

## MID-STATES REGIONAL REPORT

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Submitted by Peggy Walker

### A. OFFICER LIST

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Regional Secretary Treasurer: Mike Gallagher [mikejgallagher@msn.com](mailto:mikejgallagher@msn.com) (newly elected 2021)

### B. REGIONAL ACTIVITIES: Due to COVID, I opted to send a questionnaire to make it easier for the clubs to give me information and it was much quicker and easier on the presidents. Out of 21 clubs I received 15 and missing 6 reports.

#### ARKANSAS OKLAHOMA ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY – AOAS

Members: 18 New Members: 1  
Club Meetings: No  
Sidewalk Astronomy: No  
School Visits: Yes, class size 25 with 1 member in attendance  
Library Events: No  
Library Telescope: Yes, maintained by 1 club members  
Star Party: Yes, averages 15 to 20 visitors and run by 2 club members  
Elementary Students: 1 High School Students: 1 College Students: 0  
Do have 5 home school families  
People with Disabilities: Do not work with or have people with disabilities in the club

**NOTES:** Pres. Leonard Lynch [nspac01@swbell.net](mailto:nspac01@swbell.net) ALCOR Charles McLane [cmclane@aoas.org](mailto:cmclane@aoas.org)

Club is full of older members, some not in great health. COVID prevented them from having meetings and they still are not back up to speed. The president just started having two public invited star viewing events (since he got vaccinated), at the Arkansas River Valley Nature Center and at Lake Fort Smith State Park. AOAS had operated the Douglas C. Coleman Site in Crawford County, but it is no longer a location they have access to.

#### ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY OF EASTERN MISSOURI - ASEM

Members: 117 New Members: 12  
Club Meetings: Yes, no visitors and all members attend  
Sidewalk Astronomy: No  
School Visits: Yes, not specific on number of students or members

Library Events: Yes, not specific on number of students or members

Library Telescope: Yes, not specific on number of students or members

Star Party: Yes, not specific on number of students or members

Elementary Students: 0 High School Students: 1 College Students: 2

People with Disabilities: Do not work with or have people with disabilities in the club

**NOTES:** Pres. Jim Twellman [JTwellman@asemonline.com](mailto:JTwellman@asemonline.com) ALCOR Marvin Stewart

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Missouri Parks and Recreation Association recognized ASEM on Friday, April 30<sup>th</sup> with St. Charles County Parks gave a citation award for their consideration and dedication of service and their adaption of their stargazing program to be COVID compliant. Did have one member pass this year

### **ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY OF KANSAS CITY - ASKC**

Members: 709 New Members: 8

Club Meetings: Yes No specifics of visitors or members in attendance. Back to in person outreach but not in person club meetings

Sidewalk Astronomy: No

School Visits: Yes No specifics of visitors or members in attendance

Library Events: Yes No specifics of visitors or members in attendance

Library Telescope: No

Star Party: Yes, No specifics of visitors or members in attendance

Elementary Students: none indicated, High School Students: none indicated, College Students: none indicated  
Has no youth activities or a youth club

People with Disabilities: none and no accessible outreach

**NOTES:** Pres. Terry Conner [president@askc.org](mailto:president@askc.org) ALCOR Jerel Williams [jerel1948@yahoo.com](mailto:jerel1948@yahoo.com) Did have two members pass this year

### **ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY OF NORTHWEST ARKANSAS – ASNWA DID NOT RETURN THE QUESTIONNAIRE**

#### **ASTRONOMICAL ASSOCIATION OF LAWRENCE - AAL**

Current Members: 25 New Members: 2

Club Meetings: Yes, with 2 to 3 visitors and about 2 to 10 members in attendance. Are back to in person meetings and in person outreach

Sidewalk Astronomy: Yes, have about 8 to 10 visitors, run by 3 to 4 members

School Visits: None

Library Events: None

Library Telescope: Do not have this program

Star Party: None

Elementary Students: none indicated, High School Students: none indicated, College Students: none indicated  
Has no youth activities or a youth club

People with Disabilities: 1 non ambulatory

**NOTES:** Pres. Rick Heschmeyer [rickheshmeyer@gmail.com](mailto:rickheshmeyer@gmail.com) ALCOR William Winkler [wite6581@gmail.com](mailto:wite6581@gmail.com)

### **ASTRONOMY CLUB OF TULSA - ACT**

Members: 220 New Members: 36

Club Meetings: holds monthly but zooming them now no in person. How many visitors 2 to 3 with about 20 members in attendance. They are not back to in person outreach or in person meetings yet

Sidewalk Astronomy: Yes, have approx. 20 run with 12 members

School Visits: Yes, but not due to COVID, 20 to 40 class room run by 1 to 4 members

Library Events: Yes, but not due to COVID, 10 to 25 visitors run by 1 to 4 members

Library Telescope: Do not have this program

Star Party: Yes, but not due to COVID, usually 30 to 60 run by about 20 members at the ACT Observatory

Elementary Students: none indicated, High School Students: none indicated, College Students: none indicated  
Has no youth activities or a youth club

People with Disabilities: 1 visually impaired Did have one member pass this year

**NOTES:** Pres. Tamara Green [astorulsa.pres@gmail.com](mailto:astorulsa.pres@gmail.com) ALCOR None listed

### **BARTLESVILLE ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY - BAS**

Members: 40 New Members: 0

Club Meetings: Yes, 2 visitors and 12 members attend and back to in person outreach but not in person meetings since they meet at the library

Sidewalk Astronomy: No

School Visits: Yes, but not with COVID this year

Library Events: Yes, hold their meetings there

Library Telescope: Is always checked out

Star Party: Yes, number of visitors not specified and run by 25 members

Elementary Students: THEY HAVE A CLUB OF STUDENTS NOT SURE WHY THOSE NUMBERS WERE NOT SUBMITTED

High School Students:

People with Disabilities: Not specified do not conduct accessible outreach

**NOTES:** Pres. Craig Brockmeier [bvilleastro+president@gmail.com](mailto:bvilleastro+president@gmail.com) ALCOR Denise Gregg

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### **BROKEN ARROW SIDEWALK ASTRONOMER - BASWA**

Members: 9 New Members: 3

Club Meetings: Is an outreach group and do not hold monthly meetings being in the shadow of the large Astronomy Club of Tulsa

Sidewalk Astronomy: Yes, 30 visitors at monthly site 4 to 6 members

School Visits: Yes, about 30 to 40 students with 1 member

Library Events: Yes, about 15 to 112 with 2 to 4 members present

Library Telescope: Won two scopes but Tulsa County is large and they did NOT want them. Gave one to Coweta a neighboring town and the other to the Oklahoma Astronomy Club 2 ½ hours away

Star Party: Yes, have yearly one, 400 visitors now have 3 other clubs helping about 12 scopes

Elementary Students: none not a club, High School Students: none not a club, College Students: none not a club

People with Disabilities: we do take scopes to work with non-ambulatory visitors and I have a large amount of tactile resources

**NOTES:** Pres. Peggy Walker [BA sidewalkastro@yahoo.com](mailto:BA sidewalkastro@yahoo.com) ALCOR Rick Walker [rixworx@cox.net](mailto:rixworx@cox.net)

### **CENTRAL ARKANSAS ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY - CAAS**

Members: 87 New Members: 22

Club Meetings: Yes, with 2 to 5 visitors and 20 to 30 members in attendance. Not back to in person outreach or in person meetings

Sidewalk Astronomy: No

School Visits: Yes, the whole school with 2 to 3 members in attendance

Library Events: Yes, with 30 visitors and 6 members in attendance

Library Telescope: Yes is loaned out and 6 members work with this program

Star Party: Yes, with 200 plus visitors and 12 members in attendance

Elementary Students: none indicated, High School Students: none indicated, College Students: none indicated  
Has no youth activities or a youth club

People with Disabilities: none and do not conduct accessible outreach

**NOTES:** Pres. Darrell Heath [drheath@ualr.edu](mailto:drheath@ualr.edu) ALCOR Robert Togni [rockytongni@gmail.com](mailto:rockytongni@gmail.com)

**CENTRAL MISSOURI AMATEUR ASTRONOMERS – CMAA DID NOT RETURN THIS QUESTIONNAIRE**

**KANSAS ASTRONOMICAL OBSERVER'S SOCIETY – KAOS DID NOT RETURN THE QUESTIONNAIRE**

**NORTH CENTRAL ARKANSAS ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY – NCAAS – DID NOT RETURN THE QUESTIONNAIRE**

**NORTHEAST KANSAS AMATEUR ASTRONOMERS LEAGUE - NEKAAL**

Members: 29 New Members: 2

Club Meetings: Yes, number of visitors not listed but have 10 members in attendance back to in person meetings but not in person outreach

Sidewalk Astronomy: not indicated yes or no

School Visits: Yes, no indication of number of visitors or members in attendance

Library Events: Yes, no indication of number of visitors or members in attendance

Library Telescope: not indicated yes or no

Star Party: Yes, no indication of number of visitors or members in attendance

Elementary Students: none indicated, High School Students: none indicated, College Students: none indicated  
Has no youth activities or a youth club

College Student: 1

People with Disabilities: has one non-ambulatory member but do not do accessible outreach

**NOTES:** Pres.Doug Goodin [dgoodfin@ksu.edu](mailto:dgoodfin@ksu.edu) ALCOR Janelle Burgardt [starr44\\_lady@yahoo.com](mailto:starr44_lady@yahoo.com)

#### **NORTHEAST NEBRASKA ASTRONOMY CLUB - NENAC**

Members: 18 New Members: 1

Club Meetings: Yes, has 14 visitors, with 12 members in attendance, they never shut down during COVID

Sidewalk Astronomy: Yes, has 24 visitors, with 2 members in attendance

School Visits: Yes, has 12 students, with 2 members in attendance

Library Events: Yes, has 30 visitors, with 2 members in attendance

Library Telescope: Yes and is loaned out serviced by 2 members

Star Party: Yes, has 20 visitors, with 10 members in attendance

Elementary Students: 2 High School Students: 1 College Students: 1

People with Disabilities: they have no one with disabilities and do not conduct accessible outreach

**NOTES:** Pres. Rev. Gary Fugman [fugman@abbnebraska.com](mailto:fugman@abbnebraska.com) ALCOR is the same contact

**They are the newest club to the region**

#### **OMAHA ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY – OAS**

Members: 164 New Members: 39

Club Meetings: Yes, did not indicate number of visitors or number of members in attendance. Are back to in person outreach but not in person meeting due to facility is not open

Sidewalk Astronomy: No

School Visits: No

Library Events: No

Library Telescope: No

Star Party: No

Elementary Students: none indicated, High School Students: none indicated, College Students: none indicated  
Has no youth activities or a youth club

People with Disabilities: none and do not conduct accessible outreach

**NOTES:** Pres. Jon Larson [relayer370@gmail.com](mailto:relayer370@gmail.com) ALCOR Michael Gallagher [mikejgallagher@msn.com](mailto:mikejgallagher@msn.com)

### **OZARKS AMATEUR ASTRONOMERS CLUB – OAAC NEVER GET A RESPONSE FROM THIS CLUB**

#### **PLATTE VALLEY ASTRONOMICAL OBSERVERS – PVAO**

Members: 10 New Members: 0

Club Meetings: Yes, has 4 visitors, with 5 members in attendance

Sidewalk Astronomy: No

School Visits: No

Library Events: Yes, has 60 visitors, with 3 members in attendance

Library Telescope: No

Star Party: No

Elementary Students: none indicated, High School Students: none indicated, College Students: none indicated  
Has no youth activities or a youth club

People with Disabilities: they have no one with disabilities and do not conduct accessible outreach

**NOTES:** Pres. Mark Urwiller [mark.urwiller@gmail.com](mailto:mark.urwiller@gmail.com) ALCOR Robert Wenzl [wenzl4007@gmail.com](mailto:wenzl4007@gmail.com)

#### **PRAIRIE ASTRONOMY CLUB – PAC**

Members: 62 New Members: 9

Club Meetings: Yes, did not indicate number of visitors or number of members in attendance. Back into in person out reach but not in person meetings.

Sidewalk Astronomy: No

School Visits: No

Library Events: No

Library Telescope: No

Star Party: Yes, with 275 visitors and run by 15 members in attendance

Elementary Students: 6<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> 3

High School Students: 0

College Students: 0

People with Disabilities: they have no one with disabilities and do conduct accessible outreach

**NOTES:** Pres. Bob Kacvinsky [kacvinskyb@yahoo.com](mailto:kacvinskyb@yahoo.com) ALCOR none indicated

### **SPRINGFIELD ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY – SAS DID NOT RETURN THE QUESTIONNAIRE**

#### **ST. LOUIS ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY – SLAAS**

Members: 215 New Members: 29

Club Meetings: Yes, has 15 to 20 visitors, with 40 to 60 members in attendance. Back to in person outreach but not in person meetings

Sidewalk Astronomy: No

School Visits: No

Library Events: Yes, has 20 to 300 visitors, with 2 to 5 members in attendance

Library Telescope: Has many libraries with this telescope program

Star Party: Yes, has 300 visitors, with 15 members in attendance

Elementary Students: none indicated, High School Students: none indicated, College Students: none indicated  
Has no youth activities or a youth club

College Students: 5

People with Disabilities: they have no one with disabilities and do accessible outreach

**NOTES:** Pres. Jim Small [jrsml@earthlink.net](mailto:jrsml@earthlink.net) ALCOR Bill Winningham [treasurer@slasonline.org](mailto:treasurer@slasonline.org)

#### **SUGAR CREEK ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY – SCAC**

Members: 19 New Members: 1

Club Meetings: Yes, no indication of visitors or how many members attend meetings

Sidewalk Astronomy: No

School Visits: Yes, no indication of students or how many members in attendance

Library Events: Yes, no indication of visitors or how many members attend meeting

Library Telescope: Yes, no indication of use or members involved in program

Star Party: Yes, no indication of visitors or how many members attend event

Elementary Students: none indicated, High School Students: none indicated, College Students: none indicated  
Has no youth activities or a youth club

People with Disabilities: they have no one with disabilities and do not conduct accessible outreach

**NOTES:** Pres. Kent Marts [Marts.kent@gmail.com](mailto:Marts.kent@gmail.com) ALCOR Paul Anderson [m46astro@gmail.com](mailto:m46astro@gmail.com)

### **C. AWARDS**

None issued for the past two years however, at the 2022 MSRAL Conference they will consider more than one recipient as that has happened in the past

#### **D. BANK ACCOUNT**

The regional business meeting was on June 26<sup>th</sup> and the account transfer has not happened yet. It took a bit to find a replacement for Jackie Beucher. With the 4<sup>th</sup> of July, people may be travelling, etc. so as soon as that is handled, I will forward that to you.

#### **OTHER:**

Several members of the region wanted me to express their feelings about a carte-blanche cancellation of the MSRAL when many of the regional membership were vaccinated and ALL COVID protocols were arranged. It should have been left up to the region.

#### **MSRAL BUSINESS MEETING:**

Website: I created a MSRAL webpage in 2020 and it was almost done and demonstrated to the membership on the business meeting. It had the MSRAL registration website attached for clubs that do not have the space for a registration page on their club websites. The membership wanted to see how to make it the new webpage due to the integration of all the clubs. A committee was formed to look into Word Press and upgrade the page which I am in the process of, then I will update the current information, ie. contacts, club info, etc. and Jim Small will be in charge of archives and history. Once completed, I will gather content editors to develop a team of webpage volunteers.

IO Group Email: This was set up after last year's business meeting as I was MSRAL Chair for two years. It is being used now that I have sparked communication amongst the clubs.

FaceBook: I suggested a MSRAL Face Book page to Sugar Creek in 2018 for the MSRAL Conference and it was set-up but no one was posting on it. Jim Twellman and I are both moderators on the page as of last year. It is growing. I also joined all the regional club Face Book groups that are available. I then post their post onto the MSRAL Face Book page.

By Laws: The current By Laws were never updated since their inception in 1949. They did not represent what actually happens in the MSRAL and new information needed to be added. It was also brought up that all the policies that have been voted on over the years, needed to be compiled in one place for all to be aware of. Cook Feldman has them going back to 1980's so we are working to review and get those put together as well.