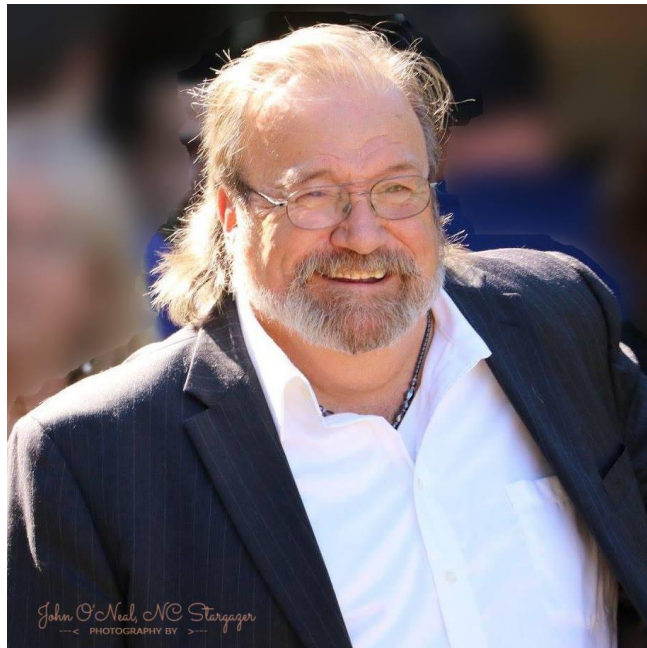


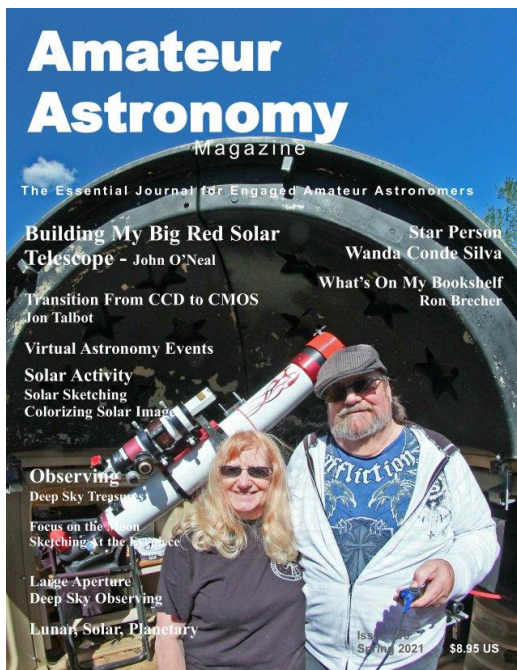
John O'Neal is a NASA SOLAR SYSTEM AMBASSADOR who travels around the US giving presentations on Astronomy related topics to raise awareness of amateur astronomy and to promote Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts & Math (STEAM) values in our youth as well as in the adults whose sphere of influence reach these future leaders of tomorrow.

John also writes tutorials and astronomical articles and product reviews for popular astronomy e-zines & magazines.

He is an Associate Editor of Amateur Astronomy Magazine and writes a recurring feature about Solar Activity. He has also authored articles for Astronomy Technology Today Magazine and the online Amateur Astrophotography e-zine.



John has been imaging the stars, planets, comets, DSO's, nebulae, and our natural world for over 5 decades now. He recently displayed a collection of his lunar images at the Catawba Science Center's 50th Anniversary of the first Manned Moon Landing Gallery.



John & his lovely wife Dorothy reside on a partially wooded 5-acre ranch with their 3 fur babies in suburban Statesville, North Carolina where they are active members of several astronomy clubs and have done countless hours of public outreach annually since they retired in 2016.

In addition to writing and traveling the states speaking about astronomy, John likes to tinker and has built his own BIG RED Solar Telescope and many other astronomy projects too numerous to mention here.

He also co-founded the Facebook Group SOLARACTIVITY in 2012. Now, over a decade later the group has 26,000 members worldwide who share solar images, activity, & news from around the globe.

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