



February 2019

Notes from the President

The TAAA Board met on February 13, 2019. Some of the topics addressed at that meeting include:

- The Board has decided to adopt a leadership model for **TIMPA**, similar to that for CAC, in which there is a Director and a group that works together to manage TIMPA rather than placing all the responsibility for doing all the work totally on one person
- The Board decided to develop a multi-dimensional approach to leadership of the **GCSP**, one in which there continues to be one person in charge, but adds several other positions of responsibility that assume portions of the workload.
- Discussion of TAAA's **65th Anniversary** activities which will include Presentations at the **March 1st 7:30 Member Meeting** and a **Star-B-Que at TIMPA, 4:00pm, Saturday, April 6th**. On March 1st Tim Hunter is presenting some interesting information and pictures about TAAA and several Past Presidents will provide comments.
- The Board approved a Bid from a contractor to **build sleeping rooms at CAC**. Five companies had considered bidding, three indicated they would submit bids, two actually submitted bids, and one was selected.

TIMPA dates include March **2nd** (Sa) and **8th** (Fri).

CAC dates for March are the **8th** (Fri) and the **9th** (Sa).

Member Meetings: **March 1st: 6:30** TAAA President's Annual Report and **7:30**
March 14th: TAAA 65th Anniversary

AFSIG: March **14th** (Th)

AMSIG: March **18th** (M)

AISIG: **A date is in process**

TAAA Trivia!

Trivia Question 1a: How many TAAA Presidents have there been? **1.b** How many female TAAA Presidents have there been? **1.c.** Who was the longest serving TAAA President?

Trivia Question 2a: Which 2 TAAA members recently received certificates for completion of training on the 14" telescope at TIMPA?

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

Some News Items:

I regret being so slow in getting out this issue of the Notes. The idea is that you would get it more toward the middle of the month and not so close to the Bulletin at the end of the month. Hopefully, I will be on a better schedule next month.

Please note that the dates for CAC and the location of the Board meeting are both correct in this publication. I realize some contradictory information was mistakenly sent out, but hopefully having them correct here will help.

For the **TAAA 65th Anniversary Star-B-Q at TIMPA**, bring a dish to share and whatever you wish to grill along with whatever condiments you prefer. Hot drinks and water, grills and supplies and cake will be furnished. Mark April 6th 4:00pm on your calendar!

TAAA has long had a great relationship with **Kitt Peak**. We have members who are retired from working at Kitt Peak, members who are currently employed at Kitt Peak, and members who regularly volunteer at Kitt Peak. Kitt Peak often has volunteer positions available that may be of interest to TAAA members and currently has a paid

position available. See the NOAO website at the following address: :

<https://recruiting2.ultipro.com/SPA1004AURA/JobBoard/9eb88b35-a884-4935-9c1e-0ce6bbf2a741/OpportunityDetail?opportunityId=a10cd976-62e0-4b2c-b157-1f003aa84a6b>

The last information I heard was that there was not much interest expressed in the Messier Marathon that was scheduled for March 8th at CAC. If you have a few minutes would you send me an email about why you weren't interested in that activity OR about an idea for an observing activity at TIMPA or CAC that you would like to have. **What are observing activities that we could offer at TIMPA or CAC that you would like to have and would participate in?**

On February 21, 2019, an **article** was published in the **Caliente Section of the Arizona Daily Star** entitled, "A Wild 100 Years at Grand Canyon Park." The article contained the following: "For eight days in June June 22-29 The Tucson Amateur Astronomy Association and Phoenix's Saguaro Astronomy Club are setting their telescopes up at opposite ends of the Canyon to let us gaze into the night at planets, star clusters, nebulae and faraway galaxies. Meet at the Grand Canyon Visitor Center."

The **March TAA Board meeting** will be on Wednesday the **13th** at **Banner UMC Hospital, room A off of the cafeteria**, which is on the level of the main hospital entrance. 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, March 6th) prior to the meeting to get on the schedule. If you need directions to the meeting, also contact Mae. You may park in the parking garage, or the large lot one block south of the garage which is Zone 1 parking and free after 5:00pm.

Answer to Trivia Q 1a: To date, during TAA's 65 years there have been 20 TAA Presidents;

1b. Of the 20 Presidents, 2 have been female: **Terri Lappin** who served 1995-1998 and **Mae Smith** who is currently serving. **1c.** The longest serving TAA President was **Don Strittmatter** who served 1957-1976, 19 years.

Answer to Trivia Q 2a: In February, **Dennis Means** and **Ralph Means** received certificates for completing training on the 14" telescope at TIMPA.

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