

## KAA April 25, 2008 business meeting summary

- 1) A decision was made to send the Obsession 15" mirror to Optical Mechanics who will check out the mirror and rework it at no cost. The only charges will be a recoating fee of \$280.00 and shipping both ways.
- 2) A check was sent to the Astronomical League for our 2008 dues.
- 3) The update of the KAA Bylaws is still under review. One statement and a spelling correction are required before a final vote can be taken at the May 16 business meeting.
- 4) The new declination setting circle will be installed on the 12 1/2 " Newtonian telescope at noon May 3<sup>rd</sup>.
- 5) Staining of the Observatory exterior siding will take place on May 17<sup>th</sup> along with any other general maintenance work.
- 6) Our lighting proposal to the Antioch Graduate program was not chosen this year, but we will resubmit next year.
- 7) Several members of the club have contacted the local town officials to obtain their current outdoor lighting regulations. We are in the process of reviewing this information and evaluating what recommendations we can make to help promote dark-sky practices.
- 8) Our dark-sky initiative in the town of Dummerston, VT has led to the testing of new full cut-off and semi cut-off street light fixtures with metal halide lamps to replace the existing non cut-off fixtures with mercury vapor lamps. The decision on the specific luminaries to be used and at what locations should be determined shortly.