

# Big Bear Valle Astronomical Soci



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## February 2016 Agenda and Minutes

- ✓ Welcome:
  - New members or 1<sup>st</sup> time visitors? No new members.
  - Attendees: Teresa, Claude, John V., Wes, John D., Lydia, Randy, Byron, Bill H., Dick, Tom, Bill Y.
- ✓ Announcements :
  - Gravitational Wave detection announced
- ✓ Treasurer/Membership Report
  - 31 paid members
  - \$568.00 balance
- ✓ Comments, reports, discussions, reviews:
  - Lecture by Dr Marcia Reike (U of AZ) Jan 21st. "JWST: Status and Potential."
    - Comments included "terrific", "fantastic", etc.
  - New moon star party at GMARS – Did anyone go? No one attended
- ✓ Activities
  - Lecture by Dr. Steven Saar, Harvard U. Feb 25. "Super Flares in Solar-Type Stars."
    - <http://ntrs.nasa.gov/archive/nasa/casi.ntrs.nasa.gov/20020044040.pdf>
    - <https://www.linkedin.com/in/steven-saar-6380837a>
    - March: Richard Green, UKIRT telescope
      - <https://www.as.arizona.edu/people/faculty/richard-green> (says LBT Director but he's now Director of UKIRT).
    - April: William Welsh from San Diego State University talking about KOI-54 (Kepler Object of Interest #54).
    - May: Thurs before RTMC, Dr. Varsik for a Public Lecture on a solar topic
  - February's Urban Assault. Friday, Feb. 12 is two days before 1st quarter
    - After this meeting... event was well attended... Plymates, Henry, Young presented
- ✓ Chief observer report.
  - What's up this month?
    - See attachments
    - Feb 16: Aldebaran occultation, 1AM
    - May 9: Mercury transit
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- ✓ Scheduling:
  - Next SunDay. February 21, Village corner, Noon to 2pm
  - Next new moon star party. Mar 12. TBD
  - March's Urban Assault. Friday, Mar. 18. is three days after 1st quarter.
  - Goldstone tour this spring – Teresa will apply for a March date.
  - April 9, Star party: at Matt's house
  - Restarting BBSO Tours. When? Probably in April.
  - May 12: Star party at the BB Middle school
  - Discovery Center Nature Nights. Friday nights in February, March, and April. Pick Dates-Claude.
    - Next beginner talk? Any comments/suggestions? None.
- ✓ Discussion of scholarship.... nope
- ✓ General Discussion. Where will you be during 2017 eclipse?