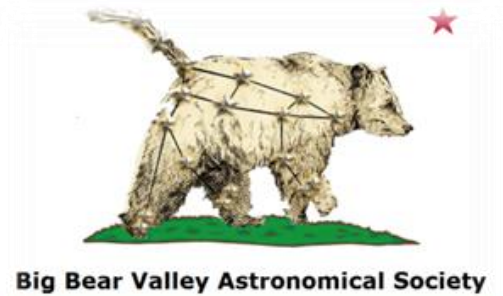


# Big Bear Valley Astronomical Society



## November 14, 2019 Agenda and Minutes

- ✓ Welcome:
  - New members or 1<sup>st</sup> time visitors?
    - Members present: Claude, Teresa, Byron, Stan, Joan, Bill, Randy, Jane, John, Deanna, Wes, Tom, Dick, Mark.
  - Any new Agenda Items? The StarLink satellite train can be found using Heavens Above app.
- ✓ News and Announcements: Stan and Joan are moving to Cody, WY this month. Farewell to you.
- ✓ Treasurer/Membership Report: 42 members on the list, and \$859.50 in the coffer
- ✓ Scholarship Fund Report: \$668.31 in the coffer.
  - Scholarship committee is formed: Dick (chair), Deana, Jane, Byron.
    - Deadline for final Application is March 1, 2020.
- ✓ Librarian Report:
  - We will bring some of the inventory to the next few Urban Assaults for sale/contribution.
- ✓ Comments, reports, discussions, reviews:
  - Urban Assault Fri Nov 1st in the Village. Randy and Mark were there, but on one else.
  - Club Star Party Oct 26<sup>th</sup>. Bill observed Neptune, 7 telescopes, good seeing.
  - Virtual Lecture Thurs. Oct 17th - Dr. Ifan Payne on Magdalena Ridge Observatory in New Mexico, and the development of the MRO interferometer. Very nice presentation, but not recorded.
  - BBSO public tour earlier today. The early power outage caused many problems, but the tour went on as scheduled.
  - Mercury Transit Nov 11! Randy, Wes, Bill had telescopes there, Joan/Stan where too. About 12 visitors despite the 24-degree weather. Claude showed BBSO video of the transit.
  - Need space to store the large telescope from the Discovery Center.
  - Deanna will chat with BBHS, BBMS about a district-wide Astronomy club and site.
  - RTMC has been disbanded for a variety of reasons.
- ✓ Activities
  - Virtual Lecture Thurs. Nov 21st, Jon Wallace from Society of Amateur Radio Astronomers (SARA)
  - Club Star Party Nov 23rd – where? HC, JV or GMARS? Wx permitting- HC, otherwise TBD
  - Urban Assault Fri Dec 6<sup>th</sup>? in the Village – will be rather full. OK
  - Anyone working on the AL Lunar Project (besides Bill, Deanna, Jane & Teresa)? Or the Outreach Award? (Claude & Teresa, Steve & Josh Johnson)? Bill completed the Lunar Obs program.
  - SOLSTICE PARTY in December will be at Dick Stanton's home on 12/22. Many thanks DICK.
- ✓ Chief observer report.
  - What's up this month? Leonids there, but it will also be a big Moon.
- ✓ Scheduling:
  - Next beginner talk? TBD
- ✓ General Discussion –