

2020 NCRAL REGION AWARD

Lee Green, Twin City Amateur Astronomers



NCRAL 2020 Region Award Recipient Lee Green of the TCAA

Lee Green is an outstanding and well-rounded amateur astronomer who exemplifies what it means to provide leadership and service, and to be an active observer. He is a long-time member of the Twin City Amateur Astronomers.

Leadership: Lee served as TCAA president from 2008-2010. While TCAA President, Lee presided over the multi-year planning process that led to the first NCRAL convention that the TCAA ever hosted – NCRAL 2010. After his term as president, Lee continued on the TCAA Board of Directors serving as Secretary until February 2016. Lee first became a member of the TCAA Board of Directors in 2007.

Service: Lee has served as club webmaster for many, many years – certainly more than a decade. He worked with the previous webmaster to transition to our current web site. He authored many of the features that are present on our current site, including the content management, event registration, and event promotions. As Webmaster, Lee maintains our record of outreach events for the club.

Lee wrote a variety of articles for our newsletter ***The OBSERVER*** of the Twin City Amateur Astronomers, a newsletter whose editors have twice won the AL's Mabel Sterns Newsletter Editor Award. Lee's writings include a constellation-of-the-month series that ran monthly and reviewed of all 88 constellations. Over the years he has had some 140 articles published in our newsletter.

Lee is the TCAA's outreach representative, par excellence! Over the past 11 years Lee has, as a NASA Solar System Ambassador, presented approximately 400 of the 950 astronomy-related events offered by the TCAA. These events

find him going to schools, churches, libraries, camps, nature centers, and picnics. He almost always presented a PowerPoint program and observed with or demonstrated his C14 telescope. All such events provided outreach to over 18,000 visitors.

Lee identified the opportunity, prepared the application, and initiated activities to help our club join the NASA Night Sky Network (NSN). Today he acts a one of the primary coordinators in representing the club by attending many of the training events. Through these efforts, we were selected as a winning club in one of the NSN giveaways, and we received a Sunspotter which is used with many daylight events.

Observing: Lee is an AL-recognized Master Observer. He has completed 10 AL observing programs and has received the corresponding certificates and pins and is actively pursuing more. Lee has been present with his C14 telescope at nearly every public viewing session for the past decade. He sets up his telescope cloudy or clear. If the sky is overcast, he explains how the telescope works. If clear, he showcases celestial objects.

Honors: Lee has been formally recognized by the TCAA with many awards including the following major award: *G. Weldon Schuette Society of Outstanding Amateur Astronomers* (2010). This award recognizes a TCAA member who has demonstrated great skill in observing, dedication to the club's education and public outreach efforts, and commitment to providing service to the membership. In 2012, Lee was honored with the TCAA's *John & Bertha Kieviet Founder's Award* which is conferred by the TCAA only rarely on those who have contributed significant leadership and service to the club.

Lee Green is a very active member of a very active club. He has shown tremendous dedication to amateur astronomy and the TCAA as shown by his record of leadership, service, and observing. He is an exceptionally well qualified candidate and most worthy recipient of the 2020 NCRAL Region Award.