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The Newsletter of the Kern Astronomical Society

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KAS Open Meeting

**First Friday of
Every Month**

June 3, 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
29 RTMC Big Bear City, Ca. - YMCA Camp O.	30 Memorial Day	31	Jun 1	2	3 KAS Meeting - Round Table Pizza	4 KAS Dark sky night
5	6	7	8	9	10	11 KAS Public Star night
12	13	14	15	16	17 Girl Scout LMNT ev	18
19 Father's Day	20	21	22	23 KAS Board Meeting	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	Jul 1	2
			(12:00am) Golden State Star party - Frosty Acres Ranch, NE California, north of Mount La			

- June 3rd Meeting at Round Table
- June 4th Dark Sky night
- June 11th Panorama Bluff Public Star Party
- June 11th Girls Scouts Solar outreach
- June 23rd KAS Board Meeting 7pm

No KAS Round Table Pizza meeting during July.

Events

RTMC Astronomy Expo

KAS members Gregg Pylak, Mike Ponek, Karen Wood, Jim Wood, LAAS member Larry Steenhoek, and former KAS members Cathy Collett, and Steve Collett joined in the fun of RTMC 2016 at the YMCA camp east of Big Bear City for the Memorial Day Astronomy Exposition. The weather was great with temps in the mid 30's at night and in the mid 60's during the day. Friday saw vendors Woodland Hills Telescope and Orange County Telescope let loose with a huge amount of used equipment for a very small cost. While RTMC may not be what it was 20 years ago it is certainly alive and well and will be for a long time to come. I know that Karen and I and a number of old, current, and new friends will be back there in the future. It is a great event for getting out of town and relaxing and having a great time.



PUBLIC STAR PARTY @ PANORAMA BLUFFS

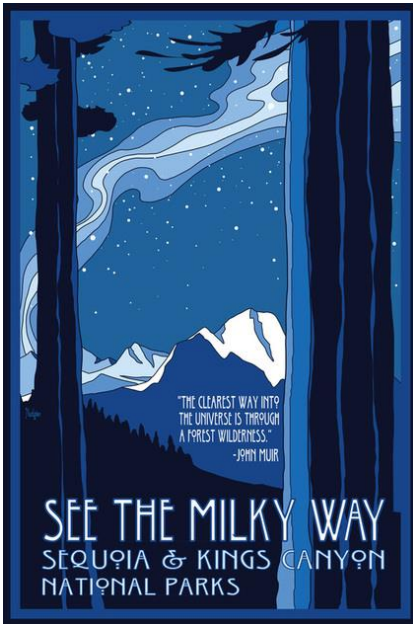
Set begins around 7pm at Panorama Park Bluffs, this gives all an opportunity to learn the basics of using a telescope

June 11th – Saturday

Close to
Panorama Dr
and Linden ave



SEQUOIA NATIONAL PARK DARK SKY FESTIVAL



<http://www.exploresequoiakingscanyon.com/dark-sky-festival.html>

August 5th, 6th, and 7th

Kern Astro gets free camping sites while host solar viewing during the day, and Saturday night Star Party.

KERN ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY BOARD

Elections for club officers are taking place during the month of November 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.

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

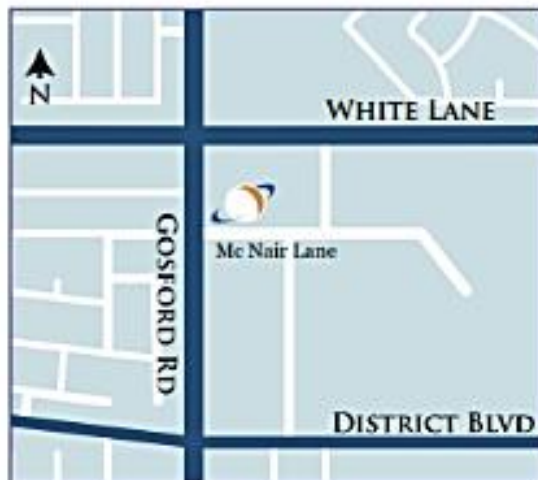
The Kern Astronomical Society usually has 2 Club-Star Parties per month depending on the weather. We also host public Star parties upon request.

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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