



December, 2018

Notes from the President

The TAAA Board met on December 12, 2018. Some of the topics addressed at that meeting include:

- Reiterating the TAAA former policy that members borrowing equipment are responsible for damage to the equipment that exceeds normal wear and tear. Members borrowing equipment are also not permitted to disassemble that equipment.
- Developing a TAAA Annual Administrative Schedule.
- A decision to celebrate TAAA's 65th Anniversary in March 2019 at the Member meeting and appointing Tim Hunter and Mae Smith to organize related activities.
- Planning a TAAA leader meeting for February.
- TAAA logo stickers can be sold at the January meeting for \$2.00.

TIMPA dates include **December 29th** (Sa) and **January 5th**(Sa) and **11th** (Fri).

CAC dates for **January** are the **4th** (Fri) and the **5th** (Sa).

Member Meetings January 4th:

6: 30 Mary Turner, Chief Observer, "Observing in the Winter Sky";

7:30 Dr. David Horvath, UA LPL, "Forged In Fire: The Volcanic History of Mars";

AISIG: Tuesday Jan 22nd, 7:00-8:30p.m., **Total Wine and More** (4370 N. Oracle)

TAAA Trivia!

Trivia Question 1: Who applied for TAAA to become incorporated and to have non-profit status, and, later, worked to make TAAA's first bid for an observing site? What were the results of these efforts?

Trivia Question 2a: Who on December 13th was part of an article in the Arizona Daily Star on the Geminids?

Trivia Question 2b: What former TAAA President plans to be in Tucson and at TIMPA on December 29th?

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

Some News Items:

Justin Mazarella has completed his training for the Video Manager position. Thus, soon we can resume posting videos of the Member Meetings on the Member Page of the website. Thanks, Justin, for assuming this responsibility.

George Hatfield became an Assistant Webmaster several months ago and has been assisting us with updates on the website. Thanks, George, for so pleasantly lightening the load!

Note: Erich Karkoschka is posting a new monthly planet blog on the TAAA Website www.tucsonastronomy.org/. Take a look!! While you are there you also can see the blog post of Comet 46P Wirtanen from CAC

Official TAAA logo stickers for telescopes will be available at the January Member meeting. Remember that TAAA logo products must be approved and issued ONLY through the TAAA Board.

Often unrecognized: In every organization, there are those people who work quietly making significant and ongoing contributions, often behind the scenes, and go unrecognized. In this holiday season, I would like to call attention to only a very few of the many behind the scenes contributors to TAAA. I would like to say **thank you to:**

Pati Dunlap who serves as Assistant Treasurer and provides regular on-going support in managing TAAA mail and in doing regular, specific tasks for the Treasurer.

Gary Rosenbaum who for years has provided tech support for Member meetings and assists Terri with many TAAA tasks.

Please take a moment to thank them for their many unrecognized contributions to our club. And please, think about all those other "behind the scenes" people who contribute so much to TAAA

The **January TAAA Board meeting** will be on Wednesday the 9th at Banner UMC Hospital, 1501 North Campbell Avenue, Room C off of the hospital 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, Jan. 2nd) prior to the meeting to get on the schedule. If you need directions to the meeting, also contact Mae.

Answers to Trivia Questions!

Answer to Trivia Q 1: Tim Hunter, TAAA President 1988-1991, obtained and completed the applications for TAAA to become incorporated and to have non-profit status. Tim Hunter also prepared the first bid that TAAA made to purchase an observing site. That bid was for a decommissioned Titan Missile site located south of Three points. The applications for incorporation and non-profit status were successful and still continue to provide financial benefits to TAAA. The bid for the Titan Missile site was unsuccessful, but the money that was collected formed the beginning of the TAAA land fund.

Answer to Trivia Q 2a: Jim Knoll participated in an interview with the Arizona Daily Star representing TAAA in an article about the Geminids. He managed to get TAAA mentioned in the article several times.

Answer to Trivia Q 2b: Tom Caudell, TAAA President 1976-1978, left us for New Mexico some time ago. However, he plans to be in Tucson with his wife and at the **TIMPA night December 29th**. If you know Tom or want to meet him, please come to TIMPA.

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