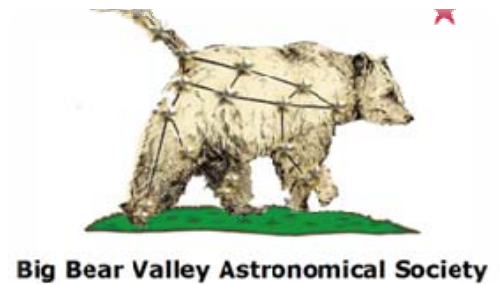


# Big Bear Valley Astronomical Society



## June 2017 Agenda... and Minutes

- ✓ Welcome:
  - New members or 1<sup>st</sup> time visitors?
  - Members present: Stan, Joan, Teresa, Claude, Wes, Byron, Deanna, Mack, Dick, Jane, Tom, Bill
  
- ✓ Announcements:
  - WOW signals reported: <https://phys.org/news/2017-06-wow-mystery-space.html>
  - Teresa suggested that during the month of July, club members should try to complete the "Lunar introduction" project from the Astronomical League.
    - Program info: <https://www.astroleague.org/al/obsclubs/lunar/lunar1.html>
    - The chart to be used: <https://www.astroleague.org/al/obsclubs/lunar/lunar2.html>
  
- ✓ Treasurer/Membership Report: (Teresa reported in Randy's absence)
  - 43 paid members (annual dues due in October)
  - \$783.50 current balance
  - \$260.02 in the Scholarship fund.
  
- ✓ Librarian Report :
  - Inventory will be posted on the Club website: <http://www.bearvalleyastronomers.org>
  
- ✓ Comments, reports, discussions, reviews:
  - May 13 – Field Trip to Mt Wilson
    - Great trip overall... good to see the historically significant equipment
  - Urban Assault Friday Jun 2<sup>nd</sup> in the Village:
    - Attendees: Teresa/Claude, Wes, Jane, Randy, Bill
    - Lots of visitors
  - BBSO Tours May 25 and June 8
    - Both were smaller groups
    - Wes and Dick on 5/25
    - Bill and Teresa on 6/8
  - RTMC!!
    - Teresa poured her heart and soul into making this year's RTMC successful.
    - Club members staffed the two domes with very good responses from visitors and Camp officials.
  
- ✓ Activities
  - Discovery Center Star Party June 16, need presenter. Other dates: ~~July 14~~, Aug 11
  - Virtual Lecture- June 22, Dean Ketelsen – Retired Head Honcho at U of AZ Mirror Lab!
    - Example of polishing and grinding at the Mirror lab:
      - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v= DOHSsbcNo>
  - BBSO Tours now every 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday at 2pm.
    - **Need more Docents to fill future tours**  
Tours (2-3pm):  
~~April 27<sup>th</sup>: Wes K. and Richard S.~~  
~~May 11<sup>th</sup>: Bill Y. and Teresa B.P.~~

~~May 25<sup>th</sup>: Wes K.~~

~~June 8<sup>th</sup>: Bill Y. and Matt Henry~~

**June 22<sup>nd</sup>: Teresa B.P. and ??**

**July 13<sup>th</sup>: Bill Y. and ??**

**July 27<sup>th</sup>: Matt Henry and ??**

**August 10<sup>th</sup>: Bill Y. and ??**

August 24<sup>th</sup>: Vasyl V. and Erika N.

**September 7<sup>th</sup>: Bill Y and ??**

- Star Party Jun 24 at High Chaparral – May have Grizzly reporter with us
  
- ✓ Chief observer report.
  - What's up this month? Comet Johnson is there but difficult to see... in Virgo
  
- ✓ Scheduling:
  - Next beginner talk?
    - Dr. Jane Jackson: Talking to the public without using technical terms
  - Another Erwin Lake Public Event – July xx? Need lights & publicity...
    - July 21 is the date for the next Public event and Telescope clinic
    - Bill will make sure the park lights are off that evening.
    - Teresa will talk to the press.
  
- ✓ Stella Computerized Astronomy – Bill
  - Presented the new “Stella” wi-fi device and app to run a “go to” telescope wirelessly.
    - More info at: <http://www.meade.com/stella-wifi-adapter.html>
  
- ✓ General Discussion:

### **Consolidated club calendar:**

6/16/2017: Discovery center star party (need presenter)  
6/22/2017: BBSO tour...need help  
6/22/2017: Virtual Lecture on “Spin casting mirrors”  
6/24/2017: Star party at High Chaparral in Baldwin Lake area  
7/13/2017: BBSO tour... need help  
7/13/2017: Next club meeting at Dennys  
7/21/2017: Public star party and Telescope clinic at Erwin Lake Park  
7/27/2017: BBSO tour... need help  
7/27/2017: Virtual Lecture on Space Weather by Dr. Tamitha Skov (confirm?)  
8/10/2017: BBSO tour... need help  
8/10/2017: Next club meeting at Dennys  
8/11/2017: Discovery center star party  
9/7/2017: BBSO tour... need help