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Presentation on Friday October 7, 2022, 8:00pm PT

Norman Nasise, MD

CEO, Star Chaserz

Discovering Wonders of The Night Sky

Free and open to the public. Via Zoom video conference.

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Star Chaserz is a non-profit organization dedicated to promote public awareness, education, appreciation, and preservation of one our most precious, wonderful and often overlooked natural resources — the Night Sky. To achieve this goal they offer both live and virtual events through their website (StarChaserz.org). Live events include scheduled star parties and public; virtual events include live video broadcasts through telescopes in remote mobile and stationary observatories located in dark sky areas of Northern California. Star Chaserz CEO Norman Nasise will present to us on the topics of his mobile observatory (once featured in Sky & Telescope), his recently-completed Red Bluff observatory, and his new public outreach initiative.



Norman has had a lifelong interest in Astronomy, telescope design and construction. A child of the space race between the U.S. and the U.S.S.R., Norman always had an interest in science. He remembers seeing Sputnik and Muttnik fly overhead, the news on TV that Yuri Gagarin was the 1st human being launched in space, and stayed home from school and watched every Mercury launch from Alan Shepard to Gordon Cooper. It was at age 12 that he first peered at the Moon through a telescope, and became hooked on telescope making, building his first telescope at age 14. He graduated from the University of California with a BS degree and then attended medical school. After his residency he moved to a small town in Northern California, which at that time had a “very dark” sky, to build an observatory and to practice medicine. The small town grew and gradually ruined the dark sky there, so his wife suggested that he solve the problem not by moving his observatory to a more remote area, but by building a mobile observatory based on an SUV with a retractable roof which

would allow them to go to where the dark skies were! Since 2006 he has endeavored to bring the wonders of the night sky to the public via Star Chaserz with his mobile observatories, virtual website and interactive presentations and now his new public outreach initiative.