

# Rose-Hulman Astronomy Club

## 09/10/09 Meeting Minutes

- Astronomy Fact of the Week: The darkness of night skies is classified with the Bortle Scale, which ranges from 9 (worst) to 1 (darkest). Oakley Observatory is in a class 6 sky. There is nothing better than class 4 within 100 miles.
- We are planning a trip to Turkey Run for this fall. We cannot stay in the park past 11PM without camping all night, so our options are to go later in the quarter when it gets darker earlier, observe for a couple of hours, and leave before the park closes, or to stay all night and camp. We would like to know what your preferences are, so please let us know.
- We have 2 open houses coming up this fall. We especially need members' help in the absence of Dr. Ditteon, so please come if you are able. The first will be next Friday, September 18<sup>th</sup>, weather permitting.