

# Sonoma County Astronomical Society

## September 2014 E-Newsletter



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Hello Members & Friends,

Our annual August SCAS STAR-B-QUE was another success. Many of us shared good food, and friendly discussions about what's going on with each other, and astronomy. Seeing was very good, and many supplied their own scopes as well.



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# SCAS STAR ACADEMY

On Wednesday evening August 27<sup>th</sup>, SCAS held its first STAR ACADEMY at the Robert Ferguson Observatory. Our goal is to meet on a quarterly basis to gain experience with our personal telescopes, learn the seasonal night sky, expose guests to the Robert Ferguson Observatory, and share both experience and our love for astronomy in a quiet and friendly environment.



I want to personally thank the Board of RFO for their generous cooperation in making this happen for both RFO docents, members of SCAS, and guests. Everyone had an excellent time under a beautiful evening's sky. I counted (6) scopes in use and (11) attendees as well!

Jim DeManche  
SCAS VP/Program Director  
RFO Docent

# September 2014 SCAS General Meeting

Wednesday September 10, 2014

## Guest Speaker: **Al Stern**

RFO Docent, SCAS Member & Amateur Astronomer



Demonstration Topic: Personal Portable Planetariums

For many years now, Al has traveled around giving planetarium shows to both children and adults. This is a uniquely interesting method for bring astronomy and science to both schools and the public.

7:00pm – Doors open  
7:30pm – Meeting begins  
8:00pm – Presentation begins  
9:00pm – Meeting ends

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## October 2014 - SCAS Special Anniversary Event

We will meet at the [Sonoma Academy](#) – Black Box Theater

### **'An Evening with Prof. Alex Filippenko'**

*A Charitable Benefit for Save Lick Observatory*

Lecture Topic: **The Frontiers of Astronomy and the Lick Observatory**

\$20.00 a ticket



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