



## 2011'S SECOND JON WOOD AWARD ANNOUNCED

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When Scott Wimpie pulled up in his big 'ole plumbers truck the other day while I was out solar observing I was ready for another yokel with the same old questions "You aint suppos'd to look at the Sun er' ya'?"

Well Scott quickly surprised me with his vast knowledge of telescopes and his ability to recount facts about space that would have impressed any amateur astronomer. Seems that Scott has a knack for this stuff. We spoke for a while about galaxies and planets and all kind of cool nerdy stuff. Scott then told me how he has been trying to save up for a telescope and asked me what he should get.

Scott has a young daughter Lexi and he has had a couple of rough spots in his life. He is as hard a workin' man as I have ever met but he just can't go out and drop a couple thousand dollars on a high end telescope. I immediately thought of my friend Jon Wood and how he welcomed anyone and everyone into the club, including me! I knew that if Jon Wood were still with us he would have taken to Scott right away and welcomed him into the Charlie Elliott Chapter of the Atlanta Astronomy Club and made sure that he had what he needed to expound upon his already existing knowledge and wonder about astronomy.

I happened to have an extra scope laying around that I had been thinking about donating as this year's 2<sup>nd</sup> Jon Wood award and I knew right away that this was an excellent opportunity to spread the love and passion for astronomy that we all share.



Join me in congratulating Scott Wimpie of Monroe, GA on his selection as 2011's 2<sup>nd</sup> Jon Wood award recipient. Scott received a fully complete Celestron 9.25 inch CPC telescope with GPS guidance. The scope is equipped with ADM mini rails on top and bottom, a William Optics 2 inch focuser, several eyepieces, a 25 foot power cable, full aperture mylar film solar filter and a Orion Glass type II full aperture filter.

Scott intends to share the scope with his daughter Lexi and his friends "P" and "Gumbi" as they explore the universe together. Scott will share the love of astronomy with his community in the spirit of Jon Wood when he gets the scope figured out and he will also be the newest member of the Atlanta Astronomy Club.

If you are interested in helping me share the hobby far and wide with the Jon Wood award please visit my web site [www.charliebates.org](http://www.charliebates.org) and contribute your tax deductible support for the program.

