



JUNE 2014 NEWLETTER

GENERAL MEETING – WEDNESDAY, JUNE 11, 2014

(7:30pm – 9:00pm)

[Proctor Terrace Elementary School Auditorium](#)

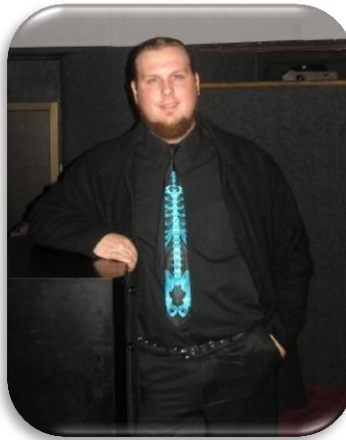
Santa Rosa, CA.

"By a tranquil mind I mean nothing else than a mind well ordered."

-- Marcus Aurelius

Hello members and friends,

Let me first begin by thanking Mr. Travis Job; [SRJC Planetarium Presenter](#), for a most outstanding and informative program on the planetarium. Even though the weather was 'HOT', many of you came out regardless.



Travis Job

JUNE'S PROGRAM

7:30pm - Meeting Starts

- SCAS Business, Mike Dranginis - President
- Welcome new members, Jim DeManche – Vice President
- 'What's Up Segment', Len Nelson – YA Advisor

7:50pm – Coffee, Cookies & Conversation (*Please donate to the snack table*)

8:10pm – Speaker Program Starts

Our very own **Len Nelson (Young Astronomer's – Advisor)** will be introducing three very bright members. Each Young Astronomer will be presenting a different topic, all of which are astronomy related. They have worked very hard, and are very encouraged to share their knowledge and wisdom with all of us.

Harry Prasetya will give a (PowerPoint) on Variable Stars

Phillip Hebenstreit will discuss Brown Dwarfs

Hunter Ward will share – M42 'The Orion Nebula'

9:00pm – Meeting Ends.

MEMBERSHIP – NEW & RENEWALS

Yes friends, it's that time to either become a member of SCAS or to renew your annual membership. Many thanks to those of you who joined or renewed at last month's meeting ~ thank you.

How can I join or renew? It's simple ~

Print out our [Membership Form](#) and mail your application and check to:

SONOMA COUNTY ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY

P. O. Box 183
Santa Rosa, CA 95402

Or; come to a monthly meeting and any [SCAS Board Member](#) can help you sign up.

Dues: \$25 per year, payable June 1 of each year. Student Membership: \$10 per year with copy of student ID enclosed.

*New Members who sign-up after Dec. 1st, pay only a half-year rate: \$12.50

Contact our (Membership Director - Laura Sparks) through our [homepage](#) for more information.

UPCOMING SCAS EVENTS!

JULY 9TH ~ SPECIAL GUEST SPEAKER



Dr. Mandeep S. S. Gill

**Observational Extragalactic Cosmologist
KIPAC, Stanford Linear Accelerator National Laboratory**

Topic:

"Cosmology from Gravitational Lensing -- or: how Prof. Einstein Can Help Us
Solve the Grandest Mystery in Modern-Day Physics"

Please put this date on your calendar!

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**August 16<sup>TH</sup> SCAS ANNUAL STAR-B-QUE**

Festivities begin at 2:00pm at the [Robert Ferguson Observatory](#)

- This year we continue our 'Pot Luck' tradition. Bring something to share with your SCAS & RFO friends.
- Share the Grill!
- The observatory will be open later that evening.
- Small Scopes are encouraged to come. Docents and SCAS members will be available to assist new comers with their scopes if needed.
- Overnight camping is welcomed.



Your SCAS continues to collect donations for our October 8<sup>th</sup>, benefit program to 'Save Lick Observatory' with special guest speaker **Prof. Alex Filippenko**, Professor of Astronomy at UC Berkeley.

Evenings Topic:

**"Exploring the Frontiers of Astronomy and the Funding Crisis at Lick Observatory"**

If you can't attend, please help support us with your donation of any amount.

Mail your donation check to: SONOMA COUNTY ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY  
(Attn: Save Lick Observatory)  
P.O. Box 183  
Santa Rosa, CA. 95402

Clear Skies ~