

TAAA Notes from the President (June 5, 2018):

Below are some news items. Some may interest you and others may not. Let me know if you have further questions that I can help with.

The **Grand Canyon Star Party (GCSP)** starts this week: **June 9th(Sa)** thru **June 16th(Sa)**.

TIMPA dates are **June 9th(Sa) and 15th(Fri)**. **CAC** dates are **June 15th(Fri) and 16th(Sa)**.

Due to GCSP, the **Board meeting** for June has been changed to the Third Wednesday, June 20th, and the meeting will be held at 6:30p.m. at Ward 6, 3202 East 1st Street.

TAAA TRIVIA Q.1: Who was the first President of TAAA? Was that person male or female? How long did that person serve as President?

TAAA TRIVIA Q.2: What newspaper published an astronomy article that praised TAAA on May 31, 2018? (Yes, last week!!) Who wrote the article?

(Trivia answers are at the end of this document.)

We have the **Equipment Loan Program** operating now. If you are interested in trying out a telescope, or checking to see what equipment is available for check out to members, contact **Ralph Means** at elc@tucsonastronomy.org and he can help you with the process.

Due to chronic back pain, **Jim Heasley** has resigned as Chair of the **Astro-Imaging Special Interest Group (AISIG)**. AISIG will not meet over the summer. **Tom Rolfsmeyer** is working on a plan for AISIG which he will present to the TAAA Board in September. It will contain goals and objectives, planned activities and a volunteer team to implement them. If you can be of assistance in helping Tom develop this plan or in serving on a team to implement the plan, please contact Tom at mrolk@earthlink.net as soon as you can.

Two TAAA Positions we need to fill: **Assistant to the webmaster** and **Grand Canyon Star Party South Rim Coordinator**. Contact me at ssmith@email.arizona.edu if you have questions or are interested in either position.

Bill Lofquist has now handed over the **Astronomy Services** (paid star-party program) to **Jim Knoll** to manage. The new name for the paid star-party program is **Tucson Stargazing Adventures (TSA)**. Thanks to Bill for his past service and to Jim for taking over this responsibility in addition to the School/Nonprofit Star Party Program. More volunteers to conduct star parties for TSA are needed. Contact Jim knoll at stargazing@tucsonastronomy.org. For more information on the program see <http://tucsonastronomy.org/community-services/private-tucson-stargazing/>

Congratulations to **David Rossetter** who has been selected as Chair of the **Nomination and Volunteer Resource (NVRC) Committee**.

Thanks to **Doug Smith** for handing out **Astronomical League observing awards** at the Member meeting last Friday.

Evening Under the Stars (EUTS) was held at CAC May 19th. This is a twice a year star party given at CAC for residents living in that area. There were **58 people** in attendance!! Thanks to our new local committee who did great advertising!

Answer to Trivia Q1. The first TAAA President was Earl C. Burch, a male, who served as President from April 1954 through April 1956.” In March 1954, a small group met at the home of the Earl Burch to talk about organizing interested astronomers into a club. They met again in April, and formed the Tucson Amateur Astronomers (TAA).” One of Earl Burch’s interests was telescope making.

Answer to Trivia Q2. Last week the Caliente section of the Arizona Daily Star contained an article about astronomy that said very positive things about TAAA. The article was written by Tim Hunter. Thank Tim when you see

him!!

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