

# Robert Reeves Biography



Robert Reeves has been exploring the Moon since 1958 and took his first lunar photograph in 1959. He began telescopic astronomy with a four-inch Criterion Dynascope, his Christmas present in 1960. In 1975 he acquired a Celestron 8 telescope, which he still uses today. In 1977, Robert acquired a Celestron 8-inch Schmidt camera that he used for a quarter century for deep sky photography. Today, Reeves uses a Celestron 11 Edge HD, a Sky-Watcher 180mm Maksutov, and a Sky-Watcher 20-inch Stargate Dobsonian for lunar photography from his Perspective Observatory located in central Texas.

In 1984 Reeves began publishing articles about astrophotography in *Astronomy* magazine. Since then Robert has published over 250 magazine articles and 175 newspaper columns about astronomy. His articles have appeared in *Sky and Telescope*, *Astronomy*, *Deep Sky*, *Deep Sky Journal*, *Amateur Astronomy*, and *The Astrograph*. In 1994 Reeves published his first book, *The Superpower Space Race*, followed by *The Conquest of Space*, co-authored with Fritz Bronner. In 2000, Robert published *Wide-Field Astrophotography*, followed by *Introduction to Digital Astrophotography* in 2005 and *Introduction to Webcam Astrophotography* in 2006. All three are still in print from Willmann-Bell.

Although Robert Reeves is an accomplished deep sky astrophotographer, his current passion is re-popularizing the Moon within the amateur astronomy community. Robert has perfected image processing techniques that allow the amateur astronomer, using modest equipment, to exceed the quality of Earth-based professional lunar photographs taken during the Apollo era.

Robert Reeves enjoys speaking to astronomy conventions and spreading his passion for the Moon. Reeves has spoken at the Winter Star Party, Apollo Rendezvous, and the Advanced Imaging Conference. He has spoken twice to the Okie-Tex Star Party, NEAF, and the Southwest Astrophoto seminar. Robert has also spoken three times to AstroImage and spoken four times to both ALCON and NEAIC, in addition to many presentations to the Texas Star Party. Robert has also been the Master of Ceremonies at two ALCONs and three times at the Arizona Science and Astronomy Expo.

Asteroid 26591 Robertreeves is named in his honor and asteroid 26592 Maryrenfro bears his wife's name. Robert and Mary Reeves are the only husband and wife team to have sequentially numbered asteroids.