



# Fort Wayne

# ENGINEERS' Club

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## **September Tour to Fox Island County Park**

The September FWEC tour will be hosted by the Fort Wayne Astronomical Society ([fortwayneastronomicalsociety.com](http://fortwayneastronomicalsociety.com)). We will have a "star party" where society members will assist us in observing interesting objects in the September sky. Please note: this tour is weather dependent; if it's too cloudy we won't be able to see anything. Fox Island can accommodate ~40 vehicles, there is another lot in front of the nature center that has a paved sidewalk that connects to that observatory, but it isn't lighted, so remember that when the tour is over it will be dark.

Fox Island County Park  
7324 Yohne Road, Fort Wayne, IN 46809  
**Thursday, September 22nd, 7:30 P.M. EDT**  
(Rain date: Thursday, September 29th)

Due to the size of the FWEC membership for this tour the Fort Wayne Astronomical Society will be accepting donations for this tour. The recommended donation is \$1. Please show them that the FWEC supports science and engineering in our area and be generous with the tour donation.

We are trying to get an informal head count to the Fort Wayne Astronomical Society. If attending please RSVP to Ryan Stark at [FortWayneEngineersClub@yahoo.com](mailto:FortWayneEngineersClub@yahoo.com).

The Fort Wayne Astronomical Society is a not-for-profit organization, incorporated in 1959, for the purpose of public education in Astronomy and related sciences. The Society conducts public observing sessions at its observatory every clear Saturday evening, from April through November, conducted by trained and experienced Society members. Public observing starts 1-hour after sunset and continues for two hours. The Society observatory was started in 1961 and completed and opened to the public in 1963. It was located north of Fort Wayne, on DuPont Road. Creeping light pollution from street and security lights caused skies to become less than desirable and in 1978, it was moved to Fox Island County Park.

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### **The FWEC Newsletter E-Mail Delivery**

The FWEC newsletter is now available for e-mail delivery. This saves the club postage and newsletter fees as well as

### **Future Tours**

The FWEC is looking for ideas for future venues. Is your place of work somewhere that you'd like to show off? Are you interested in a specific company in the Fort Wayne area? Please submit all tour

getting the newsletter to the membership sooner. Please add [News@FortWayneEngineersClub.org](mailto:News@FortWayneEngineersClub.org) to your address list ensuring proper delivery of the newsletter.

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## **TekVenture Fort Wayne Regional Maker Faire**

TekVenture's Fort Wayne Regional Maker Faire (stand 2nd from 9:00 AM to 6:00 PM). The Fort Wayne Regional Maker Faire is a family-friendly event to MAKE, create, learn, invent, CRAFT, recycle, think, play and be inspired by celebrating arts, crafts, engineering, food, music, science and technology.

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## **2011-2012 Membership Dues**

Dues for the FWEC 2011-2012 membership year are now payable. Dues are \$11/year (\$6/year for students). Payments can now be made online through our website (or save \$1 by mailing directly to the club treasurer or paying at the meeting). How do you know if you owe dues? Look above your name on the newsletter address label. If it says 11, then you owe dues. If it says 12 or more, then you are paid up for the next year. HO stands for Honorary and CO stands for Complementary. We are also accepting contributions to the [Northeast Indiana Engineers' Week academic award fund](#). Please be clear in marking your dues separate from your academic award donations. All mailed dues and academic award contributions need to go to:

FWEC Treasurer – Ryan Stark  
828 West Oakdale Drive  
Fort Wayne, IN 46807.

For questions, Ryan can be reached at (260) 456-0809.

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## **Member Collaboration, Information, and Suggestions**

Have you ever needed to e-mail a really big file, but your e-mail program couldn't handle it? Club Member Chris Highlen has this suggestion. "I used a free web service, [www.transferbigfiles.com](http://www.transferbigfiles.com) to send the PPT and images. It really is free and any single file can be up to 100MB. The only drawback is you can't include a message with it, at least not for free. I just send a regular e-mail telling the recipient to be on the lookout for the message from the service and that it isn't spam. I've used sites like this for many years and found them to be reliable and convenient.

Here are some others that have been recommended, although I haven't tried them all yet.

<http://www.dropsend.com>

<https://www.yousendit.com>

<http://www.sendspace.com>

<http://www.box.net>

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## **FWEC 2011-2012 Board**

### **Board Membership**

1st Year Board Members (2011-2014):  
Jim Delaney & Jack Philipot

The 2011-2012 FWEC Board  
Membership is as follows:

2nd Year Board Members (2010-2013):  
Deborah Pitzer & Ralph Snyder

- President: Seth Tribbett
- Vice President: John Magsam
- Treasurer: Ryan Stark
- Secretary: Elizabeth Garr

3rd Year Board Members (2009-2012):  
Cecil "Gene" Dominique & Dan Delaney

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