

Astronomy in the Two Dales

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Greetings fellow people of Earth , Starman reporting , from the frontiers of known space and as you demand accuracy I will tell you my location . I am currently approaching the star system known as EAFOTS BF-J B9-0 , 9561 light years from Earth , on the return journey of a 4 month exploration mission to the outer spiral arm of the Milky Way galaxy. Due to the wonders of modern sub space communication technology , He who wears shorts , should receive this in time for publication.

So what do you have to look forward to where you are ? , well your moon will be in it's " new " phase on the 1st , which is good news for those of you who like watching meteors , as there will be the Draconid meteor shower on the 7th Best seen in the early evening with the meteors radiating from directly above , near the bright star Vega.

The fullmoon on the 16th , will be a supermoon , appearing larger than normal as it is at it's closest approach to your planet and is a sign to go hunting as it is known as the hunters moon , however this is going to block out all but the brightest meteors from the Orionid meteor shower on the 20th and 21st , viewing time is 2am , looking southward for the distinctive belt of 3 stars.

You will then enjoy another new moon on the 30th , so another good time for observation of far away and faint objects.

As many of you will have seen , heard or read , a planet has been detected orbiting your nearest star neighbour , Proxima Centauri. The initial observations took place in 2013 , but it was only with the recent establishment of a specific observing campaign that confirmation of the discovery was made . This new found world is a bizarre place , orbiting it's star in 11 days , yet it could possibly have water on it's surface. Now this planet is only 4.2 light years away , so it would only take 4 years at the speed of light to get there , if only you had the technology to do that.

Well , according to an interview with a director of an aviation manufacturer , Lockheed Skunk Works , based at Groom lake in the USA , you do. Director Ben Rich was an advocate for the general release to the public of all the top secret and special military projects that the USA has been working on since the end of the second world war. What follows is taken from an interview before his death in 1995:

“We already have the means to travel among the stars, but these technologies are locked up in black projects, and it would take an act of God to ever get them out to benefit humanity. Anything you can imagine, we already know how to do it.”

“We now have technology to take ET home. No it won't take someone's lifetime to do it. There is an error in the equations. We know what it is. We now have the capability to travel to the stars.”

“There are two types of UFOs — the ones we build and the ones ‘they’ build.”