



Monthly tidbits from the NCRAL officers, A.L. Representative, & newsletter editor

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Introductory note by Alan Sheidler, NCRAL Chairman

A lot is going on in our Region. To keep you abreast of these goings-on, your NCRAL leadership team thought it appropriate to supplement our ***Northern Lights*** quarterly newsletter with a monthly ***NCRAL blotter***. Ideally, the ***blotter*** will be a short, one-page summary of topics, new developments, or requests from around the Region. The idea is to have a quick list of bullet points that you might find significant. We hope you will share this valuable information with your club's membership. Please read this first issue and let me know what you think. *al*

- NCRAL has established a **Speakers Bureau**. We have a list of those willing to speak with your membership either over Zoom or through an on-site visit. Complete details will be found in the September 2023 issue of ***Northern Lights***, the newsletter of the North Central Region. Please contact speakers directly through our [NCRAL Speakers Bureau listing](#).
- Only 425 of the Region's 1,900 affiliate members receive NCRAL's newsletter. Add your contact information to the NCRAL ***Northern Lights*** electronic dissemination list so you won't miss out on additional valuable information. Go to the following case-sensitive URL to add your information to our database at <https://tinyurl.com/NCRAL>. Please encourage your members to do the same.
- When you receive information about the availability of our ***Northern Lights*** newsletter, please share it with your affiliate's membership. More than seven years of back issues can be found in the [NCRAL Newsletter Archive](#). An index of key feature articles has recently been added to the web page.
- Please provide updates about your affiliate's contact and website information on the [NCRAL Affiliates](#) web page as necessary. Send your updated information to NCRAL Chair Alan Sheidler at adsheidler@gmail.com.
- NCRAL is looking for convention hosts for 2025 and beyond. If your group has never hosted a Regional convention, please realize that hosting can be fun and has many benefits, including indemnification for unanticipated losses and a 50-50 share of the profits. Assistance is also available from the Region. See our ***Convention Planning Guidelines*** on our [NCRAL Conventions](#) web page.
- September is another action-packed month. It's Saturn's time to shine. We also have Comet Nishimura — now at 5th magnitude and still brightening — and look forward to a dramatic asteroid occultation. Check out the details at [Sky & Telescope](#).