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Informal "Zoom" Astronomy Chat on June 5

by John Holtz

Tired of staying at home with nothing to do? Frustrated that the Full Moon (June 5) will spoil another weekend of observing? Then join me for an "Informal Chat/Meeting" on Friday, **June 5, 2020** starting at **7:30 pm**. Everyone is invited to attend to talk about anything astronomy related. It's your chance to attend a "meeting" and get to ask the questions that you normally do not get to ask. Note that this is not a business meeting with a speaker, 50/50 raffle, and officer reports. Just a chance to get together. Curious how members take such great photos? Hopefully some of them will join and can talk a little bit about it. Curious about what to observe? Let's talk about that. Thinking about buying a scope? I'm sure someone will have some suggestions (or at least opinions). The Zoom meeting invitation is below. Hope you can attend!

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"Crescent Venus and Mercury...Starlink satellites....Comet ATLAS....Nice ISS pass....Going to Cherry Springs?....M81 and M82...Lower light pollution these days?....Image stacking...."

URGENT MATTER: Gate Use Problems at Mingo and Wagman Observatories



- **GATES NOT BEING LOCKED AT MINGO** – Reported by **Gene Leis**, Director: Over the weekend of May 23/24, an AAAP club member opened the Mingo gate, drove up to the observatory, did not get out of their car, then left the observatory grounds and left the gate wide open. They may have done that because they saw another club member was there. The problem is that when the gate was open other non-members started traveling on to the ground and parking their cars, which meant our member could not leave until they did. Otherwise he would have had to lock them in. We cannot stress enough the importance to lock the gates coming and going even if other members are there.

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Reminder: Please Pay Your Astronomical League Dues Soon

by Terry Trees, AL Coordinator



If you haven't yet paid your Astronomical League dues and are interested in becoming or continuing to be a member, you still have time to go to 3ap.org and pay them. \$7.50/year, and that price is good for both a family membership or an individual membership, depending upon your AAAP membership. You can also mail a check to **Terry Mealy**, the AAAP Treasurer (2877 Hemlock St., Bethel Park, PA, 15102).

Please act soon. We'll be sending in our check to the AL national office in a couple of weeks. Thanks very much.

Some of the AL's observing award pins.





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