



# March, 2019

## Notes from the President

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

- Approval of a youth protection plan for an upcoming school group at CAC
- Approval for expenditures from the Cox Cable grant for a Mallincam to assist viewing by groups and for persons with physical limitations at CAC.
- Approval of a new plan for accommodating disability needs for the free campground sites for the Grand Canyon Star Party
- Planning for the 65th anniversary Star-B Que at TIMPA

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TIMPA 65<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Star B Que April 6<sup>th</sup> beginning at 4:00pm. TAAA provides grill, anniversary cake, hot drinks, water, a ramada with tables, table supplies, and viewing afterwards with the 14€ as well as some other scopes. TAAA Members provide a dish to share, bring something to barbeque for yourself (if you wish) and a telescope (if you wish) and good company! Come for Star B Que and/or for viewing.

NOTE: TIMPA has tables but NO CHAIRS. Bring a chair for yourself and an extra chair if you have one. Also, bring a red light to use in the telescope area at night so that you can avoid the gopher holes.

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TIMPA dates include April 6<sup>th</sup> (Sa) and April 26<sup>th</sup> (Fri).

CAC dates April 5<sup>th</sup> (Fri) and April 6<sup>th</sup> (Sa).

Member Meetings: April 5<sup>th</sup> 6:30 Mary Turner with What is in the sky for this quarter and 7:30 Dr. David Iadevaia, Slit-less Grating Spectroscopy

AFSIG: April 11<sup>th</sup> (Th), 6:30pm

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ALSIG upcoming: March 26<sup>th</sup>, April 16<sup>th</sup> and May 21<sup>st</sup>; Total Wine and More 4370 North Oracle

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TAAA Astronomy Day activities: Brandi Fenton Park, 3:00–9:00pm Saturday, April 13<sup>th</sup>.

Were you aware that this is our own annual TAAA-sponsored event?!!

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**MEMBER PRESENTATIONS Requested for the May 3<sup>rd</sup> Member Meeting.** Varied topics and lengths. Contact Mae Smith [ssmith@email.arizona.edu](mailto:ssmith@email.arizona.edu)

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The table below contains TAAA 2018 Outreach Totals. The table was part of the 2018 annual report. However, we are filling in spaces that previously had question marks. The number of star party participants has now been added as Jim Knoll had that figure already and I missed it previously in recording my data. We found that we had some previously missing GCSP data just arranged in a different form and now that has been added. Currently we are hopeful of adding more data for SMSIG and CAC. We will let you know when that happens.

This table is a tribute to our TAAA leaders and volunteers who worked so hard and contributed so much to TAAA outreach and to public knowledge and experience of astronomy in 2018. Think of all the people who donated their time and energy to make these totals happen!! WE ARE PROUD OF YOU!!

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TAAA 2018 Outreach Totals

	Number of events	Volunteers	Volunteer hours	Participants	Dollars earned
Star Party	136	443	1,719	14,392	0
TSA/ for profit	24	34	106	???	\$5,750
GCSP: Lectures	8	7	8	1,840	0
GCSP: constellation tours	22	11	12	1,275	0
GCSP: Telescope	8 nights 3 days	122	405.3	59,979	0
SMSIG: Educational	12	9	???	3,241	0
CAC: School overnight	1 (two nights)	2	???	Students: 18 Parents: 2 Teachers: 2	0
CAC: Community event	2	16	???	110	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	216	644	2,250.3	80,859	\$5,750

Astronomy Magazine subscription discounts. TAAA members get a discount on subscriptions to Astronomy Magazine. Astronomy Magazine has just adopted a new procedure for getting that discount. Their new instructions are: go to [www.astronomy.com/offer](http://www.astronomy.com/offer) Enter your information in the name and address fields as found on your subscription label if a current subscriber. If subscribing for the first time, simply enter your information as desired. Email address is required so we may confirm your subscription order. Locate the Promo Code box and type in your club's unique offer code – 2PA9ASP. Choose a password and enter this in the fields as requested. This will be the same password you will use to access content on [Astronomy.com](http://Astronomy.com), so use your current password if already a site user. Enter your payment information and click Submit. You will notice copy about continuous service. This does not apply to our Astronomy Club subscribers. You will need to actively renew using this same process every year in order to receive the club discount. You can ignore any copy about continuous service or automatic renewal on all pages and the email confirmation. This is automated language for all other subscribers and we cannot override it. After you hit the Submit button, you will be directed to an Order Summary page that will confirm the pricing changed to the Astronomy Club offer with your offer code. Please be sure to click Submit at the bottom of the page. You will then be directed to an order confirmation page when your order is complete. You will also receive an order confirmation email. This procedure applies to Astronomy Magazine only, not to Sky and Telescope.  
(Note: The procedure for obtaining Sky and Telescope discounts has not changed. Go to the Sky and Telescope website)

### TAAA Trivia!

**Trivia Question 1a:** Which TAAA Past President was president when the first agreement for the use of TIMPA was signed and when was that first agreement signed?

**Trivia Question 2a:** Who recently designed educational projects for our TAAA outreach at the Tucson Festival of Books?; **2b:** who recently attended the one day NOAO training Dark Sky Workshop that reviewed AZ educational science standards and some teaching approaches related to dark skies.

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

Immediate need for applicants for two positions: 1. Webmaster or 2. Member Database Manager. To express interest send name, contact information, which position you are interested in, and list of qualifications to [NVRCchair@tucsonastronomy.org](mailto:NVRCchair@tucsonastronomy.org).

The TAAA Board meeting for April will occur one week earlier than usual, on April 3<sup>rd</sup> at 6:30pm at the UA College of Education. 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](mailto:ssmith@email.arizona.edu) a week (the Wed,) prior to the meeting to get on the schedule. If you need directions to the meeting, also contact Mae.

**Answer to Trivia Q 1:** John Kalas was TAAA President when the first agreement for TAAA use of TIMPA was signed on July 14, 1999. TAAA member, John Polacheck, was appointed as the first TAAA representative to the TIMPA Board of Directors on August 12, 1999.

**Answer to Trivia Q&A 2a: Chris Welton** developed an assembly model of the Apollo Lander and **Ardis and John Herrold** created a glove box in which users selected a rock with the same composition as a rock on the moon and then matched the rock with samples. These served as very popular TAAA activities for this year's Tucson Festival of Books. **2b: Jim O'Connor** attended the full day NOAO workshop that reviewed Arizona science teaching standards and methods of teaching about dark skies.

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