

## **New Website**

The NEKAAL website is being redone.

The website underwent a major revision nearly 10 years ago. The software used to develop and maintain it is no longer being upgraded, and replacing it was beyond our budget—in other words, it wasn't free. The long-time webmaster, Jan Burgardt, was ready to step down, so the time had come for a change.

Enter our fearless computer pro, Russ Valentine. Using the old website as a model, Russ has developed a new look and new options for NEKAAL's web presence. As time allows, new features and new content will be added. Many thanks to Russ for his work and creativity!

## **New Outreach Opportunity for NEKAAL**

NEKAAL was contacted to help the Girl Scouts of Kansas and Missouri in their effort to promote astronomy to their members. Their STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics) coordinator, Alexis Denny, has asked us to help them establish astronomy clubs within their region. We've also been asked to host open houses at Farpoint, do presentations for individual troops, and help improve their curricula in astronomy. In return, they'll help us with getting the word out about NEKAAL. Free publicity, folks!

This is an exciting opportunity for us to spread the word about how interesting astronomy is. We already have a member, Brian Martin, who works with the Boy Scouts, and now we'll be able to reach girls in two states. It could also mean a few new members, which is always welcome in a small club like ours!