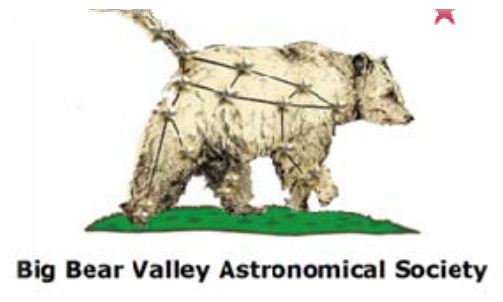


Big Bear Valley Astronomical Society



April 2016 Agenda... 4/14/2016 Minutes

- ✓ Welcome:
 - New members or 1st time visitors?
 - Members present: John V., Claude, Vatch, Bill H., Lydia, Wes, Randy, Dick, John D., Byron, Matthew, Bill Y.
- ✓ Announcements : none
- ✓ Treasurer/Membership Report: 35 paid members, treasury: \$592.50
- ✓ Comments, reports, discussions, reviews:
 - March Lecture: Dr. Richard Green, UKIRT telescope.
 - "very good", "outstanding", welcomed by all
 - March's Urban Assault. Friday, March 18th.
 - Teresa/Claude, Bill Y.
 - Good views of the moon, lots of younger folks, plenty of cell phone pictures taken
 - SunDay March 20th.
 - Wes, John D., Teresa/Claude, Bill Y.
 - Discovered potential "permit to use" issue, Teresa is on the case.
 - Discovery Center Nature Night April 1st.
 - Matthew, Wes, Teresa/Claude, Bill Y.
 - Lots of good comments about Randy's classroom presentation
 - Lots of folks viewed the planets etc.
- ✓ Activities
 - April Lecture: William Welsh from SDSU talking about KOI-54 **April 28st. (note date change)**
 - <http://kepler.nasa.gov/Mission/team/ps/williamWelsh/>
 - April 9 Star party at Matt's house weathered out. Next SP May 7?
 - Confirmed May 7
 - Location tbd, but here are two new possibilities: (will advise in the next couple of days)
 - 2N02 on the way to our old "eye of God" site, but before you get there, on the right (south) side of 2N02 just across the road from the "windy lookout"... there is enough room to park several cars and telescopes.
 - 34 °16' 16.34" N.....116° 47' 32.21" W
 - Going north on Baldwin Lake road, about a mile past Matthew's house, turn right on Ponderosa Ranch road, then take the first left up steep dirt road called "High Chaparral road"... 50 yards ending in a dirt cul-du-sac. This is right next to that vertical sculptured white wind turbine that can be seen from the road.
 - 34° 16' 51.43" N.....116°47' 14.54" W
 - BBMS STEM night Tues May 3rd.
 - Solar Viewing 1-3pm in the Quad.
 - Evening viewing in the basketball court
 - First BBSO Tours of 2016 April 28th. On target
 - On target... 2-3pm...Docents: Matthew and Bill Y.
 - Friday, May 13, Star party and Telescope clinic at Erwin Lake Park on Hatchery Road.

- Need to let the public know... KBHR, Grizzly, etc
 - Tues, May 10 – Goldstone Tour at 1pm! Names?
 - Sign up sheet rendered 8 people going.
 - Dick and Vatch volunteered to drive.
 - <http://www.gdsc.nasa.gov/>
 - Thursday, May 26 – Dr John Varsik speaking at the Discovery Center, 4pm,
 - "Evolution of Big Bear Solar Observatory".
 - May 26-30 RTMC Astronomy Expo at Camp Oakes!
 - We have Dome-duty
 - Need to plan a day or two before the event to align the two scopes
- ✓ Chief observer report.
- What's up this month?
 - Mercury transit, May 9
 - See attached Meteor paper, and the April night sky map
 - Randy handed out a CD with Meteor software etc.
 - If you want a copy, Bill Y. can email to you (15MB)
- ✓ Scheduling:
- Next SunDay? May 15, Village "corner" ... exact location tdb
 - Next beginner talk? Astrophotography basics
 - Next Discovery Center Dates
 - 6/24, 7/9, 8/26... confirmed with Discovery Center
 - Farmers Market Sun scopes... need dates
- ✓ Discussion of scholarship – More funds from Urban Assault and SunDay!
- \$184.00 collected so far from donations
- ✓ General Discussion.
- ✓ Calendar of Events
- April 28 Virtual Lecture, BBSO
 - May 3 STEM day/night at Big Bear Middle School
 - May 7 Star party at the "High Chaparral" mesa
 - May 9 Mercury transit
 - May 10 Goldstone tour
 - May 12 Next BBVAS club meeting, Dennys
 - May 15 SUNday in the Village
 - May 26 Dr. Varsik presentation at Discovery Center
 - May 26 to May 30 RTMC at Camp Oaks
 - June 24 Discovery center star party
 - July 9 Discovery center star party
 - August 26 Discovery center star party

See attachments

Submitted by Bill Young, club secretary