

2026 NCRAL NL Editor Award

- This year's recipient
 - Editor of *Capitol Skies* which he restarted in 2024
 - Assembled a team of contributing writers for the *Capitol Skies*
 - Each issue has an informative article authored by Jack promoting the AL observing programs
 - Alcor
 - Master Observer
 - Coordinator of the AL Solar Neighborhood Observing Program
 - Instrumental in MAS's rejoining the Astronomical League in 2024
 - Deeply respected promoter of astronomy



Jack Fitzmier
Madison Astronomical Society

This year's recipient of the 2026 NCRAL Newsletter Editor Award is Madison Astronomical Society's Jack Fitzmier. The Newsletter Editor Award is given to honor a club newsletter editor who demonstrates outstanding service to their club by documenting club activities, observing sessions, meeting minutes, club projects, feature articles by club members and astronomy related news from around the world. This award seeks to honor this critical service that otherwise might go unrecognized. The above slide, shown at the NCRAL 2026 Conference in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, details Jack's impressive list of accomplishments for his work producing the *Capitol Skies* newsletter. In addition to doing an outstanding job as newsletter editor, Jack is also deeply involved with all aspects of MAS's club activities. The North Central Region of the Astronomical League takes great pride in being able to recognize Jack for his enthusiasm for his club and community. Congratulations to Jack for receiving the 2026 NCRAL Newsletter Editor Award.

Alan Sheidler

Alan Sheidler, NCRAL Chair