



**Lloyd Lashbrook is inviting you
to a scheduled Zoom meeting.**

Topic: October ObSIG Meeting

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Meeting ID: 753 606 3507

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**** Be sure to download the Ghost Hunt List **** sent in a separate follow up email.

Observing Special Interest Group Meeting

10/13/2021

- Introductions and general observing topics.
What have you been seeing lately?
- You Tube Video [What Do Our Closest Galaxies Look Like?](#)
A video that details 5 of the objects on the Ghost Hunt.
- The Ghost Hunt Challenge, an overview.
In times when we don't have COVID to worry about, we would have a fall picnic and many of our members would take up the all-night challenge of trying to find all 110 objects on the list that was created by Stephen J. O' Meara.

This year there will not be a picnic but a number of people will gather at the Atoka dark site to take part in an unofficial version of the annual event known as the Ghost Hunt on October 30-31. We need to follow basic COVID safety measures. 1. Social Distance i.e. stay on your own pad. 2. Take care to clean the restroom. 3. If you can, sleep in your vehicle. Not the usual event but still fun.

- Time to take a quick look at the Ghost Hunt rules and list of objects.
- A few highlights from the Ghost Hunt list.

M31 Andromeda Galaxy

NGC457 ET Cluster

NGC869 & 884 Double Cluster – two for the price of one.

M42 Orion Nebula

M13 Hercules Cluster

- Helpful Hints
James O'Meara set this challenge up so that if you follow

the list closely and don't spend too much time on any one item you should be able to see all 110 objects.

If you have a smaller telescope don't become frustrated. Many of these items will take at least a 12" scope. Have fun with the ones you can find.

Study your maps and star charts over the next two weeks. If you are new to the hobby pick out some of the highlight objects to hunt down. Know where they are in the sky.

Bring your own food this time. There is no picnic. Learn what you can from others around you and be set up well before dark.

Relax. This is supposed to be fun. Enjoy yourself and your new friends.