



Dear ASSA Johannesburg Members

Last month I spoke of owning a piece of space in the way of a meteorite. Now space can own a piece of you!

So, here is a fun thing you can do as we enter the festive season, perhaps even for the younger family members. The last two Space Shuttle flights are scheduled for February and April next year, and NASA wants to put a picture of you on one of the two remaining space shuttle missions and launch it into orbit. To have your image launched into space and become a part of history, visit their website and upload your image, after which you will be able to download a commemorative certificate once the Shuttle returns.

NASA website: <https://faceinspace.nasa.gov/index.aspx>

For the third year in a row, our year end function was beset by bad weather for any chance of viewing. However, the undercover braaing and socialising was still enjoyable to all that attended, and we saw a spectacular lightning display from our high vantage point at the observatory.

On behalf of the committee, we wish all our members a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year, and above all we wish you all safe travelling over the festive season.

Gary Els

Chairman – ASSA Johannesburg Centre

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See our website www.assajhb.co.za for news and updates

Notice of Next Meeting – ASSA Johannesburg

Next meeting at Johannesburg Observatory, 18a Gill St,
Observatory

Wednesday, 12 January 2011 at 7.30 pm

*The Sun: Its structure, surface and atmospheric phenomena, the
sunspot cycle and solar wind*
By Michael Poll

For Sale - Sky Guide Africa South 2011



Copies of the 2011 Astronomical Handbook for Southern Africa are available for purchase. Copies will be on sale at monthly meetings from January 2011.

Selling price:

Members - R55 (one per membership)
All other sales - R75

If you would like to place an order for posting, kindly contact Alec Jamieson who will post you a copy at an additional charge of R10

Alec's details:

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For Sale - Planispheres

Planispheres are in stock again and are for sale at R30 each. They will be available for purchase at forthcoming events and in the library. For purchases and details, contact the Librarian, Alec Jamieson:

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A planisphere is a great help for identifying the positions of constellations at various times of the year and at various times on any particular night.

