

2013 Florida Fringe Festival

Florida Fringe Festival / Star Party : This is my annual starparty for the gang. It is on the weekend before the Winter Star Party starts in the keys so friends on their way south tend to stop off and share their super telescopes.

When : Starts Friday Feb 1th 2013 and runs thru the 2nd and 3rd . All day activities Saturday

Where : 4 miles west of Oak Hill, Florida.

Private airfield way out in the swamp with mag 5.5 stars, acres of parking and no street lights. Contact Drew for map and directions.

What to bring : Your curiosity, your family, your neighbors, your glasses so you can see the stars. Bring and anything telescope, astronomical, telescope mirror, computer, optical or star party related. If you would like to bring a covered dish to share then please coordinate with Linda Sue Aurigema for the (free) Saturday night feed. Bring your common sense. There will be an incredible amount of astronomically expensive optical and electronic equipment at this party so caution and safety are required. Bring your outdoor portable table if you are setting up a telescope. We got lots of chairs already.

What not to bring : Do not bring any form of alcohol, drugs or firearms. Do not bring pets. Do not bring anything that requires fire or generates smoke. Do not bring anything loud or dangerous to me or my guest. Do not bring your high intensity laser pointers (ours are brighter so you will be shamed anyway). Is short, do not bring anything that will get you thrown off my property.

I have no sense of humor when it comes to safety. Please do not doubt this.

What resources are available : Well this is my private residence so we have pretty much anything you would find in your house. There are 5 acres of parking / camping if you are inclined to camp over. I can run a little power to your tent or RV to run lights and a laptop. There are no RV hookups. I can get you water but would rather not. Limited access to the internet on a sharing basis. Full aerospace machine shop / telescope mirror making factory will be open Friday & Saturday for informal workshops and telescope maintenance. Mirror aluminizing chamber available, up to 60" dia, on a first come first serve. Same for the mirror grinding, polishing and laser interferometer testing stations. There is a 50x50 concrete pad for setting up telescopes and a 100 X 100 grass area for setting up telescopes in the grass. I will run electrical power around and have some safety lighting. There will be a few portable tables and lots of chairs for guest to use. Saturday night feed is legendary and free to anybody that is there for the stars part of the starparty.



Basic Itinerary :

Friday Feb 1st : People show up, get situated for the weekend and anybody that has a project gets the use of my machine shop to play all day on it. Clean up optics, eat a lot of great cooking and warm up starparty after dark.

Saturday Feb 2nd : All day play in the machine shop working on mirrors, telescopes and whatever projects are brought. There will be talks on CnC milling, glass fusion, mirror grinding, mirror testing, mirror stripping, mirror aluminizing and just how great the Pats are !!! At 6:00 pm the shop closes and it is dinner time. It will be awesome again so plan on joining us. Stars till dawn. The big scopes will be available for your viewing and there will be people on hand that know the sky and can answer your questions.



Sunday Feb 3rd : Recover, pack for the Winter Star Party and eat whatever food is left over from Saturday night. Usually we do dinner at a great seafood restaurant in Daytona.



RSVP is required for the dinner part of this great party so we can plan the food quantity.

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