



The Meridian

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Quad Cities Astronomical Society

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Secretary's Notes

D. Hendricks and Dana Taylor

Members in attendance at the September 20 meeting:

Karl Adlon	Craig Cox	Cecil Ward	Al Cattoir	Joyce Erickson	Robert Mitchell
Jeff Strum	Dana Taylor	Chris Hebel	Laura Pointer	Jay Cunningham	Dale Hendricks

- Treasurer's report: Craig Cox – there is \$1,944.41- our account is growing
- Note of interest and concern – the roof of the observatory is sticking and requires a strong pull to move it on the rails. It appears that the problem is some sinking on the north side which makes the roof stick on the west end. One wheel on the north side rail is off the rail.
- Bob Mitchell asked/posed a question about key availability at the Menke Observatory – unresolved.

Dates/events of interest –

- October 21st – Augustana College in Hanson Hall Rm 202 Lecture by Dr. Jason Steffen at 7:30 pm on the Kepler mission.
- October 23rd – John Deere Planetarium – free event with viewing of Jupiter through the 14" reflector with the museum open between 7:30 – 9:00.
- Address is 898 35th St in Rock Island
- Dana and Dale have another meeting the High Twelve Club in November.

Dana, can you add some of your notes? I don't have anything else to add – can you finish?

Thanks.

Dale

Upcoming Celestial and Club Events

Jens-Wendt Observatory – Quad Cities Astronomical Society – Located at Sherman Park in Dixon, Iowa

Monsignor Menke Observatory – St. Ambrose University – Located at Wapsi River Environmental Education Center in Dixon, Iowa

QCAS Contacts

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All other contacts can be sent to the club at P.O. Box 3706, Davenport, IA, 52808.

Members are also reminded that anyone can submit articles for *The Meridian*. Submit articles to Joe Bannon at jbannon@midamerican.com and mzbannon@aol.com.

FOR SALE

Cecil is selling this Pristine TeleVue 101 refractor for a friend. This scope was used only occasionally and has been meticulously taken care of. Included: TeleVue OTA with TeleVue Qwik Point, TeleVue Telepod, TeleVue padded hard case, TeleVue 20mm Plossl, Orion 9mm orthoscopic, Orion Skyglow and 80A filters, Meade #140 2X Teleneegative Amplifier, 2' diagonal, and padded eyepiece case. The tripod does show some minor marks, the 20mm Plossl has very minor use marks, and the Meade 140 is missing the set screw. New this would sell retail for over \$4,000; selling price is \$3,000. Shipping to CONUS paid by buyer. Money order or certified check.



Joe Nash sent this: A friend is selling astronomy related clothing. If you're interested, check out:

<http://www.darkskiesapparel.com/index.html>