

SONOMA SKIES

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



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Hello members and friends,

Thanks to all who attended my presentation on Mars last month. We have a great time learning and sharing the wonders of our solar system and universe.

SCAS is now 6-months into 2016, and half way around our orbit of our star the Sun. It is also time to join or renew your membership to our group.

Family Membership: Only \$25 per year for the entire family!

Student Membership: \$10 per year

Monthly Meetings: Hear educational speaker presentations, connect with local astronomers, learn what's up in the night sky.

Discount Magazine Subscriptions: Sky & Telescope (available any time) and Astronomy Magazine (available in the Fall).

Visit our website at: <http://www.sonomaskies.org/Membership.shtml> or click the 'Join Now' button at the top of the page.

SCAS GENERAL MEETING

June 8th , Wednesday 7:30PM – 9:00PM

MEETING AT PROCTOR TERRACE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

1711 Bryden Lane

Santa Rosa, CA 95404

Program Schedule

7:30PM – Meeting Begins, General Business

7:45PM – Coffee Break

8:00PM – Program Topic Begins

9:00PM – Meeting Officially Ends

Lecture Topic: **THE MOON!**

Rob Davis, Docent at Robert Ferguson Observatory



Often referred to as RFO's resident 'Luna-tic', or 'Moon-iac', Rob is a very dedicated and excellent presenter on all things lunar. He often give his lectures during RFO's Star Party nights and to new docents during the annual training times.

You are in for a real treat on a topic most people simple gaze upon and make a wish.



We have our date for the Yosemite trip !!!



July 22 & July 23 at Glacier Point viewing.

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

Please email me @ 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 Bridal Veil 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
GENERAL MEETING CALENDAR
(Schedule topics subject to change)

June 8th

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

July 13th

Astrophotography – Jim Goodenough and Linda Sinkay

August 6th

SCAS STAR B QUE - **Confirmed**

September 14th

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

October 12th

Supernova explosions, their host galaxies, and gravitational lensing by galaxies and galaxy clusters. Patrick Kelly UC Berkeley - **Confirmed**

November 9th

Popcorn & Movie Night - **Confirmed**

December 14th

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



SONOMA COUNTY ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY – 2017 GENERAL MEETING CALENDAR

January 11th - Open

February 8th – SETI Institute - Over the past 15 years, he has dedicated his research to the study of our solar system using mainly ground-based telescopes equipped with adaptive optics. Dr. Franck Marchis - **Confirmed**

March 8th – STRIKING SPARKS ANNUAL AWARDS PROGRAM - **Confirmed**

April - Open

May - Open

June - Open

July 12th – Popcorn and Movie Night

August 9th – SCAS Star – B- Que at the Robert Ferguson Observatory

September 13th – ‘Saturn’s Embrace’. A video lecture by Dr. Carolyn Porco, encompassing the entire Cassini-Huygens mission to Saturn. The spacecraft launched on October 15, 1997

October - Open

November - Open

December - Open

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