

A RICH HISTORY

The Milwaukee Astronomical Society (MAS) was founded in 1932, with the original members observing from backyards with their own telescopes. By 1936, land had been secured and construction of our first observatory had begun. Our observatory was formally dedicated in 1938.



A number of members, past and present, have received many prestigious awards for scientific contributions. Throughout the years, more domes and sheds built by the members themselves and imaging equipment with almost all of it being funded by our membership. Today, the MAS observatory is one of the largest and most extensive amateur club observatories in the entire world. Images in this brochure were taken by MAS members using equipment at our observatory.



DIRECTIONS

VIA I-94

Exit Moorland Road (Exit 301A)
South on Moorland to Coffee Road
West on Coffee Road to Calhoun Road
South on Calhoun Road to Observatory Road
West on Observatory Rd (1.1 miles)
Observatory on Right

VIA I-43

Exit Moorland Road (Exit 57)
North on Moorland to National Avenue
West on National Avenue to Calhoun Road
North on Calhoun Road to Observatory Road
West on Observatory Rd (1.1 miles)
Observatory on Right



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MILWAUKEE ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY

Astronomy is our hobby! We are dedicated to the fun of astronomy at all levels from beginner to expert, casual viewing to scientific research. We welcome everyone interested in astronomy.



Our society dates back to 1932. Our membership is comprised of individuals from various backgrounds, ages, education, and occupations. What we all have in common is astronomy and our love of it from beginners to advanced amateurs, from

casual observing to scientific research and everything in between.

We do every aspect of astronomy from solar, lunar, planetary, comets, meteors, variable stars, double stars, nova, supernova, deep sky objects such as nebulae and galaxies, and many more. There is a whole universe of objects to view, image, share, and help to understand.

BECOME A MEMBER

You are invited to join us! We are not exclusive and you don't have to own a telescope. Our society has an extensive observatory at your disposal. You don't have to know anything about astronomy. Most join in order to learn more about astronomy. Our only requirement is that you have an interest in astronomy! We offer Individual, Family, and Youth memberships.



BENEFITS OF MEMBERSHIP

Use of Our Observatories: We have an extensive facility which sits on 3.1 acres in New Berlin. It features 9 observatories and 10 permanently mounted instruments.

Loaner Telescopes: Several telescopes for member use.

Focal Point: Our wonderful club newsletter emailed to you each month.

Mentoring: By long-time members in all aspects of astronomy.

Google Group: Access to the MAS Google Group which has the ability to post, search, and view messages, images, and files.

Astronomical League: Optional membership. Your membership dues support the activities of the club and our observatory operating costs and ongoing maintenance.



PUBLIC NIGHTS

Around 4-5 times each year our members invite the public to tour our observatory. "Public nights" are held



RAIN OR STARSHINE and include a presentation by an MAS member followed by observing the universe through our telescopes if weather permits. See our website for dates.



OUTREACH PROGRAMS

One of our most rewarding activities is outreach to the public through sharing our love of astronomy. We do this primarily through our Public Nights however we also on occasion will give talks by request or participate in local events such as supporting a star party. See our website for details.



OBSERVATORY TOURS

We host private tours and observing for a fee in the warmer months and can be scheduled through our Tour Director. They can be for a few people to groups of 30 or more! (12 years and older)

