



ASTROFILES

Auburn Astronomical Society Newsletter

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February Meeting Reminder

The next meeting of the AAS will be Friday, February 2, 2018. We will be meeting in our usual location – Room 215 in Davis Hall (Aerospace Engineering) on the AU campus. Meeting time is 7:45 PM CT. The planned program for this meeting will be a presentation by President Allen Screws on internet solar observing.

As was mentioned in the December 2017 newsletter, we announced some changes in our meeting schedule and meeting formats. As a result of these changes, we have decided to reduce the number of meetings to five for 2018, beginning with the February meeting. The proposed meeting months are as follows:

- February
- April
- June
- August
- October

Some of these meetings may not be on the first Friday of the month. For example, the plan right now is to have the April meeting in Montgomery, AL in conjunction with the annual Astronomy Day event on April 21, 2018 at the W.A. Gayle Planetarium on Saturday, April 21, 2018. Another possible idea discussed for the June meeting would be to have a combination cookout/star gaze at Wind Creek State Park near Alexander City, AL. This could also be on a Saturday to make it more convenient for those that cannot make it to a weekday meeting.

For the other meetings, we can either secure a speaker/ presenter or arrange to have a field trip to some nearby astronomy/space related facility. We are open for any and all suggestions on some possible meeting topics or ideas. If you know of someone that can come and do a talk or presentation on an interesting topic, please let us know. If you know of an interesting place in our area that would

be of interest to the members, let us know about it as well. What topics would you like to learn more about at the meetings? We really need feedback from you to help us improve our meeting experience. You can send me your ideas, comments, etc. to the e-mail at the beginning of the newsletter. We have not yet determined specific dates for some of the proposed meetings with the exceptions of the upcoming February meeting and the April Astronomy Day event. This will give us the flexibility to come up with some different and hopefully more interesting activities. Of course, for those meetings that are held in our usual meeting location on the AU campus, we can always adhere to the first Friday schedule unless it conflicts with some activity in Auburn such as home football games.

In addition to this newsletter we will try to make sure that the members are informed ahead of time via e-mail or other points of contact regarding meeting dates and locations. We look forward to an interesting 2018!

The Auburn Astronomical Society web page: <http://www.auburnastro.org>

The AAS Facebook page: <http://www.facebook.com/groups/79864233515/>

Upcoming Events

We have a star gaze tentatively scheduled for Saturday, March 24, 2018 at Kiesel Park in Auburn, AL. As we get closer to the date, additional information will be provided via e-mail, this newsletter and the AAS Facebook page.

The 2018 National Astronomy Day for Spring is Saturday, April 21, 2018. As in past years, the AAS is planning to support this event in conjunction with the W.A. Gayle Planetarium in Montgomery, AL. As was mentioned earlier in this newsletter, we will likely use this event as our planned club meeting for April. Additional information will also be provided as we get closer to that date.

AAS Dues Reminder

Some have already renewed their AAS membership for 2018, but if you have not already done so, please take a minute to do so. The dues are \$20.00 for the year and a portion of your dues goes to membership in the Astronomical League. The AL is the national organization that represents all member astronomy clubs and offers a wide variety of resources to support the clubs and their members. As a paid-up member of the AAS, you are entitled to receive their quarterly publication, The Reflector. Please fill out the renewal application at the end of this newsletter, especially if any of your contact information (mailing address, e-mail, etc.) has changed recently and return it to me along with your dues by mail at the address indicated on the form. Also check out the web site of the Astronomical League at: <http://www.astroleague.org>



Auburn Astronomical Society Membership Application Form

Name:

Address:

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Date of Application* ____/____/____

E-mail:

Telescope(s):

Area(s) of special interest:

Enclose: \$20.00 for regular membership, payable in January. *Full-Time* student membership is half the Regular rate.

* If you're joining after January, refer to the Prorated Dues Table below:

Jan \$20.00	Feb \$18.33	Mar \$16.66	Apr \$14.99	May \$13.33	Jun \$11.66
Jul \$10.00	Aug \$8.33	Sep \$6.66	Oct \$4.99	Nov \$2.33	Dec \$1.66

Make checks payable to: Auburn Astronomical Society and return this application to:

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For questions about your dues or membership status, contact: jwin1048@gmail.com

Thank you for supporting the Auburn Astronomical Society!

