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Dear Astronomy and Space Enthusiasts,

We hope you had a fantastic summer. For those of you who are students, welcome back to a new school year. We have a great year planned, filled with a variety of astronomy and space events, including movie nights, seminars, and of course our annual Symposium. For the latest news and upcoming events, please see below.

Clear Skies,
ASX

I. ASX at Starfest 2009

ASX participated in a variety of activities during the summer, including in Starfest 2009:

DATES: Aug 21-23, 2009

LOCATION: River Place Park, Ayton, Ontario

This annual event is organized by the North York Astronomical Association (NYAA), and this year ASX participated not only as an attendee but also as a presenter. Our talk featured a special report on several astronomy and space conferences which some of our executives had attended in the past year. These included ISDC, Canadian Space Summit, and Spacefest. As a bonus, we also talked about ASX's own annual Symposium and our plans for the January 2010 event. In addition, we provided a list of upcoming conferences locally, nationally, and globally, which we thought to be interesting to attend. If you missed our talk, or would like to see more details about it, a copy of the presentation can be found at: <http://asx.sa.utoronto.ca/events/past2008-2009/#16>

As event attendees, a group of us (ASX executives and members) carpoled about two hours from Toronto to the campground where Starfest (the largest Canadian astronomy conference and star party) took place. We enjoyed the talks and seminars during the day, and found the topics (from astrophotography to exoplanets) very interesting. Although we encountered cloudy skies and did not get the chance to do much observing, we got to network with many other astro/space enthusiasts and even got a nice detailed lesson on constellations! We hope you can join us next year.



If you did not receive this e-newsletter directly, and would like to hear about future ASX news and events, please email space.society@utoronto.ca with subject line "Newsletter Signup". We also invite you to join our Facebook group: <http://www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=2226718345>

II. ASX at U of T Orientation

Look for the ASX booth during Orientation Week at various Clubs Day events. We will have our astronaut suit on hand for picture taking and overall exposure. If you are interested in volunteering at our booth, whether to help signup members or take a turn in our spacesuit, please respond to space.society@utoronto.ca or show up and join in the fun!

UTSU Clubs Day

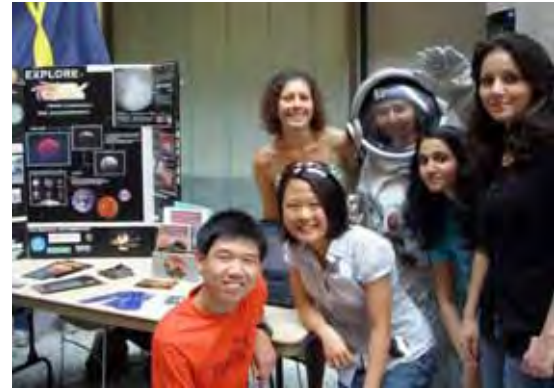
DATE & TIME: Friday, Sept. 4, 2009, 12PM - 4PM

LOCATION: U of T Front Campus (King's College Cir)

Engineering Clubs Day

DATE & TIME: Sunday, Sept. 6, 2009, 11AM - 1PM

LOCATION: Bahen Centre Lobby (40 St. George St)



III. Survey Prize Draw



Fill out our survey for a chance to win an astronomy/space-related book.

DEADLINE: Wednesday, September 23, 2009 @ 11:59 PM

We would like to hear what types of events you would like us to put on in the upcoming year. Also, we are interested in your suggestions for topics to entertain in this year's Symposium, our flagship event. By filling out the short survey below, you will be entered into a prize draw for a space-related book. Two lucky winners will be announced at our Welcome Party (Sept. 25).

Survey Link: <http://www.questionpro.com/akira/TakeSurvey?id=1323348>

IV. ASX's Open Positions: Resume-Building Opportunity

Would you like to:

- be part of a dynamic team that organizes THE LARGEST astro/space event in the GTA
- enhance your organizational, leadership, teamwork, creativity, and other skills
- get connected with leaders in the space and astronomy fields
- build on your professional network for future career and business opportunities

If so, ASX is currently seeking talented people to fill several of its open positions:

- Graphic Designer
- Marketing Coordinator
- Sponsorship Coordinator
- Media Relations Coordinator
- High School Liaison
- Faculty/Department Liaison

For more details, see: <http://asx.sa.utoronto.ca/events/elections/>

If you are interested in any of these positions, please email us at space.society@utoronto.ca.

V. ASX Welcome Party

We would like to kick off the year with our Annual Welcome Party:
Featuring Screening of Sci-Fi Movie “Sunshine”
And a short presentation on star formations, by Kaitlin Kratter

DATE & TIME: Friday, September 25, 2009 @ 7PM
(Social Mixer @ 6:30PM)

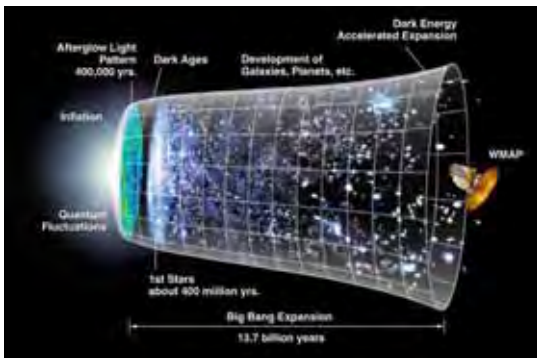
LOCATION: University of Toronto St George Campus,
Hart House (7 Hart House Cir),
East Common Room

FREE ADMISSION

RSVP: Email: space.society@utoronto.ca,
Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/event.php?eid=130025323434>



VI. Other Upcoming Astronomy/Space Events (free unless specified)



Thursday, September 3, 2009, 9:10 PM

U of T Astronomy & Astrophysics Dept Public Lecture

“A Map of the Universe: Large Scale Structure and the Cosmic Web”

By Nicholas Battaglia

LOCATION: McLennan Physical Laboratory, Room 102
(MP102), 60 St. George Street

MORE INFO:

http://www1.astro.utoronto.ca/~gasa/public_talk/iWeb/Scheduled_Tours.html

(Tuesday –Thursday) September 8 – 10, 2009

International Symposium on Solar Power Satellites

Hosted by SPACE Canada and the International Academy of Astronautics

LOCATION: Ontario Science Centre (770 Don Mills Rd., Toronto)

MORE INFO: <http://www.spacecanada.org/>

Note: not a free event





Friday, September 11, 2009, 8:00 PM

RASC Mississauga Speaker's Night

"From Galileo to Hubble: the rise of the telescope"

By Prof. Paul Delaney, York University

LOCATION: University of Toronto Mississauga Campus, Room SE2082 in South Building

MORE INFO: <http://www.mississauga.rasc.ca/meetings.htm>

Ends September 15, 2009

Opening the Universe - Art Inspired by Astronomy

The Ontario Science Centre presents work by the students of OCAD - The Ontario College of Art and Design (OCAD)

LOCATION: Ontario Science Centre (770 Don Mills Rd., Toronto)

MORE INFO:

<http://www.ontariosciencecentre.ca/ideagallery>

http://apache.ocad.ca/events_calendar/eventdetail.php?id=1436



Saturday, September 26, 2009, 8:30 PM

Keynote Lecture - U of T Astronomy & Astrophysics Dept

"How to Find a Habitable Planet"

By Prof. David Charbonneau, Harvard University

LOCATION: Medical Sciences Auditorium ([1 King's College Cir](#))

MORE INFO:

http://www1.astro.utoronto.ca/~qasa/public_talk/iWeb/Scheduled_Tours.html

Saturday, October 3, 2009, All Day

STAR Symposium

Day Event: 11 AM – 4 PM; Night Event: 10 PM – 1 AM

Main Event: 6 PM – 9:30 PM (feat. Bob McDonald and Ivan Semeniuk)

LOCATION: York University

MORE INFO: <http://starsymposium.ca>



Ends October 4, 2009

STAR TREK IMAX Film - Ontario Science Centre

LOCATION: Ontario Science Centre ([770 Don Mills Rd., Toronto](#))

MORE INFO:

<http://www.ontariosciencecentre.ca/imax/default.asp?filmdetail=Star+Trek>

Note: not a free event

(Friday – Sunday) November 20 – 22, 2009

Canadian Space Summit

“Multi-Use missions: Opportunities for collaboration on space technologies”

LOCATION: Royal Canadian College of Canada, Kingston, Ontario

MORE INFO: <http://www.css.ca>

Note: not a free event; early-bird discounts end Sept 30



VII. International Space News



C.O.L.B.E.R.T Treadmill on ISS

The space shuttle Discovery has returned to Earth after dropping of a \$5 million dollar treadmill, named after Stephen Colbert, of Comedy Central fame. The treadmill, dubbed the Combined Operational Load Bearing External Resistance Treadmill, was named in his honour after fans tried to get a space station room named after him. The Discovery had a good workout, travelling 5.7 million miles during the trip.

More info: <http://www.space.com/missionlaunches/090824-sts128-colbert-message.html>

Moving Stars and Earth for Water – CBC plans Reality TV in Space

Cirque de Soleil creator, Guy Laliberté, is to become Canada's first private space explorer. He is currently in talks with the CBC to host a live show from space. The broadcast will also feature artistic readings from artists such as Ai Gore, U2, Shakira, and others from 14 cities around the globe. The two-hour show is scheduled to air on October 9 at 8 PM.

More info:

http://news.cnet.com/8301-19514_3-10337125-239.html

http://www.onedrop.org/en/mission_space/poetic_social_mission.aspx



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