



# May, 2019

## Â Notes from the President

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The TAAA Board met on May 8, 2019.Â Some of the topics addressed at that meeting include:

- Approval by 2018–2019 Board of a budget to be considered by the 2019–2020 Board at the next meeting.
- Approval for contract to be signed with builder, Thatcher, to construct two metal buildings and concrete a learning telescope area at CAC.
- Update on TIMPA and on GCSP.
- Discussion of process for pursuing upcoming Bylaws revisions.

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**IMPORTANT NOTICE:** Member Meetings 6:30 and 7:30 June 7<sup>th</sup>, July 5<sup>th</sup>, and August 2<sup>nd</sup> change of location to U of A Modern Languages Building, 1423 East University Blvd. Third Floor Auditorium (Room 350). The UA Modern Languages Building is located one block West of Steward Observatory. Go to West side of the round Observatory at Steward. Face West. You will be looking across a green mall area. The building on the West side of that green area is Modern Languages. It is a long building. Cross the green mall and proceed toward the South. Our meeting will be close to the entrance facing the mall that has a number of steps and a large winding handicap access entrance. Proceed to the top of the steps or handicap entrance. This places you on third floor. You will see a building door on the north side and one on the south side. Enter the door on the North side. The auditorium is just down the hall on that same level (You can park in the same locations as previously but may have another block further to walk.) (We are sorry for this change. UA is renovating the Auditorium at Steward Observatory that we normally use.)

Reminder: Announcements for any 6:30/7:30 Member Meeting should be emailed to Mae Smith one week prior to the meeting. There is not adequate time immediately prior to or during a meeting to adequately preview and discuss new announcements and it can delay meeting activities to attempt to do so. Please respect our guest speakers and Do Not wait until a meeting is in progress to discuss Â the possibility of new announcements.

The Grand Canyon Star Party (GCSP) is an eight day/night event sponsored at the South Rim each year by TAAA and the National Park Service. There are nightly lectures, constellation tours, and observing conducted by over 110 astronomer volunteers. Day activities may include solar viewing and childrenâ€™s activities as well as a video in the visitor center. This yearâ€™s GCSP will begin the 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday of June and continue through the 5<sup>th</sup> Saturday of June. A huge âœœthank youâœ to Jim Oâ€™Connor and all the volunteers who make this a phenomenal event.

### TAAA Trivia!

**Trivia Question 1:**Â When did David Levy move to Tucson and when was he President of TAAA? What was his first contact with TAAA?

**Trivia Question 2a:** Who recently completed **TRAINER** training on the C14â€ at TIMPA? (Only the third TAAA member to ever complete this training.) **2b:** Who recently received Night Sky Network (NSN) awards for outreach activities? **2c:** Who recently completed 14â€ telescope training at TIMPA? **2d:** Who recently received an Astronomical League observing award and which award was it?

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

We had a school group from Tucson visit Â CAC for an evening in May. The experience went well even though it was a member night and so we dealt with both a school program and member needs on the same night. Thanks to all who helped with this.

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Please note that Starry Messengers and our star party volunteers have been working diligently as April and May typically have a number of events happening. We appreciate the many TAAA Members who volunteer for these activities. Other summer events are also being planned and volunteers are appreciated, especially since some of our volunteers are not in Tucson during summer months.

TIMPA dates include May 31<sup>st</sup> (Fri) June 1<sup>st</sup>(Sa) and June 28<sup>th</sup> (Fri)

CAC dates include May 31<sup>st</sup> (Fri) and June 1<sup>st</sup> (Sa)

AFSIG: June 13<sup>th</sup> (Th), 6:30pm

AISIG: June 18<sup>th</sup>

LNO: June 20<sup>th</sup> (Th), 6:30pm

GCSP: June 22<sup>nd</sup> (Sa) through June 29<sup>th</sup> (Sa)

NOTE: AFSIG will not be meeting in the USGS Building in the near future but it WILL be meeting. The June 13<sup>th</sup> meeting will be at UA Education North Room 110, 1501 East Speedway. Door will be unlocked on North side of building. Plenty of parking. EACH MONTH, please check to make sure you have the correct information regarding the AFSIG meeting location for that particular month and please be patient until we are re-settled. Information will be distributed on the website (tucsonastronomy.org), at Member Meetings, at AFSIG meetings, and via email.

NOTE: TAAA Election results of May Member Meeting were President: Mae Smith; Vice-President: John Mead; Secretary: Chuck Hendricks; Treasurer: Mike McDowell; Member At Large: Ed Foley, Ralph Means, Doug Smith; NVRC: Ben Bailey, David Rossetter.

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 June will occur, on June 12 at 6:30pm at Cafeteria Room C, UMC Banner Hospital. There is free parking in the lot South of the parking garage and that lot is designated as Zone 1 parking which is free after 5:00pm. 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.

#### **Answers to Trivia Questions!**

**Answer to Trivia Q1:** David Levy moved to Tucson in 1979, joined TAAA then, and became TAAA President in 1980. He served as TAAA President for three terms, June 1980 through May 1983. David, however, had visited Tucson in June 1967 and had borrowed a telescope from the club during that visit.

**Answer to Trivia Q1a:** **Ralph Means** is our third person to complete the Train the Operator training for the TIMPA 14" telescope; **2b:** The following members recently receive Night Sky Network observing awards: **Kay Lehman, Terri Lappin, Chris Welborn, Karen Liptak, and Brian O'Connell**; **2c:** **Dale Nichols** recently received completed Observer training on the 14" telescope at CAC. **2d:** **Bradley Schaefer** recently completed the Astronomical League Gold Level Nova observing award.

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