



JULY, 2018

Notes from the President

The TAAA Board met on June 20, 2018. The main focus of the meeting was financial matters and the approval of a well-balanced, strong budget for the 2018–2019 fiscal year.

Correction: In my last Notes to you, I mentioned that Tom Rolfsmeyer is working on a plan for the Astro-Imaging Special Interest Group that he will present to the Board in September. This is a plan for how to continue the group in the future. Please contact Tom if you wish to participate in developing the plan, if you have ideas, and especially if you can help run the group in the future. I previously gave you an incorrect email address for Tom. Tom's correct email address is mrolf@earthlink.net.

TIMPA dates for July are the 7th (Sa) and 13th (Fri). CAC dates for July are the 13th (Fri) and the 14th (Sa).

The July TAAA Board meeting will be on Wednesday the 11th at Banner University Medical Center in meeting Room A (bordering the Banner UMC Cafeteria). Members are welcome to attend. At Board meetings, a member may give a five-minute presentation to the Board on any area of concern or a suggestion that they have for the Board. In planning the schedule for the next Board meetings, the Board will consider that topic and decide about placing it on the Board Agenda for further consideration. Members wishing to make a 5-minute presentation to the Board should contact Mae Smith at ssmith@email.arizona.edu a week (Wed, July 4th) prior to the meeting to get on the schedule.

TAAA Trivia!

TAAA Trivia Q.1: When was TAAA formed and what was the main focus of the club at that time?

TAAA Trivia Q.2: What TAAA club member currently is presenting information about TAAA activities monthly on a radio talk show? How can you hear what is said on the show?

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

The Grand Canyon Star Party (GCSP) was a great success in spite of variable temperatures (one day the temperature ranged from 38' to 91'), rain, and some cloudy weather. Astronomers, of course, persevered and were as resourceful as possible, and we had great crowds of visitors. At the GCSP, Jim O'Connor was awarded the prestigious Bart and Priscilla Bok Award, TAAA's highest award for outstanding contributions to amateur astronomy or observational astronomy. The award was given not only for his outstanding contributions to the development of the GCSP but also for his exceptional record of star party support and his work with individuals and organizations in promoting astronomy education efforts and ideas.

CAC just completed a training class for six individuals who had been on a waiting list for training on the Celestron 14" telescope. Contact Joe Jakoby [jjgj62@cox.net](mailto:jgj62@cox.net) if you are interested in training. Classes for this scope are typically limited to 6 or 7 people.

Doug Smith is starting a class for people pursuing Astronomical League

Programs. You may contact Doug at dsmith217@cox.net

CAC announces a Star-B-Que on Saturday October 6th. Save the date and stay tuned for further information.

A TAAA position we need to fill: Grand Canyon Star Party South Rim Coordinator. Contact Mae Smith ssmith@email.arizona.edu.

Additional volunteers are needed for the TAAA paid star-party program, Tucson Stargazing Adventures (TSA). Contact Jim Knoll at stargazing@tucsonastronomy.org.

Answer to Trivia Q1: The present TAAA organization began with a preliminary meeting in March 1954 and the organization was formed at a second meeting in April 1954. Activities then included tracking artificial satellites from a Moon Watch station at the U of A. The Moon Watch Program, coordinated by the Smithsonian Institution, helped the early US space-flight engineers perfect their science. Our Moon Watch station was recognized as one of the top three stations in the US.

Answer to Trivia Q2: Jim Knoll appears monthly Mike Shaw's "The Voice" radio show at KVOI AM at 10:30am on a Tuesday. To hear some of the past programs go to the TAAA website tucsonastronomy.org and see the section in the right column entitled, Jim Knoll talks Outreach on KVOI AM 1030.

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