

## Messier Early Spring Notes

M48	NGC2548	Former "lost" Messier; large, sparse cluster
M44	Beehive	**Use low power
M67	NGC2682	One of the oldest star clusters known
M81	Bode's Gal	**Bright spiral visible in binocs
M82	Cigar Gal	**The "exploding galaxy; M81 0.5 degree S
M95	NGC3351	Bright, barred spiral
M96	NGC3368	M95 in same field
M105	NGC3379	Bright elliptical near M95 & M96
M108	NGC3556	Nearly edge-on; paired with M97 0.75 degrees SE
M97	Owl Neb	**Distinct, grey oval
M65	NGC3623	**Bright elongated spiral
M66	NGC3627	**M65 and NGC3628 in same field
M109	NGC3992	Barred spiral
M106	NGC4258	**Superb large, bright Spiral
M40	HD238107	Double star; separation 5 degrees
M94	NGC4736	Very bright and comet-like
M63	Sunflower Gal	**Bright, elongated
M51	Whirlpool Gal	Superb in big scope
M3	NGC5272	**Contains many variable stars
M101	NGC5457	**Pinwheel galaxy; diffuse face-on

### \*\* Showpiece Object

Observing Chart Setup:	Scope: Celestron SCT8 Evolution, no filters, 2000 F/L
Location	Columbus Dark Site
Eyepieces	Eye pieces listed to give an idea of magnification suggested
Optimum Time	Sort field listing suggested priority and time