

## KAA December 5, 2008 Business Meeting Summary

- 1) The Observatory remaining work items are the removal of the marked trees, installation of the new roof support brackets, securing the basement door, applying a second coat of preservative to the sill plates and roof supports and staining the entrance door a second coat, which will all be done next spring.
- 2) The Keene Public Library received the grant from the American Library Assoc. for a nine week exhibit called the "Vision of the Universe", which will start January 23, 2009 and go through March 27, 2009. Presently a complete schedule of events is being planned with the library and should be close to finalizing at a special meeting with the library Jan 13<sup>th</sup> at 7pm at the library. A tentative events schedule has been posted on our web site at the "visions doc".
- 3) Discussed determining and correcting the 12.5" telescope frame or eyepiece holder so that when the eyepiece holder is moved to various positions it still aligns with the finder scope. This condition will be investigated within the next month.
- 4) The new LED illuminated reticle 9x50 finder scope for the 12.5" telescope has been purchased.
- 5) The proposed 2009 business meeting and observing session schedule was approved and is posted on our web site at the "calendar doc".
- 6) Barbara Atwood's friends are planning a visit to the observatory for viewing 12/6/08, weather permitting. Jim and I will host the observing session at 7pm.
- 7) We are still looking for a push lawn mower.
- 8) Topics club members would like to have instructions and discussions on after our business meetings are: Instructions on how to use the finder scope and telrad, how to do coordinate telescope viewing, how to collimate a telescope and align the finder scope with the primary and secondary mirrors, and review the KAA web site with Jim Faux to learn how to fully utilize all the information that's available on it, how to use the links and review what future information should be posted.
- 9) Discussed speaking with Mike about filling in potholes and possibly remove large rocks from driveway.
- 10) Keith in room 380 of the Science building conducted the special presentation on the moon.
- 11) The members of KAA are very saddened to learn of the passing of Peter Warren a long time friend of many members of the club. During his long cancer fight Peter continued to work and machined for us a very high tolerance precision setting circle we recently installed on our 12.5" telescope.