

Big Bear Valley Astronomical Society



August 2018 Agenda and Minutes

- ✓ Welcome:
 - New members or 1st time visitors?... **none**
 - Attendees: Randy, Lydia, Pam, Vatch, John Claude, Teresa, Stan, Joan, Dick Byron, Tom, Bill.
 - Any new Agenda Items? **none**
- ✓ Announcements: **None**
- ✓ Treasurer/Membership Report: **45 paid members, and \$589.50 balance**
 - **Scholarship fund balance: \$946.72**
- ✓ Librarian Report : **nothing to report**
- ✓ Comments, reports, discussions, reviews:
 - Virtual Lecture July 19th – Dr Tom Fleming from Steward Observatory, U of AZ
 - **Good presentation, enjoyed by all who attended.**
 - First Friday Star Party at Bear Valley Farms August 3rd.
 - **Steve/Josh, Teresa/Claude, Bill were there with scopes**
 - **100 people attended, all with good interest and questions**
 - **BVR requested that we have more telescopes at the Sept event.**
 - Discovery Center Star Party July 13th.
 - **Steve gave presentation, 45 people attended and looked thru the scopes**
 - Erwin Lake Park Public Star Party and Telescope Clinic July 20.
 - **About 5 people brought their telescopes for our review.**
 - **Most of the visitors needed a better eyepiece for their scopes.**
 - BBSO Tour on Jul 26, Aug 9.
 - **7/26: Dick and Matt lead the full tour**
 - **8/9: Teresa and Bill lead a very full tour.**
 - Mars Observations?... **most saw “a big red ball” sans hard features.**
 - Telescope repairs at Camp Conrad Chinook?
 - **Bill will check with camp director to determine dates...**
- ✓ Activities
 - Virtual Lecture August 23rd, Dick Stanton –JPL Space Mission Anecdotes.
 - Next Farmers’ Market Solar Observing date – Aug 14th.
 - Discovery Center Campfire Star Party Aug 10th - Steve is the speaker.
 - BBVAS Star Party the 11th. ~~This Sat HC?~~
 - **We decided that this would be a “Perseids party” at Dick’s house, 8/11/2018**
 - Perseids gathering? **See above**
 - Bear Valley Farms telescope setup- fundraiser for our scholarship fund, Sep 7th.
 - **BVF has requested that we have more telescopes for the expected crowd.**

- Anyone working on the AL Lunar Project (besides Bill, Deanna & Jane)? Or the Outreach Award? (Claude & Teresa)... **Teresa and Claude displayed their AL Outreach certs and pins.**
- Urban Assault Aug 17th in the Village... **all set**

- ✓ Chief observer report.
 - What's up this month? **Perseids is the only event.**

- ✓ Scheduling:
 - Sept 20th - Virtual Lecture *LIVE* Dr Ron Oliverson on the Juno Mission
 - <https://science.gsfc.nasa.gov/sed/bio/ronald.j.oliverson>
 - Next beginner talk?...**TBD**
 - **Tim Murray, owner of a 12" Meade that needs alignment.**
 - **Bill will chat with Tim to establish date/time to do alignment.**

- ✓ General Discussion:

- ✓ Beginner Talk:
 - Claude on the Spectrum
 - **Very good presentation... Claude explained the subject well.**

Attachments: **Skymap for August 2018.**

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