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### **Tom Baur Wins SPIE G.G. Stokes Award**

*Recognized for a lifetime of leadership in polarization optics.*

FREDERICK, Colorado – January 30, 2018 – Meadowlark Optics is pleased to announce that Tom Baur has won the 2018 Society for Optical Engineering (SPIE) G.G. Stokes Award. He is being recognized for a lifetime of leadership in polarization optical components through Meadowlark Optics and for revolutionizing the polarization field through commercialization of liquid crystal variable retarders (LCVRs).

“I am pleased, honored and humbled to accept this award and to join past recipients who I have long admired and respected.” said Tom Baur, Chairman and Founder of Meadowlark Optics. “Polarization optics is a field that is continuously growing and changing and I’m glad I’ve been able to contribute to that growth and development in a positive way.”

Coming from National Center for Atmospheric Research nearly 40 years ago, Tom Baur first manufactured Pockels Cells for his astronomer friends. Shortly afterwards, products like Polarizers and Liquid Crystal products came forth including some of the first Reflective Spatial Light Modulators. Tom’s vision has always been to help customers by providing the highest quality polarization products available. His work with LCVRs and Spatial Light Modulators garnered Meadowlark Optics 5 awards over a seven-year span for innovative products.

“LCVRs represent a revolutionary technology that was brought to the commercial market by Tom Baur and Meadowlark Optics.” says SPIE Fellow Joseph Shaw, director of the Optical Technology Center at Montana State University (MSU). “LCVRs have dramatically improved measurements across a wide range of research fields ranging from solar physics to biology. Tom is a superb example of scientist-turned-entrepreneur, and I am happy to see his accomplishments recognized.”

For more information on SPIE G.G. Stokes Award, [click here](#).

### **About Meadowlark:**

Meadowlark Optics, located in Frederick, CO, manufactures polarization solution components including liquid crystal shutters, rotators and spatial light modulators for wavelengths ranging from the UV to the MWIR. OEM customers and researchers world-wide use the products in a variety of applications including microscopy, aerospace, defense, telecommunications, semiconductor manufacturing, medical devices and more. To ensure precision and top quality, our 20,000 SF headquarters boasts the latest in clean rooms, optical fabrication, and metrology facilities. Visit us in person, or at [www.meadowlark.com](http://www.meadowlark.com).