



The Bucks-Mont Astronomical Association (BMAA) is a group of amateur astronomers working together to improve astronomical knowledge and observational skills. We make ourselves and our instruments available to promote public interest in astronomy. BMAA members are a varied group of colleagues who share a curiosity about the sky. Some members are scientists or engineers, while others are artists or craftspeople, building contractors or college students. Ability

levels span the range from novice to expert. BMAA members organize and participate in a variety of astronomy related programs.

WHAT WE DO?

Monthly Meetings are open to the public. Members and guest speakers present lectures or demonstrations on astronomical topics. Meetings are held at the Upper Dublin Lutheran Church in Ambler (411 Susquehanna Road) and occasionally at other locations that are described in the calendar of events, located on the BMAA website.

StarWatches are open to the public. StarWatches are conducted at parks, schools, nature centers and other locations in Montgomery and Bucks counties. The public is invited for an evening of stargazing and observing tips provided by BMAA members and their telescopes.

Educational outreach and special programs: BMAA is a community resource, offering astronomy programs to schools, youth groups and civic organizations. Members take part in seminars and educational activities sponsored by the Franklin Institute, the Astronomical League, neighbouring astronomy clubs and local schools. Special workshops and demonstrations are sometimes held on "Astronomy Day," an annual event to promote interest in astronomy.

StarParties: Members gather at StarParties at several dark-sky sites in the area to help each other develop and improve observing and astrophotography skills. BMAA is working with the PA State Forest to develop a dark sky observing site in the Poconos for use by BMAA and other observing clubs and groups.

Website (<http://www.bma2.org>): BMAA maintains and supports a website devoted to astronomy- and BMAA-related activities and information. It includes a calendar of BMAA scheduled activities, astro images taken by members, a message board and it provides links to useful, astronomy-related information and activities. A member-only Yahoo groups communication forum, allows us to share timely information about astronomy-related news and events.

BENEFITS OF MEMBERSHIP

Anyone is invited to join BMAA. An annual membership fee of \$30 includes a subscription to our newsletter, access to the member-only yahoo groups communication forum, the CONSTELLATION, the REFLECTOR (published by the Astronomical League), membership in the Astronomical League and discounts for some astronomy publications and at some retail stores. A membership form can be downloaded from the website or you can join using PayPal following directions on our website.