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The Newsletter of the Kern Astronomical Society

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KAS Open Meeting

**One Friday of
Every Month**

August 12, 2016 @
Round Table Pizza,
4200 Gosford Road,
Suite 101, Bakersfield, CA

Dinner & Social 6:30 pm
Meeting/Program 7:30 pm

You can Order Ahead of Time

Round Table Pizza: You are able to order online or through the phone prior to arriving to the monthly meeting, by doing so you will receive customer rewards

<http://www.roundtablepizza.com/rtp/>

[661-397-1111](tel:661-397-1111)



2016 IS KERN ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY'S
60TH YEAR ANNIVERSARY VISIT OUR WEBSITE:
WWW.KERNASTRO.ORG

This Month's Events

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
31	Aug 1	2	3	4	5 (12:00am) Sequoia Dark Sky Festival	6
7 Sequoia Dark Sky	8	9	10	11	12 KAS Meeting - Round Table Pizza	13 KAS Public Star night
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25 KAS Board Meeting	26	27
28	29	30	31	Sep 1	2 KAS Meeting Elections	3 KAS Dark sky night

- August 5-6 Sequoia Dark Sky Festival
- August 12th KAS Open Meeting at Round Table Pizza
- August 13th Panorama Bluff Public Star Party
- August 22nd KAS Board Meeting at Double Tree Hotel 6:30pm

Elections are coming up on September Meeting To nominate anyone or yourself email: lopezand96@gmail.com

KERN ASTRONOMICAL BOARD ELECTIONS

Elections for club officers are taking place during the month of September if you would like to nominate someone or yourself for any position please let the current board know so we may have an early list of nominees. For more information on position duties contact any current board member, contact info found on last page of newsletter. Any current active member is welcome to run for any office they wish.
Partial duties of each officer

President: presents all meeting agendas, runs meetings, and communicates with all other members of the board.

Vice-President: shall assist president, and in absence of president shall exercise all of the functions of the president.

Secretary: shall keep records such as meeting minutes, and help submit notices. Must also communicate with treasure about reports, and other records.

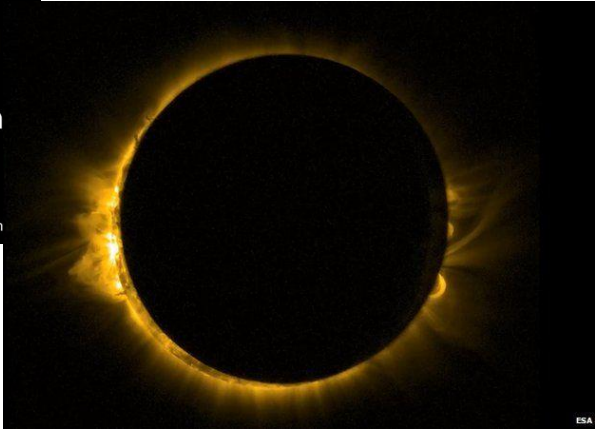
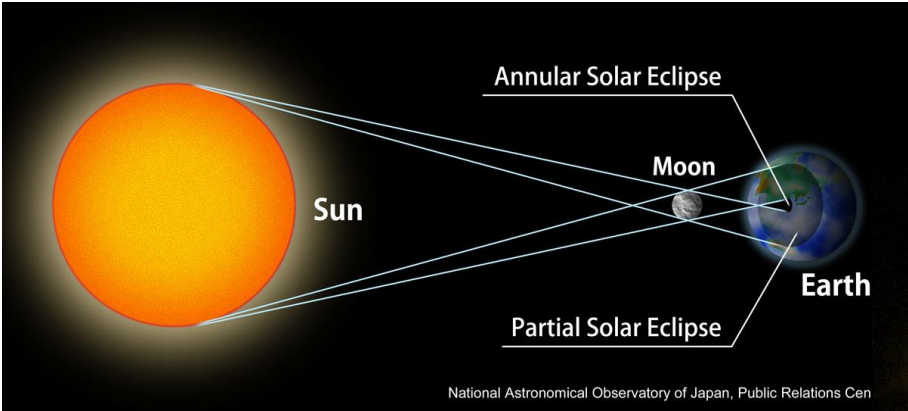
Treasure: shall have charge of the funds of the society, and conduct banking business. The treasure shall keep record of all incoming and outflowing funds.

The Star Party Coordinator: shall arrange and coordinate the astronomical events of the society including membership outings, public outreach events, and educational outreach.

There is currently a great need for a club treasurer and secretary, currently there are no incumbents.

@ ROUND TABLE AUGUST 12TH SOLAR ECLIPSE TALK

Our speaker for Friday night shall be Mike Ponek, our current vice-president. He will be giving a very informative, and important talk about the approaching solar eclipse that will sweep the nation. His talk will include how to view the eclipse, and more information about the process of the eclipse. The solar eclipse will take place in the month of August of the upcoming year. This is a very special and rare event, and we want everyone in the club to take part, and enjoy this event. Planning of this event will require as much feedback as possible from the club.



PUBLIC STAR PARTY @ PANORAMA BLUFFS SAT. AUG. 13TH

Set up begins around 7pm at Panorama Park Bluffs, this gives all an opportunity to learn the basics of using a telescope. Those with more experience your help is always greatly appreciated.

August 13th – Saturday

Close to
Panorama Dr
and Linden ave



THE KERN ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY INFOSHARE

WHO WE ARE

Since 1956, the Kern Astronomical Society has promoted community awareness of current events in astronomy, and provides a forum for sharing of knowledge and experiences among amateur astronomers. Annual membership is \$24.00 which also provides membership in the Amateur Astronomical League, access to their newsletter (*Reflector Magazine*), and participation in observational programs.

CLUB STAR PARTIES

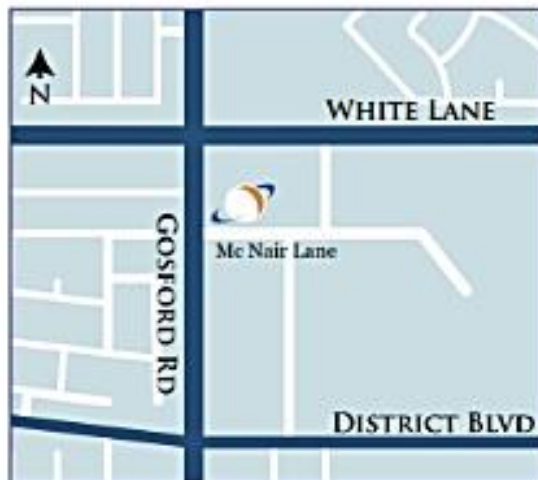
The Kern Astronomical Society usually has 2 Club-Star Parties per month depending on the weather. We also host public Star parties upon request.

Our Star Parties are held on Saturdays. The primary date is the weekend of new moon with the secondary date being before or after new moon. You may get current Star Party information from our coordinator, Darren Bly.

NEXT MEETING

The KAS holds their Monthly meeting the 1st Friday of every month.

Round Table Pizza in the "Meeting Room"
Diner & Fellowship: **6:30 pm**; Meeting: **7:30 pm**
4200 Gosford Rd. #101, Bakersfield 93313, (661) 397-1111



KAS CLUB TELESCOPES

The Kern Astronomical Society has telescopes and accessories (listed below) available for loan to Club members in good standing. Members are encouraged to borrow the different types of scopes in stock (especially if you are considering purchasing one-checking out and trying different types will help you make an informed purchase decision). If you have a Club scope in your possession, the KAS expects you to use it by participating in at least one Star party.

- 6" f/6, 8" f/6, 10" f/5.6, 13" f/4.5 Dobsonian scopes
- Parks Jovian 90, 3-1/2" F-13 Maksukov-Cassegrain
- 4" f/15 Unitron Refractor
- 8" solar filter
- Eyepieces up to 2" wide

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