

Northern Colorado Astronomical Society Meeting Minutes 8/1/24



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Agenda

JPL/NASA - The Sky Tonight Presentation
 Reports

Treasurer - Beth Edens
 Outreach Coordinator - Greg Halac
 Rack Card Distribution - Greg Marino

Announcements

RMNP Night Hike / Photography - August 7
 Telescope Help Night - August 15

Tonight's presentation

Ginny Sawyer: The City of Fort Collins Night Sky Initiative

Treasurer's Report - Beth Edens

Membership 2024

108 paid members

2 New Members this month, Please Welcome: Stephanie Owen and Hugh Clark

Account Balances

As of 8/1/24

FNBO Checking	\$3,474.22
FNBO CD Account	\$2,000.00
PayPal	\$1,020.27
Total	\$6,494.49

Income = 2 memberships @ \$25

Expense = \$260.31

Outreach Report - Greg Halac

Date	LAST MONTH EVENTS	Visitors	Hours	Comments
12-Jul	LCP Horsetooth Mtn OS	27	2	Great night
13-Jul	FCNA Fossil Creek Res	30	1.5	Cloudy; few sucker-hole glimpses
19-Jul	Lvld Prairie Ridge	19	1	Cloudy; saw Moon and M57
20-Jul	FCMoD SOLAR	125	2.5	Morning session to beat the heat
26-Jul	RMNP Beaver Meadows	103	2.5	Mostly cloudy; cleared in 15min
28-Jul	Lory SP	8	1.5	Makeup; Comet 13P/Olbers

Date	CANCELLATIONS	Visitors	Comments
27-Jul	X Lory SP: Clouds	0	Rainstorm & lightning show

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Date	UPCOMING EVENTS	Start	Comments
2-Aug	RMNP Astro Festival	8:30p	
3-Aug	RMNP Astro Festival - SOLAR	2:30p	Also 9a; Beaver Meadows VC
3-Aug	RMNP Astro Festival	8:30p	
9-Aug	LCP Hermit Park	8:30p	Too dry for fireflies?
10-Aug	LCP Red Mountain OS	8:30p	Once-a-year opportunity
11-Aug	LCP Horsetooth Mtn OS	8:30p	Perseids
16-Aug	FCNA Fossil Creek Res	8:30p	
17-Aug	FC Old Town Lib SOLAR	10a	
24-Aug	Lvld Sylvan Dale	8:30p	Hope for no fire impact
30-Aug	RMNP Beaver Meadows	8:30p	Last RMNP public night in '24
31-Aug	Jackson Lake SP	8:30p	
1-Sep	LCP Eagle's Nest OS	8p	New site near Livermore

Rack Card Distribution Update

- Museum of Discovery - 80
- Old Town Library - 40
- Jax Fort Collins - 40
- Loveland Library - 40
- Pam Darling Massage - 15
- CU Boulder - 40
- At July 11 meeting - 35
- Outreach Volunteers - 15 x 7

Field Trip - WIRO on Jelm Mountain!!

- We have the opportunity to visit and (weather permitting) observe through the 2.8 m cassegrain telescope of University of Wyoming's WIRO observatory.
- The observatory is at 9,700 ft elevatin on Jelm Mountain south of Laramie
- Approx. date October 12
- We need to get an approx. head count ...

Announcements?

- August 7: Night Hike in RMNP to do some astrophotography
- August 15: Telescope Help Night, Mehaffey Park, Loveland

Speaker

Ginny Sawyer - City of Fort Collins Night Sky Initiative

Ginny is a longtime Fort Collins resident and has been with the City for over 20 years. She spent much of her time with the City in Neighborhood Services doing community building, education, and a broad range of facilitation. She is now a Policy and Project Manager in the City Manager's Office and leads a wide variety of policy initiatives. Her dedication to and enthusiasm for the community is apparent anytime she gets to share what she does. She has a BS in Journalism from CU Boulder and an M. Ed in Community-Based Counseling from Colorado State University.