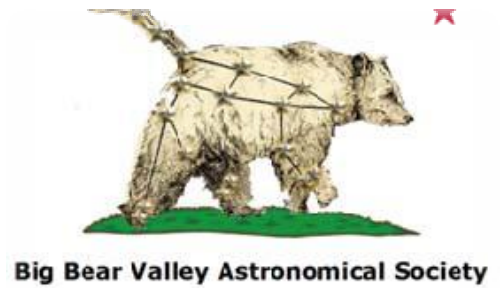


Big Bear Valley Astronomical Society



March 2016 Agenda and Minutes

✓Welcome:

- Members present: Lydia, Randy, Wes, Vatch, Bill H., Byron, Claude, Teresa, Bill Y., Matt John D., Dick, Tom
- New members or 1st time visitors?... none

✓Announcements: John V. attended the Solar Eclipse in Indonesia

✓Treasurer/Membership Report ... 31 paid members, \$568.50 in the coffer

✓Comments, reports, discussions, reviews:

- SunDay Feb 21st ...
 - Good seeing, lots of visitors, donations were received. Teresa, Wes, Bill Y. attended
- Urban Assault Feb 12th.
 - Good seeing, lots of visitors, donations were received. Teresa, Matt, Bill Y. attended.

✓Activities (see Calendar Summary below)

- March Lecture: Dr. Richard Green, UKIRT telescope, **March 24th**.
<http://bigislandnow.com/2015/05/13/mauna-kea-skies-ukirt-with-dr-green/>
- March's Urban Assault. Friday, **March 18** is three days after 1st quarter
- BBVAS Star Party March 12 was weathered out
- Discovery Center Nature Night **April 1st**, 7pm.... Randy will give a short presentation at the event
- April Lecture: William Welsh from SDSU talking about KOI-54 **April 28th**
 - <http://kepler.nasa.gov/Mission/team/ps/williamWelsh/>
- **April 9**, BBVAS Star party at Matt's house
- BBMS STEM night Tues **May 3rd** ... Teresa checking to see if solar display can also be there
- May 14, 2016 is International Astronomy Day
 - <https://www.daysoftheyear.com/days/astronomy-day/>
- **May 13**, Friday night, Star party and Telescope clinic at Erwin Lake Park on Hatchery Road.
- RTMC info:
 - May 26... Dr. John V., Discovery Center, intro to RTMC attendees
 - May 28... discussing our attempt at a Guinness record for the largest Solar star party

✓Chief observer report.

- What's up this month? ...
 - see the attached handouts (thanks Randy)
 - Mercury transit... May 9, 2016
 - Penumbral Lunar Eclipse March 23, 2016
 - The Evening Sky map for March 2016

✓Scheduling:

- Next SunDay. ... **March 20**, 1-3pm... note time change
- Restarting BBSO Tours.
 - **April 28** will be the first event of 2016
 - Looking for Docents to give the tour... contact Claude
- Goldstone tour this spring – **May 10th** at 1pm. (Mar & Apr booked solid!) Send Teresa your name to put on the list for the Tour!
- Next beginner talk?

✓Discussion of scholarship – More funds from Urban Assault and SunDay! No discussion

✓General Discussion.

✓Calendar Summary:

- **March 12, Star Party... Erwin Lake Park? (snowy/muddy/icy)**
- **March 18, Urban Assault, Village**
- **March 20, SUN day, Village corner, 1-3pm**

- **March 23, Penumbral Lunar Eclipse**
- **March 24, Virtual Lecture, Dr. Richard Green, UKIRT telescope, BBSO campus**
- **April 1, Discovery Center, "Nature night"**
- **April 28, Virtual Lecture, William Welsh: KOI-54, BBSO campus... date TBD**
- **April 28, 1st BBSO tour of the season**
- **May 9, Mercury transit**
- **May 10th, 1pm. Goldstone Radio Array Tour!!**
- **May 13, Star party and Telescope Clinic, Erwin Lake Park, Hatchery road**
- **May 14, International Astronomy Day**
- **May 26, Discovery Center, Dr. Varsik, Intro to RTMC attendees**
- **May 28, RTMC, Camp Oaks, Guinness world record Solar star party?**