

- 1) The September work session has been set for Saturday the 12th starting at 9am and should be completed by noon. The remaining Observatory work items to be tackled are the installation of the new roof track support brackets, fix driveway potholes and evaluate stone(s) removal, paint south side of observatory, remove wood debris to the dump, mow field, finish clean-up of tree removal, prime and paint bottom of steel roof support posts and install stone at base of posts.
- 2) Junie has the fabrication set-up and material to make two new roof brackets for installation at the September 12th work session, with the remaining four brackets to be made and installed late in fall.
- 3) Additional information on the clubs purpose is being generated.
- 4) Club to look into procuring plaques for Phil, Jack and others and to determine a wall space to be set aside for these plaques. This process is in the planning stage.
- 5) Twenty 35mm slides of the observatory construction have been found and will be put on our web site for review. People in slides need to be identified. If anyone has any additional construction slides please let us know and they will also be posted.
- 6) Junie conducted the planetarium shows at the Chesterfield Library the morning of July 20th. The observing session at the library is tentatively scheduled for either Friday Sept. 25 or Friday October 23rd at 7pm, weather permitting. If observing cannot be conducted due to weather, Junie will conduct a slide show presentation on the “overview of the night sky”. The exact date will be determined by Sept. 10th
- 7) Starting September 18th the business meetings will take place at Keene State College in the Young Student Center starting at 7pm. Septembers presentation by Keith will be on “how to observe using the new finder scope installed on the 12 ½” Newtonian telescope and a video on how to open the observatory.
- 8) Jim Faux talked about the astronomy teaching material Phinie received from one of her colleague’s at RIT, which were given to Carl for the Dublin school to use for their astronomy courses. Jim also talked about the observatory location and its construction status. Dublin School is excited by partner possibilities with KAA. They will post an article in their newsletter about KAA. A question was raised if there computerized telescope motor is synchronized with the dome opening and rotating motors?
- 9) KAA to purchase the two digital pictures taken of the club telescope that are available from the “Keene Sentinel” at \$10 each. Bob to procure.
- 10) On Saturday September 26th the “Springfield Telescope Makers” is having a free night of observing starting at 7pm at their facilities in Springfield, VT.
- 11) Discussed the July work party dinner to be held after October 16th. Final arrangements to be determined at Sept 18th business meeting.
- 12) A fire extinguisher has been purchased and installed on the wall behind the entrance door.
- 13) A decision on when to do the sidewalk observing in Keene has been postponed until Septembers meeting.
- 14) KAA would like to generate a list of the past club officers and post them in the history section of our web site. This will require input from both Junie and Keith.
- 15) Jim Fox to talk with Gail about the possibility of getting another high profile NASA speaker for the Keene Library in the early spring and for her to do an astronomy book review presentation in late spring. One NASA topic still outstanding is on Supernova’s.
- 16) Keith would like links to speakers that did presentations for the “Visions of the Universe”, which hopefully are available through Gail?
- 17) Keith indicated he talked with a Jon Udell whom is working on a local project called the “elmcity” project. He would like local organizations with web page calendars set up so that when they post on their calendars it shows up on the local event calendar. Perhaps the Keene Sentinel would host this community calendar on its web page.

- 18) Starting in September KAA is going to initiate one floating observing night per month, which would theoretically give three observing sessions per month. With all the bad weather this summer on our regularly scheduled observing nights we felt an impromptu observing session initiated by any one in the club would give us at least one good observing session per month. How it would work is by a phone tree by calling me first at 802-257-9358. If I don't answer the second person to call is Jim Fox at 603-357-8400. Jim or I will contact all the other members. The deal is whom ever initiates the call must man the telescopes or find someone to help them with observing. Also non-key holding members need to have a member with a key join them. I assume between Keith, Jim Fox and myself one of us should be available.
- 19) Al Kulas of radio station WKBK, 1290 AM called and offered KAA an opportunity to come on his talk show and take live astronomy calls from 5am to 6am any Saturday or Sunday mornings. He will also announce any of our promotions. Junie will be our representative and I will post when this event will take place. Al indicated he would like to come to one of our meetings, but our meeting and observing schedules conflict with his work. I will contact Al and see if we could schedule a special meeting/observing time so that he could join us.
- 20) I talked with Caudio Veliz with Southern Vermont Astronomy club (sovera.org) after reading an article in the Brattleboro Reformer about this organization. They have been in existence since 2006 and have meetings the 2nd Tuesday of each month in Chester, VT at the Whiting Library. Caudio is also very involved with Stellafane. It is our intent to go to a few meetings and introduce our club, as they were not aware of us.
- 21) Keith has **proposed** to run a beginners training classes on operating a 4 ½" Dobsonian telescope. There would be four and possibly five levels of achievement in this class. He would like three of these telescopes and that the classes be held at the observatory. With 2 to 3 people/telescope. Each session would run 45 min to 60 min. The next step would advance to the 12 ½" Newtonian telescope. Fauxes and Keith both indicated they would purchase a Dob. Keith to look into any possible grants for telescopes thru KSC. And Jim Fox to check with Gail about any library grants. This will be a one of the main discussion topics at our Sept. meeting session.
- 22) Two guests came to the meeting – One was Frank Plummer who has a very sophisticated computerized constellation locater and tracker called "star navigator". And a colleague of Keith's, Jerry Mazza, whom is also teaching astronomy at Keene State.
- 23) KAA to check into personal and car liability insurance for club.