



Newsletter of the Baton Rouge Astronomical Society

## SEPTEMBER, 2011

The fall is now here and we are back to having our regular monthly meetings on the second Monday of each month. Our next meeting is only a few days away on Monday, Sept 12, 2011 at the observatory at 7 PM

### Current Meeting Notice

This month we are being treated to a talk from our own **Dr. Brad Schaefer**. His talk is entitled "**Solving the Uber-Important Type Ia Supernova Progenitor Problem.**" It is known what causes these supernovae, but the question of "what kind of system does this" has been weighing on the minds of cosmologists more and more over the last decade. They need this answer to help provide more precision in their work. Brad, with a result soon to be published in **Nature**, believes the question has been answered! (But you'll need to come out to the meeting to find out what it is...)

### Summer Meetings

We have had a good summer program beginning in June with a program at the La Arts and Science Museum and the Planetarium there hosted by the director Jon Elvert and our own member, Lisa Chumney. Then in July, we had a BBQ and tour hosted by the LIGO observatory in Livingston, La. We wrapped up the summer series with a talk by Kirk Aymond of our sister club, PAS, in New Orleans on the Electro-Magnetic Spectrum.

We have some good meetings scheduled for October and November with our annual Christmas meeting in December. You should plan to attend that meeting if that is the only one that you attend.

**Marvin E Owen, BRAS President**  
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