

# SONOMA SKIES

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

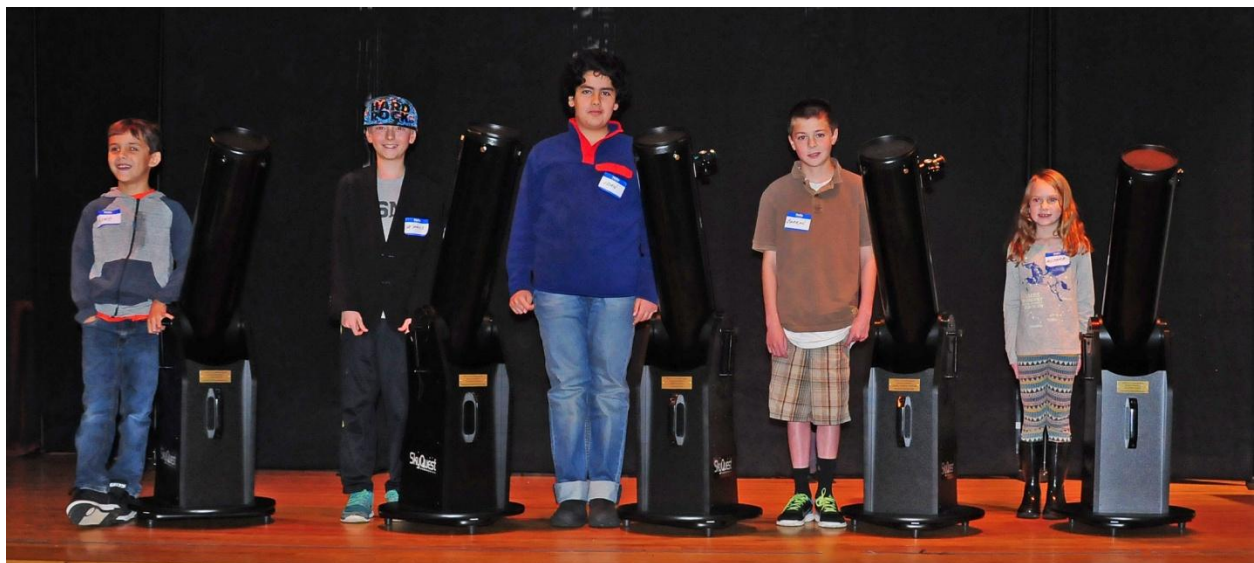


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Hello members and friends,

It's hard to believe that we've completed another successful Striking Sparks Telescope Awards program last month. A special thanks to Larry McCune, Len Nelson, all our participants and winners along with their parents, teachers, and sponsors.



2016 Striking Sparks Telescope Award Winners (Image Credit: Len Nelson)

# SCAS GENERAL MEETING

April 13th, Wednesday 7:30PM – 9:00PM

**MEETING AT ROBERT FERGUSON OBSERVATORY!!**

**(Project 40 – A Visit to the Robert Ferguson Observatory)**

We will not be meeting at Proctor Terrace Elementary School in April, but at the Robert Ferguson Observatory in Kenwood. The RFO has graciously agreed to open its door for us that evening for an introduction talk and viewing through the brand new 40-inch reflector in the West Wing.

Visit [www.rfo.org](http://www.rfo.org) for complete directions to the observatory. SCAS members who are also RFO docents have free access to parking.

The Robert Ferguson Observatory has kindly agreed to open its doors for this special opportunity to learn about and observe through the new 40” Newtonian reflector recently installed in the West Wing.

Parking fees are free thanks to Mr. Jon Roney from Team Sugarloaf. You will receive a parking pass at the Park Entrance Kiosk if you’re not an RFO docent.

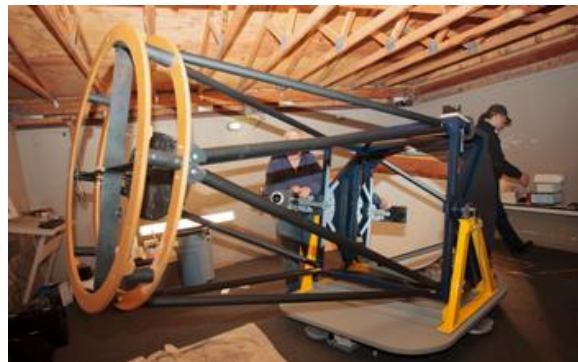
Our presenters and operators will be Mr. George Loyer, Larry McCune, and I understand John Whitehouse may be standing close by as well.

Please come up the hill and be with us!

## *Press Release*



*Image Credit: RFO*



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We have our date for the Yosemite trip !!!



July 22 & July 23 at Glacier Point viewing.

Camping @ Bridalveil passes and park entry is limited number  
and only granted to SCAS members with telescopes :-)

Please email me @ [france\\_christine@yahoo.com](mailto:france_christine@yahoo.com) to get on list  
and or further information.

7/22/2016 88% waning gibbous Moon rising 10:21pm

looking forward to an amazing trip

SCAS members with telescopes are invited to camp  
At Bridalveil and bring telescopes to Glacier Point for viewing.  
There are a limited number of passes so please email to

Reserve your spot or if you just need more information :-)

7/22/2016 88% waning gibbous Moon rising 20:21PM



*Image Credit: Len Nelson*

SONOMA COUNTY ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY – 2016  
PROGRAM CALENDAR

**April 13<sup>th</sup>**

A visit to RFO to hear a lecture on the P40 telescope and viewing  
George Loyer and Larry McCune - Confirmed

**May 11<sup>th</sup>**

The Planet Mars - Jim DeManche - Confirmed

**June 8<sup>th</sup>**

The Moon – Rob Davis (Robert Ferguson Observatory) - Confirmed

**July 13<sup>th</sup>**

The Space Act of 2015 – Lynda Williams (SRJC Physics Dept.) - Confirmed

**August 6<sup>th</sup>**

SCAS STAR B QUE - Confirmed

**September 14<sup>th</sup>**

Gravitational Waves – Dr. Lynn Cominsky (SSU) - Confirmed

**October 12<sup>th</sup>**

Astrophotography - Jim Goodenough & Linda Sinkay - **Pending**

**November 9<sup>th</sup>**

Popcorn & Movie Night - Confirmed

**December 14<sup>th</sup>**

Madison Parks (YA) – PP and Lecture – Confirmed

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Heavens Above  
<http://heavens-above.com/>

SpaceWeather.com – Solar Observations  
<http://www.spaceweather.com/>

Clear Sky Chart – Santa Rosa  
<http://www.cleardarksky.com/c/SntRsCAkey.html>

