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*If opportunity doesn't knock, build a door!*

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### ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION

Tuesday, August 28<sup>th</sup> – 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. McGuire's Resort – Complimentary lunch for attendees.

Morning session is Code of Ethics Quadrennial Training for New Members, but will apply for "veteran" members who need to fulfill this requirement for the COE QT January 1, 2005 through December 31, 2008 and Agency.

MLS Training and Anti-trust will be presented after lunch, along with some other topics. The afternoon schedule other than MLS is still being worked out. Check [www.pbbbr.com](http://www.pbbbr.com) in Members Only under the Education tab for a list of those people who are required to take New Member Orientation at this session.



#### INSPIRING SPEAKERS

Debra Asher

Kathy Ballard

Craig Harrington

Marcus A. Wally

Dwayne Carte

Sandy Geroux and more

[http://www.mirealtors.com/convention\\_07/sbpages/speakers.htm](http://www.mirealtors.com/convention_07/sbpages/speakers.htm)

#### INDUSTRY TOPICS

Technology

Legal

Environmental

Appraisal

Self-motivation and more

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### Membership Updates

#### New Members:

Sarah Kelley Coldwell Banker Schmidt  
Lawrence Bleeda, Poole Appraisal

#### Change of Firm Ownership:

Effective August 7<sup>th</sup>, 2007, Sheila Richardson will be the new owner of Exit Realty of Greater Cadillac. Jilane Fenner will continue as Broker through at least May of 2008.

### MORE EDUCATION

#### AGENCY SEMINAR BEING SCHEDULED

Paul Bunyan Board of REALTORS®, in partnership with Northeastern Board of REALTORS® and Clare-Gladwin Board of REALTORS® will be offering a special Agency Seminar with Mary Ann Bush as the instructor in early 2008. We have tentatively scheduled the class for one of the following dates: Wednesday, February 13, or Friday, February 29 or Wednesday, March 19 at Mid Michigan College in Harrison. If you are interested in attending this class and have a date preference, please let me ([sally@pbbbr.com](mailto:sally@pbbbr.com)) know ASAP!



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## MLS DATABASE CHANGES

The Auto Hotsheet under Search in Paragon online now contains not only the date stamp, but the exact time stamp (CST).

If you would like to see how our Statistical Information is calculated, please go to MLS Docs in Paragon Online, under Paragon Resources folder, and look for Paul Bunyan Stat Settings.

Incomplete listings (required fields not filled in or primary not attached) will result in the listing being placed in Incomplete status after 5 days from the listing date.

## SKYWATCHING II

*by Sally Baker*

I asked my husband to read what I wrote to you last week about the Northern Lights and the Meteor Showers. First of all, he asked me why in the world was I writing about sky watching to a group of REALTORS. I told him it was because sometimes I run out of ideas about what to write, and that I thought I might find a few of you out there who are interested sky watchers as well. He then suggested I correct myself from last week by telling you I am not a novice sky watcher – inveterate, yes, but not novice. He thought I might be more accurate in my description if I told you I was an educated, recreational sky watcher, but certainly not novice. Well, that truly delighted me.

So I decided to tell you more, especially with such an exciting month ahead for anyone who loves to watch the night sky.

My first recollection of a meteor shower was in the mid 70's. We were on our way back from Cedar Point late at night. There wasn't much traffic. We had a brand new car, our first new one – a black Monte Carlo with a power sunroof. I noticed out the front window several very bright "shooting stars." I asked the rest of our car load who else saw them. My sister-in-law said she saw several out the side window. The sun roof was open, so I turned backwards and onto my knees and stuck my head out the sunroof to get a good 360 look around. What I saw was almost beyond comprehension, even with the lights of the other cars all around us. As it

turned out, this was a once in 100+ years event of the Perseids. We must have been a sight with my husband driving along and me, our two small children and my sister-in-law in a much overcrowded situation as we all struggled to get our heads up through that sun roof to watch.

We decided to spend the night at my folks on the way back, and were worried that in the northern suburbs of the Detroit area, we might not be able to see the meteor shower once we got around so many lights. Well, we were wrong. We could still see them in all their splendor as we all laid on the lawn in their backyard until almost dawn. The strength of the meteor shower that year had something to do with where debris from the Swift Tuttle comet was in its 133 year orbit of the sun. That's what got me started with more than an occasional casual interest in sky watching.

Each year I look forward to all the significant meteor showers that we are privileged to see living in the north where the lights don't obstruct our vision of the showers. This month the Perseids are best viewed on Saturday and Sunday, and should be easily seen because there will be less light in the sky due to the new Moon, and especially between 1 a.m. to 5 a.m.

At the end of the month, August 28th, there will be a total lunar eclipse, as the Moon passes through the Earth's shadow. We don't always get to see the lunar eclipses in North America, but we will be treated to this special sight twice in 6 months. The next one is in February of 2008, and then maybe won't see it again for quite awhile.

I just read about the phenomena of Taurus the bull's two red eyes appearing this year in the sky in the constellation for Taurus. Somewhere between August 18th and the 24th, Mars will appear as two red orbs, the flaming eyes of Taurus the bull, and will be easily seen between 4 and 5 a.m. That's actually kind of cool!

If you have any interest in pursuing sky watching in the coming months, following the Perseids in August, the Orionids, the Taurids, the Leonids, the Geminids, and Ursids meteor showers will be visible in October, and then you can watch for the rest through late December. There is some potential for Northern Lights as the solar activity picks up again in early November.

And as an interesting side bar to all kinds of people becoming a sky watcher ... Brian May, the guitarist from the rock group Queen, just submitted his doctoral thesis "Radial Velocities in the Zodiacal Dust Cloud" (August 2007), for Imperial College in London. His thesis demonstrates that within our solar system planets and dust clouds orbit in the same direction. The 60-year-old said he was proud of his work.