of objects are visible in a small telescope if you know where to point it. For a person that is

using an equatorial telescope (one that has the capability to track celestial objects by moving one of the mounts axis), you will very likely have graduated dials on both axis that are used to position

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## CURRENT CLACK

Important: The members night at Nichol's Observatory in Richfield has been cancelled. It coincided with the Haunted Hike at Harrington Beach on October 29th.

The order for NCSF merchandise has been placed. I am guessing the stuff will be here in time for the October meeting. Thanks to everybody who has placed an order. Please see Joyce if you have questions.

The August 20th brat fry brought in \$188.00. Thanks to all the members who helped with this fundraiser. If you haven't helped at one, please see Joyce to sign up for the one on September 17th at Piggly Wiggly in Saukville. Come on out and help our observatory fund grow!

Rick Poulin grills in the rain at the Aug. 20 brat fry.



**For Sale: 16" Dobsonian (Meade Starfinder) with 26mm Plossl E.P. Includes Telrad, custom wheels and loading dolly. \$700.00**  
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the telescope. These dials are called setting circles. Come and learn the basics of their use.

The featured constellation will be Sagittarius.

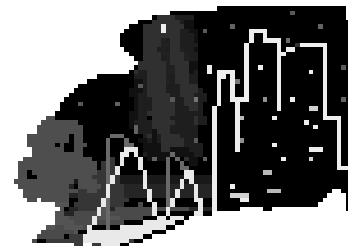
Details on the main program were not available at the time of printing.

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