

SONOMA SKIES

February 2016 E-Newsletter of the
[Sonoma County Astronomical Society](#)



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Hello members and friends,

We had a packed and very enthusiastic meeting in January. Hunter Ward gave us a brilliant presentation on the dwarf planet Pluto. Hunter is a docent at the [Robert Ferguson Observatory](#), and a past President of the [SCAS Young Astronomers](#), along with being a past [Striking Sparks Telescope Award Winner!](#)



The SCAS Young Astronomers program along with the SCAS Striking Sparks Program, are a great benefit for the young person who is interested in astronomy and other related sciences. Please contact both Len Nelson YA-Adult Advisor and Larry McCune Striking Sparks Coordinator for details.

GENERAL MEETING PROGRAM

Wednesday, February 10, 2016

7:30PM – 9:00PM

Proctor Terrace Elementary School

(Multipurpose Auditorium)

1711 Bryden Ln

Santa Rosa, CA 95404

[Map Link](#)

GUEST SPEAKER



Jim DeManche, SCAS President

‘Meteors, Meteoroids, Meteorites, and other stuff’

I will be offering a presentation on the differences in meteors, meteoroids, and meteorites, along with discussion of comets and asteroids that we share our space with in the solar system.

The amount of material science has discovered in the past few years is amazing and at time a bit unnerving. We're even now planning to mine asteroids!

SCAS 2016 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

FEBRUARY 10, 2016

WEDNESDAY, 7:30PM – 9:00PM

SCAS GENERAL MEETING

Speaker: Jim DeManche-SCAS President

Topic:

‘Meteors, Meteoroids, Meteorites, and other stuff’

MARCH 9, 2016

WEDNESDAY, 7:30PM – 9:00PM



‘STRIKING SPARKS TELESCOPE AWARDS PROGRAM’

YOSEMITE STAR PARTY

Although a date has not yet been confirmed, but soon we hope, you may want to make your decision early if you’re going this year. Christine France our Membership Coordinator is in charge of the Yosemite Committee this year. Please email her at Membership@Sonomaskies.org and let her know to put you on the list!

MORE EVENTS WILL BE LISTED IN FUTURE NEWSLETTERS AS THEY ARE CONFIRMED.

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USEFUL LINKS

[Observing highlights from Robert Ferguson Observatory](#)

[Heavens Above](#)

[SpaceWeather.com](#) – Solar Observations

[Clear Sky Chart](#) – Santa Rosa

[Getting started in astronomy](#) – SCAS article