

ACA NEWS AND NOTES

February 2018

ACA Meetings

The next ACA membership meeting is scheduled for 8:00 p.m. on February 23rd at New Franklin City Hall. This month's speaker is retired NASA Aerospace Engineer Tom Benson. His presentation is entitled "Project Gemini- 51 years and Counting." Hope to see you all at the meeting!

May Elections

A new slate of officers is being prepared for the April 2018 elections. Nominating committee members Ron Kalinoski, Fred Huffman, and Ann Ferrell are asking members who are willing to serve ACA in this important capacity to please contact them. The slate must be presented to members at the March meeting. Voting takes place during the April meeting and our new officers begin their term on May 1st. Please consider serving as ACA celebrates its 69th year!

Members Social

ACA members enjoyed good food and fellowship during the Winter Brunch Social at Galaxy Restaurant on Sunday, January 28th. Thanks to all in attendance! Our next members' event is a trip to Observatory Park in Geauga County. Details are forthcoming.

The Night Sky

At the recent ACA Board meeting, there was discussion about changing the format of the ACA newsletter, The Night Sky. Bylaws require the publication of a newsletter, but in no way give details on the style of the publication. Due to the lack of members willing to submit articles to the newsletter and easy access of information through the internet, the ACA Board will ask for a motion to slightly alter the format to one similar to our monthly News and Notes. Meeting minutes, treasury reports, Swap and Shop, and any article contributions (if and when submitted) will be part of the format. This motion will require a second and passage by majority vote, since the actual bylaws are not changed. Please be ready for a discussion on the changing purpose of The Night Sky.

ACA Meeting Minutes January 26, 2018

Venue: New Franklin.

Attendance: 38

"Live Face Book feed today"

Guest Speaker: Dave Jessie introduces our speaker: Roy & Jodie McCullough from the Mahoning Valley Astronomical Society. Subject: "Science, How do we know what we know."

Break: 9:16.

Business Meeting: Called to order at 9:29.

Vice President report: Dave Jessie mentioned new outreach requests, Camp CHOPS (Camp Carl) June 1st. Clays Park Friday, Saturday, and Sunday Sept. 14-16. Our website is receiving over 1000 hits per month from all over the world.

Treasurer's Report: Nick informed us of a new member and family. ACA total worth \$3,987.38.

Secretary's Report: Lew read the minutes from November's meeting. Voted, Eyes have it.

Old Business: Career showcase - We have decided to pull out of this event, it just didn't work out. ACA Winter Social, at The Galaxy, Sunday Jan. 28, 12:30.

New Business: Spring Social, general discussion, no firm determination. Gregg recommend that ACA look into a field trip to Observatory Park near Chardon.

Elections: Freddy: We need more nominees.

Observatory Report: Ron: Star Party Schedule is complete, first Star Party March 17.

Observations: Gregg- ISS pass over tonight. Earthshine observed by a member in California. Freddy - Binocular spectacular, M-50, M-42, Pleiades.

Adjourned: at 9:56 by voice vote.

*Lew Snodgrass
ACA Secretary*

ACA Board Meeting Minutes February 4, 2018

Venue: The Waterloo Restaurant.

Cathy calls to order at 2:05. In attendance: Gregg, Cathy, Anne, Ron, Lew, Freddy. (Dave out sick) Get well soon, Dave.

First order of business: Should the ACA join the Astronomical League? Gregg has brought literature on this organization.

Pros: We would receive their newsletter and magazine, 10 per cent discount on books, plus, organized national events, a national convention. Observing programs and voting privileges.

Cons: \$10 a year for the club, plus \$7.50 per person, unless we get 95 per cent participation, then just \$5 per person.

Freddy suggested bringing it before the membership next meeting.

Elections: Freddy: Candidates for Pres; Cathy & Gregg; VP-Justin Phillips; Secretary-Terry Taylor; Treasurer-Marney Sanders; Observatory Dir-Ron.

Other Business: Cathy - Discussion on meeting the criteria for the Night Sky network. ie, star parties, meetings and ACA events. Cathy recommended a change in the by-laws; dump the newsletter for just publishing the "Night Sky News and Notes". Does the ACA need as many officers as we have? Discussion of member-events. Field trip to Observatory Park (The NASA Scope), the next social brunch, picnics...etc. Vote: To be decided later at our next meeting.

Observatory Director: Ron - preparation for the 2018 season almost finished. Note: Ron recommends cleaning up the ACA membership roster.

ACA Board Adjourned at 3:22.

*Lew Snodgrass
ACA Secretary*

February Astronomical Events

Day Hour(UT).

1 19 Regulus 1.0 S. of Moon Occn.
7 16 LAST QUARTER
7 20 Jupiter 4° S. of Moon
9 05 Mars 4° S. of Moon
9 13 Vesta 0°9 N. of Moon Occn.
10 15 Mars 5° N. of Antares
11 14 Moon at apogee
11 15 Saturn 2° S. of Moon
14 11 Juno in conjunction with Sun
15 21 NEW MOON Eclipse
17 12 Mercury in superior conjunction
20 08 Uranus 5° N. of Moon
23 08 FIRST QUARTER
23 18 Aldebaran 0 °.7 S. of Moon Occn.
27 15 Moon at perigee

March Astronomical Events

Day Hour(UT)

1 06 Regulus 0 °.9 S. of Moon Occn.
2 01 FULL MOON
4 14 Neptune in conjunction with Sun
5 18 Mercury 1°4 N. of Venus
7 07 Jupiter 4° S. of Moon
9 10 Jupiter stationary
9 11 LAST QUARTER
10 01 Mars 4° S. of Moon
11 02 Saturn 2° S. of Moon
11 09 Moon at apogee
15 15 Mercury greatest elong. E. (18°)
17 13 NEW MOON
18 01 Mercury 4° N. of Venus
18 18 Mercury 8° N. of Moon
18 19 Venus 4° N. of Moon
19 16 Uranus 5° N. of Moon
20 16 Equinox
20 21 Ceres stationary
22 17 Mercury stationary
22 23 Aldebaran 0 °.9 S. of Moon Occn.
24 16 FIRST QUARTER
26 17 Moon at perigee
28 14 Regulus 1 °.0 S. of Moon Occn.
31 13 FULL MOON

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January Treasurer's Report

By Nick Mihiylov

1/1/2018 Through 1/31/2018

Checking Beginning Balance	\$1,690.74
Income	
Memberships	70.00
Total Income	\$70.00
Expenses	
Speaker Dinner - Bricco	60.18
Observatory Expense - Reimbursement Check	390.00
Total Expenses	-450.18
Income Less Expenses	-\$380.18
Checking Ending Balance	\$1,310.56
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Savings Beginning Balance	\$2,566.64
Earned Interest	0.04
Savings Ending Balance	\$2,566.68
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Petty Cash Beginning Balance	\$50.00
	0.00
Petty Cash Ending Balance	\$50.00
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Petty Cash	50.00
Savings	2,566.68
Checking	1,310.56
Grand Total	\$3,927.24

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ACA Treasurer.