



JULY, 2018

Notes from the President

The TAAA Board met on July 11, 2018. In addition to planning some activities, a main consideration of the Board at present is updating a policy to guide us in accepting in-kind donations, pre-planning storage for such donations, and aspects of a policy for disposing of such donations. We wish both to meet donor needs and to efficiently use these assets for the benefits of our members.

TIMPA dates for August are the 4th (Sa) and 10th (Fri).

CAC dates for August are the 10th (Fri) and the 11th (Sa).

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The August 3rd (Fri.) 6:30 Member Meeting will be a Member's Night. We have space for 6 5-minute presentations on any astronomy topic. Send name and topic to ssmith@email.arizona.edu. First-come, first-served! It has been a while since we have had a Member's Night and we are looking forward to hearing from you!!

The August TAAA Board meeting will be on Wednesday the 8th at Banner University Medical Center in meeting Room C (bordering the 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 1st) prior to the meeting to get on the schedule.

TAAA Trivia!

TAAA Trivia Q.1: What names has our organization functioned under?

TAAA Trivia Q.2: What TAAA club member for the 2017-2018 year has represented TAAA as one of 10 National Amateur Astronomer Sponsors for the Pilot National Girl Scout STEM Astronomy Program? **(Trivia answers are at the end of this document.)**

SAVE THE DATE: **HOLIDAY PARTY** Saturday, December 1st at the Foley home.

Important details will follow.

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TAAA 2019 Calendar Dates for all events/activities to be listed in the TAAA calendar are due to Susan O'Connor by July 30th. Send to calendar-designer@tucsonastronomy.org

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Thanks to Ken Bertschy for volunteering to serve as Assistant Webmaster. If you have web comments, suggestions or problems, contact our team at webteam@tucsonastronomy.org.

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Doug Smith is starting a class for people pursuing Astronomical League Programs. You may contact Doug at dsmith217@cox.net

CAC Star-B-Que on Saturday October 6th. Save the date.

Volunteers needed for the TAAA Fund-Raising Committee. Contact Mae at ssmith@email.arizona.edu.

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TAAA Leader Retreat, Saturday September 22nd 9:00a.m. til noon. We will post further details via the leaderlist.

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

To assist with the Astro-Imaging Special Interest Group planning and organization, contact Tom Rolfsmeyer at mrolf@earthlink.net

Answer to Trivia Q1: Our organization was named "Tucson Amateur Astronomers" from 1954 through 1959. From 1959-1978, we called ourselves the "Tucson Astronomical and Astronautical Association." From October 5, 1978 to the present, we have used the name, "Tucson Amateur Astronomy Association."

Answer to Trivia Q2: Terri Lappin is one of 10 national Girl Scout Astronomy Club sponsors in the new pilot Girl Scout Program.

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