

Clarence T. Jones Observatory

Spring 2023 Newsletter

The Spring 2023 UTC Jones Observatory Star Party season has come to a close. It was an enjoyable time and we had fun sharing astronomy with the public. Based on attendance data, we were able to accomplish the following:

Total Attendance—492

Average Nightly Attendance—41

The total attendance is about where it was before the pandemic closing.

Our policy of offering the lecture and planetarium show simultaneously and then switching audiences worked well. A special thanks to [Barnard Astronomical Society](#) (BAS) members who set up their telescopes in the parking lot.

As always, I appreciate the dedication, good humor, knowledge, competence, and love of astronomy everyone has. Special thanks to the members of the BAS, UTC, and the Friends of the Observatory. This place is nothing if not a community effort.

We hope to start our Fall 2023 Star Party season in October 2023. Preparations are now underway.

Hope to see you then,

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Hand built telescope from BAS.