

2009 STELLAFANE CONVENTION

POLICY OF THE SPRINGFIELD TELESCOPE MAKERS, INC. REGARDING COMMERCIALISM AND THE SWAP TABLES

The **Springfield Telescope Makers, Inc.** has clarified its policy regarding commercialism and Swap Table sales at the Stellafane convention. For the sake of historical continuity, to preserve the uniqueness of the Stellafane convention and to encourage conventioners to build their own instruments, the **Springfield Telescope Makers, Inc.** do not allow commercial sales, of any kind, at the Stellafane convention. All swap table sales must comply, in concept, with the above objective but are also specifically subject to the following criteria:

1. Only surplus astronomical and telescope making related items may be sold.
2. Each person will be allowed 16 square feet of table or ground space.
3. Items which have the appearance of being specifically purchased or manufactured for sale at the Swap Tables may not be sold.
4. All sales must take place within the designated Swap Table area only between 7 a.m. and 5 p.m., the Saturday of the Stellafane convention.

The **Springfield Telescope Makers, Inc.** may choose to grant a limited exception to the above policies to astronomy related organizations for their fundraising. Any request for an exemption must be made, in writing, by email or letter, at least 1 month prior to the convention. If granted, the President of the **Springfield Telescope Makers, Inc.** will notify the requesting organization in writing.

Any member of the **Springfield Telescope Makers, Inc.** has the authority to determine whether a party is in compliance with the established regulations. Any person who is found to be in violation of the stated policies will be required to comply. Failing compliance, the offending party will be asked to leave the convention and may be escorted from the premises by convention security.

The **Springfield Telescope Makers, Inc.** encourages those with questions regarding this policy to contact the Club via e-mail or by letter by writing to: Stellafane Convention, PO Box 601, Springfield, VT 05156 (please do not use this address for convention registration). During the convention, any questions regarding this policy, the appropriateness of items being displayed or any information being disseminated should be directed to a member of the **Springfield Telescope Makers, Inc.**

Thank you and have a great convention!
The Springfield Telescope Makers, Inc.