



Texas Astronomical Society of Dallas



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www.texasastro.org www.tasobserving.org

The Texas Astronomical Society of Dallas (TAS) is a group of individuals sharing and promoting their common interest in astronomy. People with all levels of interest are welcome to join us; novice and veteran observers, telescope makers, and "armchair" astronomers can meet and learn from our members. TAS is a member of the national Astronomical League (AL).

Meetings are held on the 4th Friday of each month at The University of Texas at Dallas (UTD), 800 West Campbell Road, Richardson, Texas 75080, in the Founder's North Building (FN on the Campus Map) on Drive A in the center of the campus. Parking is in lots H, I, or J only for the meetings. The main switchboard number is (972) 883-2111. A map of the campus is located at http://www.utdallas.edu/campus_map.html and directions to UTD can be found at <http://www.utdallas.edu/directions.html>. Meeting begins at 7:30 p.m. Visitors are welcome--you need not be a member to attend! The meetings include programs presented by members or guest speakers, a presentation of the current "Constellation of the Month" and a traveling library from which members may withdraw books.

The TAS Web site has current information, including a calendar of events, astrophotography by members, maps to the meeting sites, library listings, and current topics at <http://www.texasastro.org>. The club's public observing coordinator also maintains a Web site with information on star parties and other club observing events. You can access the observing website at <http://www.tasobserving.org>. You can also send an E-mail message to the club's general e-mail address: info@texasastro.org.

The benefits of membership include a subscription to *The Spectrum* (the club's monthly newsletter) and the Astronomical League's quarterly national newsletter, *The Reflector*. Dues are \$40.00 per year. Family members can be added for \$4.00 per person (maximum \$12.00 per family). Also, the two largest astronomy magazines offer discounted subscriptions to members. *Sky & Telescope* is \$32.95 per year and *Astronomy* is \$34.00 (subject to change without notice).

Membership also allows you access to the club's 40+ acre dark sky observing site in Atoka County, Oklahoma. Located about 100 miles north of Dallas, this site offers a fine location to pursue observational and photographic astronomy. Concrete pads with electricity are available for general use at no charge, and there are also restroom facilities, city water and ample area to camp overnight. The site is locked by a combination lock, and you will be provided the combination upon joining.

As mentioned above, members may withdraw books from the club's library. You can access the current library inventory on the TAS web site. The librarian brings a representative sampling of books to the general meetings, but if you want to be sure that the book you are interested in will be brought, and for more information, contact the Librarian.

TAS also supports the following Special Interest Groups (SIGS):

APSIG – Astrophotography

ATMSIG - Amateur Telescope Makers

Club events include:

- **Annual Picnic** held early summer at the club's Atoka, Oklahoma observing site. It includes outdoor cooking, door prizes, and lots of fun.
- Participation in the organization of the **Texas Star Party**, known worldwide as one of the premier national gatherings of amateur astronomers.
- **Public Star Parties** held at various sites around the Dallas area. Club members are encouraged to bring their telescopes and other observing aides, and help the general public discover the universe.
- Club participation in **Astronomy Day**, an annual event typically observed in the spring and sponsored by the Astronomical League.
- Annual **Holiday Party** (held in lieu of the December general meeting) featuring a dinner and speaker. A nominal fee is charged for the dinner.

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NEW MEMBER APPLICATION

Date _____/_____/_____ Referred by _____

Name of Primary Member _____

Names of Family Members _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ ZipCode _____-_____

Home Phone (____)____-_____ Email Address: _____

The Spectrum is available on the TAS website in the Member's Only section. TAS uses Constant Contact to communicate with members, please add info@texasastro.org to your email list of contacts.

The information in this box is not published nor made available to anyone except club officers and directors. It is not mandatory, but can greatly assist them in cases such as short notice of a schedule change to an activity by not requiring them to make all calls in the evening. Check below to authorize publication in the annual membership directory and/or release to other members.

OK to Publish

Office Phone (____)____-_____

Mobile (____)____-_____

Amateur Radio (HAM) Call Sign _____

Primary Member Dues (\$40.00 For pro-rated dues, see next page) \$ _____

Family Member Dues (\$4.00 per person, to a maximum of \$12 per family) \$ _____

Sky&Telescope subscription (\$32.95 New subscriptions through TAS only, do not use to renew) \$ _____

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Astronomy subscription (\$34.00 New subscriptions through TAS only, do not use to renew)..... \$ _____

Total: \$ _____

Please make checks payable to TAS or Texas Astronomical Society and mail with this application to:

Texas Astronomical Society
c/o Luis Santana
8403 Lanners
McKinney, Texas 75070

Office Use: Check # _____ NMP MC/C NB(s)

Membership Application Information

Primary Dues:

The TAS fiscal year runs from August 1 to July 31. All memberships except Life Memberships expire on July 31. Dues are prorated on a quarterly basis as shown in the following table and apply to first time members only:

Joining:	Dues:	Paid through:
August September October	\$40.00	July 31 of the current fiscal year
November December January	\$30.00	July 31 of the current fiscal year
February March April	\$20.00	July 31 of the current fiscal year
May June July	\$40.00	July 31 of the <u>following</u> fiscal year

Family Dues:

Family memberships allow other members of your family to enjoy all the privileges of TAS membership. Family dues are \$4.00 per additional person, with a maximum of \$12.00, and are not prorated. Families receive one copy of the *Reflector*.

Sky & Telescope and Astronomy Magazine Discounted Subscriptions:

Sky & Telescope Magazine and *Astronomy Magazine* offer TAS members a discounted subscription rate. TAS keeps none of this money, but is required to handle all collection and forwarding of funds for these discounted subscriptions. Therefore, you pay TAS and the subscription is handled by the TAS Treasurer directly with the publisher. In order to receive the discounted rate, both magazines require that you be a club member when your subscription begins and that you subscribe for no less than one (1) year.

The discount rate for *Sky & Telescope* is \$32.95 per year (regularly \$42.95).

The discount rate for *Astronomy* discount rate is \$34.00 per year (regularly \$42.95).

Magazine subscriptions are independent from TAS memberships. You can begin your subscription(s) upon joining or wait until a later date. Subscription rates are subject to change without notice.