

Bill Kramer Biography



Bill has been keenly interested in solar eclipses since 1970 when he watched a partial eclipse during a swim meet (and almost missed his favorite event) from Ohio in the USA. On board the TSS Olympia in 1972 he watched his first total solar eclipse and marveled at the precision of the prediction. That began an interest in to how eclipses were predicted that coupled well with his studies in computer

science.

Bill has seen fifteen total solar eclipses (from the sea, in the air, and on land). He is a member of the IAU Working Group on Solar Eclipses and currently runs the www.eclipse-chasers.com web site where eclipse chasers can log their experiences, share images, and calculate circumstances for up coming eclipses.

In 1985 Bill started a computer consulting business specializing in CAD/CAM/CAE. For 20 years he was a regular author for CADENCE and then CADALYST magazines and wrote half a dozen books about computer programming for engineers. Bill retired from his business and now splits his time between Ohio and Jamaica where he still enjoys programming computers and observing. He is a member of the Astronomical Association of Jamaica and past president of the Columbus Astronomical Society in Columbus Ohio.