



**Dave Eicher, Editor in Chief of Astronomy Magazine**

Mr. Eicher has been with Astronomy magazine's editor for 25 years, the magazine's editor since 2002 and has written seven books on astronomical observing. Among some of the most used are The Universe from Your Backyard, (Cambridge Univ. Press), Deep-Sky Observing with Small Telescopes (Enslow), and Stars and Galaxies. (Kalmbach Books)



**Michael Bakich, Senior Editor of Astronomy Magazine**

Mr. Bakich received a Master of Arts degree in planetarium education (one of only six such degrees ever awarded). Mr. Bakich has written three books for Cambridge University Press, The Cambridge Guide to the Constellations, The Cambridge Planetary Handbook and The Cambridge Encyclopedia of Amateur Astronomy.



**Bob Manske, Former President of both the Madison Astronomical Society and the Milwaukee Astronomical Society**

Mr. Manske is an honored longtime member of the American Association of Variable Star Observers, has taught hundreds of people how to make scientifically meaningful observations of variable stars.



**Dave Oesper**

Former Board Member of the International Dark-Sky Association and Founder of Outdoor Lighting Associates, Mr. Oesper has championed astronomy and dark-sky issues via TV, radio and newspaper interviews.



**Harald Schenk, Professor of Astronomy at UW-Sheboygan**

Mr. Schenk was selected as a finalist in the 'Competition for Amateur Use of the Hubble Space Telescope', is currently in his fifth year as a JPL Solar System Ambassador and is on a committee to place an amateur telescope on the International Space Station.

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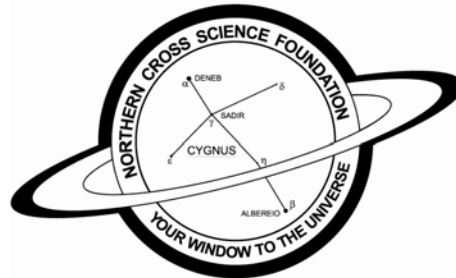
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**NCRAL 2008**  
**Astronomy By The Lake**



**Lakeview Conference Center**  
**Port Washington, WI**

**April 18-19, 2008**

## Schedule of Events

### Friday Evening, April 18th

**3:00 pm** Registration Desk Opens

**7:00 pm** Observatory Grounds Open for touring at the “Jim and Gwen Plunkett Observatory” in Harrington Beach State Park

**8:00 pm** Registration Desk Closes for the evening

**11:00 pm** Observatory Grounds Close



### Saturday Morning, April 19th

**7:00 am** Registration Desk Opens  
Astro-Photo and Astro-Trivia Contest Open

**8:30 am** Welcome Address

**9:00 am** Harald Schenk  
“Mysterious Comet SW-1”

**10:00 am** Bob Manske  
“Variable Stars”

**10:00 am** Registration Desk Closes

**11:00 am** Group Photo Taken  
Registration Desk Closes

**11:30 pm** Break for Lunch (Many restaurants in the immediate area)

### Saturday Afternoon, April 19th

**1:00 pm** Michael Bakich  
“How The Constellations Came To Be”

**2:00 pm** David Oesper  
“Dark Sky Communities”

**3:00 pm** NCRAL Annual Business Meeting

**4:30 pm** IDA Business Meeting

**5:00 pm** Astrophoto and Astro Trivia contest closes. End of daytime activities.

### Saturday Evening, April 19th

**6:00 pm** NCRAL Annual Banquet begins with Cocktail hour

**7:00 pm** Dinner Served

**8:00 pm** Door Prizes, Grand Prize Giveaway, Photo and Trivia Awards

**8:30 pm** Banquet Dinner Speaker  
David Eicher  
“Behind The Scenes at Astronomy Magazine”

**11:00 pm** NCRAL 2008 is in the books!  
See you next year!

Vendors will be open during  
the Conference all day  
Saturday!