

AstroBlast 2003

Hi All,

Here's a few photos from AstroBlast 2003. (henceforth known as AstroSplash!) I only have a few, It's hard to take photos and hold onto your umbrella at the same time! After the storms on Friday night, thought for sure, I'd be in Kansas when I woke up Saturday morning. But everyone weathered it thru, (except for Tim Hagan, whose tent ended up in the woods).

"Group photo"

<http://home.comcast.net/~lemaaap/astroblast2003/ab2003-1.jpg>

"Phil Harrington"

<http://home.comcast.net/~lemaaap/astroblast2003/ab2003-4.jpg>

"A glimmer of hope"

<http://home.comcast.net/~lemaaap/astroblast2003/ab2003-0.jpg>

"Pizza!"

<http://home.comcast.net/~lemaaap/astroblast2003/ab2003-2.jpg>

"Pizza-II"

<http://home.comcast.net/~lemaaap/astroblast2003/ab2003-3.jpg>

"A shortcut to mushrooms" <http://home.comcast.net/~lemaaap/astroblast2003/ab2003-5.jpg>

"A good day to be a 'Fish'"

<http://home.comcast.net/~lemaaap/astroblast2003/ab2003-6.jpg>

You can find all these and pictures from past AstroBlast's at my website:

<http://home.comcast.net/~lsmch/>

A BIG thanks to John O'Hara, Tim Spuck, and the ORAS club for making the best out of a very stormy weekend. They did a great job keeping the event going thru the starparty 'rain' curse of 2003. I thought the speakers were all interesting, especially 'Galileo thru the Eyes of his Daughter' by Dr Sharon Montgomery - done as first-person in period costume, and 'Dinosaurs and Impact Extinction Theory' by Dr Darren Williams.

Phil Harrington's talk on binocs has inspired me to try and get out more often with my own pair. He would make a great speaker for StarCruise. (hint hint). And of course, our own 'Fish' did his usual great presentation on 'Observing Satellites'. The biggest event was the traditional Saturday night pizza party and doorprize giveaway. The AAAP & Kiski friends, as usual, cleaned house on the prizes.

Thanks, Larry