

Donation from Membership

by Nancy Cole

Thanks to recent donations by member Steve Calovich, NEKAAL has received some great equipment and software. Farpoint observatory now has a pair of Oberwerk 11 X 70 binoculars and a binocular mirror mount as well as "Sky Tools 2" and "Starry Night Pro Plus" software. These items, with a total value of \$420, are very much appreciated by NEKAAL. Thank you again to Steve Calovich for the donation. Thanks also to every one who has donated equipment and supplies as well as money to NEKAAL over the years. NEKAAL continues to succeed because we are all working together.

And a Loss

By Bill Leifer

I speak for myself, though everyone I know who knew Dale Lee apparently felt very much the same. Dale was one of the most pleasant, friendly, and upbeat people I have ever known. I know that he worked for Westar, loved astronomy, always seemed to be there to help anyone with anything, was an excellent NEKAAL Secretary, and he was quick with a laugh and even quicker to point out the humorous side of anything. He was able to see the absurd and outrageous humor in simple everyday things and situations. He just made you feel good to be alive. I know few details of his untimely death from cancer, but it took me totally by surprise and left me very saddened.

There are two ways you could help remember Dale's love of astronomy and service to NEKAAL. One would be to volunteer as club secretary. I did that job for a few years. It is not only the

secretarial function at board meetings, but it requires being more or less the communications director. If you can take good minutes and are willing to attend board meetings and make some calls and emails on occasion, please contact Board President Brad Hutton. Another way would be to donate a little something to NEKAAL in his memory. I plan to do that, and I would encourage everyone who can to do the same.