

SONOMA SKIES

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



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Hello members and friend,

The New Year begins with some new changes to the SCAS Board of Directors.

- ✚ President/Program Director: Jim DeManche
- ✚ Vice President/Tech. Director: Jim Goodenough
- ✚ Secretary: Eric Swanson
- ✚ Membership Director: Christine France
- ✚ Treasurer/Striking Sparks Coordinator: Larry McCune
- ✚ Director Of Community & School Activities: Lynn Anderson

Appointed Positions –

- ✚ SCAS Young Astronomers Advisor: Len Nelson
- ✚ SCAS Sidewalk Astronomy Coordinator: Randy Jones
- ✚ SCAS Property Coordinator: John Whitehouse
- ✚ SCAS Librarian: David P. Simons

Help is always welcome in setting up for meetings, the coffee and snack table, along with the SCAS Greeter Table. Please feel to speak with me if you're interested in helping out.

GENERAL MEETING PROGRAM

Wednesday, January 13, 2016

7:30PM – 9:00PM

Proctor Terrace Elementary School
(Multipurpose Auditorium)
1711 Bryden Ln
Santa Rosa, CA 95404
[Map Link](#)

GUEST SPEAKER
HUNTER WARD
‘The Dwarf Planet Pluto’



Hunter is one of our extraordinary SCAS Young Astronomers. He has a wonderful talent for presenting and audience participation. The knowledge and experience for such a ‘Young Astronomer’ is both amazing and fun to experience.

The flyby of Pluto by the New Horizons probe has given humanity wonderful images and insight for the first time in history. Hunter will share these findings with us. Please come out and show your support for this young man!


































SCAS 2016 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

FEBRUARY 10, 2016
WEDNESDAY, 7:30PM – 9:00PM
SCAS GENERAL MTG: FEEDBACK FEBRUARY

MARCH 9, 2016
WEDNESDAY, 7:30PM – 9:00PM
'STRIKING SPARKS TELESCOPE AWARDS PROGRAM'

MOON CALENDAR FOR JANUARY 2016

January 2016						
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COMET CATALINA 2015



Over the next few weeks, one of the most beautiful comets we've ever discovered, Comet Catalina, will pass by Earth in what's expected to be its first and only visit to the inner Solar System.

And while its closest flyby for those in the Northern Hemisphere will be on 17 January 2016, you might want to stash some binoculars in your bag on New Year's Day - on 1 January, Comet Catalina is expected to move within 0.4 degrees (less than the apparent width of the Moon) of Arcturus - one of the brightest stars in the sky. If ever there were a ridiculous space photography moment, this is it.