

Club Updates:

Officer Elections:

Club Officer Elections were last month. New club officers for the 2018-2019 term are:

President: Jerelyn Ramirez
Vice-President: Tony Haidai
Treasurer: Paul Ramirez
Newsletter/Media: Kevin Kight

Membership Dues:

Just a reminder, membership will soon be up for renewal for the 2018 year. Dues are due January 1st.

November 18 club meeting

See addendum for a short report about the prizes handed out during the November club meeting as well as an update about logging items for NSN credit as well as the club certificate.

Solar and Planetary Items:

Moon Phases:

Last Quarter: December 10
New Moon: December 18
First Quarter: December 26
Full Moon: January 2

Planets:

Mercury – Hidden in Solar Glare during Sunset; Sets approximately 5:30 pm; Ophiucus

Venus – Hidden in Solar Glare during Sunrise; rises approximately 7:00 am in Ophiucus

Mars – Visible in the morning rises approximately 3:30 am; next to Jupiter in Virgo

Jupiter – Visible in the morning; rises at 4:40am in Libra

Saturn – Hidden by solar glare

Uranus – Sets approximately 3:00am in Pisces; transiting 8:45 pm

Neptune – Sets approximately 11:30 pm in Aquarius; transiting 6:00 pm

Geminid meteor shower peaks December 13-14, already have a few meteors as of the 7th.

Comets:

Listed below are comets possibly visible in telescopes (cutoff at magnitude 11). Magnitudes shown are approximate predictions for mid-month. Links are provided for additional information: <http://cometchasing.skyhound.com/>

24P/Schaumasse: An evening comet located in Leo moving into Virgo. Magnitude 9.5
<https://theskylive.com/24p-info>

62P/Tsuchinshan: An evening comet located in Leo moving into Virgo. Magnitude 11
<https://theskylive.com/62p-info>

Event Reports:

If you've participated in a club event, please submit an event report to be included here by emailing the Newsletter Editor (Kevin Kight). It doesn't have to be anything formal, just a brief description about the event and how it went. You can even include a picture or two. Credit will be given unless you request to be kept anonymous.

Newsletter Correction:

Optimal Walk

"This event won our club the SunSpotter telescope mentioned in the August newsletter. Jerelyn Ramirez has downloaded the event report for the event and it is included in the Addendums." This was printed in error; The "Optimal Walk" event won the club the 2018 Moon Calendar, the 2018 Moon Calendar was won in November selected from the events reported in the third quarter. The SunSpotter was won back in July and was mentioned in the August newsletter. Both prizes were won from reported NSN entries.

Upcoming Regional Events:

Messier Marathon #1

Friday March 16 - Saturday March 17. (March. 17. New Moon)

Messier Marathon #2

Friday April 13 - Sat April 14. (April. 16. New Moon)

Symphony in the Flint Hills

Saturday, June 9, Rosalia, KS., Past 3rd quarter (Jupiter)

Fall River Star Party

August 10-11 (August 11, New Moon)

Upcoming KAO Public Events:

Full Moon Walk at Great Plains Nature Center – January 2

Great Plains Nature Center, 6232 E. 29th Street North, Wichita, KS 67220-2200

(6:30 pm – 7:30 pm)

Setup Time: 6:00 PM; See NSN club calendar for more information about registration.

When the moon is full, join us for stargazing at Great Plains Nature Center under a rising full moon. Enjoy an evening under the stars and planets.

Blue Moon Walk at Great Plains Nature Center – January 31

Great Plains Nature Center, 6232 E. 29th Street North, Wichita, KS 67220-2200

(6:30 pm – 8:30 pm)

Setup Time: 6:00 PM; See NSN club calendar for more information about registration.

When the moon is full, join us for stargazing at Great Plains Nature Center under a rising full moon. Enjoy an evening under the stars and planets. This full Moon is a "Blue Moon" event. Why is it a "Blue Moon"? Two full Moons occurred in the same month.