I invite you to join me for *It's Night, Gosh Dim It!*, my presentation about the value of night, on Thursday, October 16, 2014, in Dayton, OH. Hosted by the Miami Valley Astronomical Society, the talk will delve beyond the realm of astronomy enthusiasts as we address the broader impact of light at night. You can [order tickets](#) in advance. Thanks for sharing the [flyer](#).

Half of history has been lived between sunset and sunrise, yet our modern experience does not align with our evolutionary past. In our zeal to light up the night, humans have impinged so heavily on the natural order that we now celebrate our ability to pollute more efficiently.

On our current course, most people will never know the wonder of a Genesis night. With dark sky advocate Chuck Bueter you might pretend...
to be a sea turtle hatchling, or you’ll use a phone app to quantify darkness, or you’ll embrace a city-wide power outage to get a snapshot of light’s impact.

Bueter will propose concrete actions from personal experience (including failures) to guide consumers and purveyors toward sufficient yet sensible lighting.

Much more than a stellar hobby is at stake.

Chuck Bueter

Chuck Bueter first came to appreciate the night sky while aboard freighters in the northern Great Lakes. In the 2009 International Year of Astronomy, he was an active member of the Dark Skies Awareness Working Group, during which he spearheaded the Let There Be Night program to raise community awareness of lighting issues. As an amateur astronomer and member of the planetarium community, he believes dedicated observers of the night are well positioned to advance significantly better lighting practices. Bueter is the director of the week-long AstroCamp for youths at YMCA Camp Eberhart, is the president of the Michiana Astronomical Society Inc, was the coordinator of the 2013 Comet Festival, and was an instrumental figured in promoting global education and public outreach for the 2004 and 2012 transits of Venus. He launched his astronomy avocation with the Paper Plate Education website in the early 1990s. In his free time he enjoys sailing on Lake Michigan, especially at night.

The Miami Valley Astronomical Society
The MVAS is known for its annual Apollo Rendezvous symposium whose emphasis and appeal is amateur astronomy. Yet our greatest effect on the community comes from our outreach activities where MVAS members relate their astronomical experiences and share their telescopes with thousands of the general public from the Miami Valley. Consistently we've heard requests for presentations of an astronomical or scientific nature but aimed at a broader audience, one that has appeal to the community at large. It's with these ideals we've started the Speaker Series, where noted speakers, distinguished in their respective fields of science, astronomy, and mathematics, can present these topics in a fun and approachable manner.

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