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*"You that so wisely studious are
To measure and to trace each Starr,
How swift they travaile, and how farr,
Now number your celestial store,
Planets, or lesser lights, and trie
If in the face of all the skie
You count so many as before."*

Sir William Davenant (1606-68)
"Salmacida Spolia" (III.Song; stanza I) 1639

**General Meeting: Saturday, January 14, 2006 7:30pm (19:30)
Public Star Party (Open House), January 7, 2006 at dusk**

Club Calendar for 2006

| <u>Meeting night</u> | <u>Open House/Public Star party</u> |
|----------------------|-------------------------------------|
| February 11, 2006 | February 4, 2006 |
| March 11, 2006 | March 4, 2006 |
| April 15, 2006 | April 8, 2006 |
| May 13, 2006 | May 6, 2006 |
| June 10, 2006 | June 3, 2006 |
| July 8, 2006 | July 1, 2006 |
| August 12, 2006 | August 5, 2006 |
| September 9, 2006 | September 2, 2006 |
| October 7, 2006 | October 28, 2006 |
| November 4, 2006 | November 25, 2006 |
| December 2, 2006 | December 30, 2006 |

Meeting time is 19:30 (7:30pm) unless noted otherwise. Dates and times are taken from the HCAS website.
Please check the website for possible schedule updates and changes.

<http://www.harfordastro.org>

Check the HCAS website for other club events.

Minutes of the January 14, 2006 HCAS Meeting

Meeting called to order at approximately 7:30pm (19:30).

Treasurer's Report: \$5,266.85 in the treasury as of 1/14/06.

There was no meeting in December, 2005, so there were no minutes to approve. November minutes were approved without change. No treasure's report.

Bad weather has prevented use of the Observatory. Motorization project is still in the design phase. Once this is completed it will be presented to the club for approval.

Outreach:

The club has had a lot of recent publicity which has resulted in large turnouts at open houses. However, the last open house was clouded out.

HCAS members have been getting a lot of "How to" inquiries from new telescope owners. If a member responds to an inquiry please cc the HCAS web site so that other members know not to respond.

Volunteers are needed for presentations at various events. The Library for example, always has programs that need volunteers.

New business:

Larry and Fran Armstrong showed their binoviewers (is this legal in Maryland? ed.). These can be purchased for around \$200 from Orion, Celestron and Burgess.

There was a discussion of newsletter format. The last Newsletter was in Word format. PDF format has been the standard for the newsletter in the past and is preferable to Word format because of compatibility issues and file size when the file contains a lot of graphics. Recommendation was to continue with the PDF format. This will be coordinated between Irv Koplovitz (Sec) and Bill Geertsen (Treas).

Editors' note:

The January edition is our first effort with this approach.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30pm (20:30).

Astronomical League Club Achievements by HCAS Members

Coordinator: Bill Geertsen izar@juno.com)

*****This list needs to be updated*****

!!!Send your info to the coordinator!!!

Telescope Messier Club

| | | | |
|-------------------|-----------------|---------------|----|
| Steve Krall | 110(5/99) | Doris Reese | 12 |
| Woody Lower | 110(5/90) | Ernie Davis | 60 |
| Ernie Webb | 110(6/91) | Wayne French | 2 |
| Larry Hubble | 110(5/91) | Lucy Albert | 46 |
| Bill Geertsen | 110(6/98) | Leo Hepner | 68 |
| Richard Hagenston | 110(2/90) | Warren Hoover | 77 |
| Phil Schmitz | #1650 110(3/99) | | |

Binocular Messier Club

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| Stu Chapman | 19 | Bruce Wrinkle | 79 |
| Cathy Tingler | 57 | Phil Schmitz | #442(1/01) |
| Frank Varisco | 3 | | |

Double Star Club

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|---------------|-----------|-----------------|-------------|
| Bill Geertsen | #79(4/99) | Andrew Williams | 100(6/2000) |
| Phil Schmitz | #74(3/99) | | |

Urban Club

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| Bill Geertsen | 100(4/99) | Phil Schmitz | #21(2/01) |
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Herschel-400 Club

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| Bill Geertsen | #267(1/03) | Phil Schmitz | #236(10/01) |
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Deep Sky Bino Club

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| Phil Schmitz | #120(3/01) | | |
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Lunar Club

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| Phil Schmitz | #258(1/01) | | |
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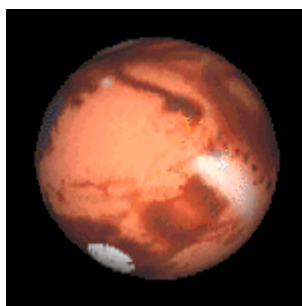
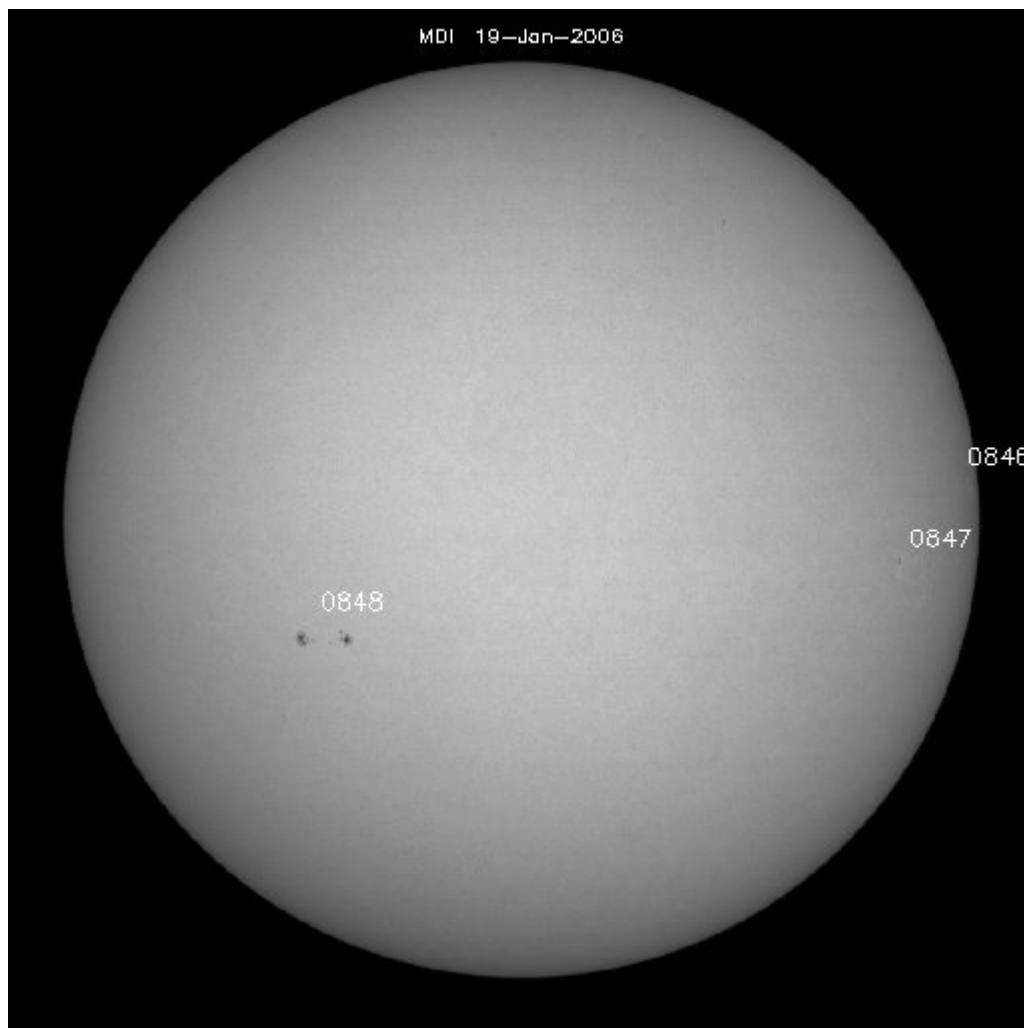
Caldwell Club

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| Phil Schmitz | #8(12/01) | | |
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Phil Schmitz is currently working toward completion of four other certificates and is about to begin an additional four more AL observing programs!

<<<If you have looked at the Orion Nebula you have a start on the Messier list. Send in your observations!!>>>

Is anyone doing any Solar or Mars observing??



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