

Antares



The Newsletter of the Kansas Astronomical Observers

Meeting time: **October 17, 2020 3:00PM**

All club members must pre register for the meeting. This is to enable non club members to attend the meeting as guests. This is to help keep trolls out of our meeting.

Location: *Click here to preregister for the meeting => [Zoom Meeting](#)*

*After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting. **Note that the club has a Zoom account and those attending don't need to make one.***

Speaker: **Dr. Jason Ferguson, WSU**
Topic: **Exoplanets**

KAO Website: <http://www.kaowichita.com>
The Night Sky Network: <http://www.nightsky.jpl.nasa.gov>
The Astronomical League: <http://www.astroleague.org>

If you have comments or suggestions for an article in the newsletter, e-mail them to:
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Current Club Officials

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Next Month's Meeting: November 21

Club Updates:

Call for Meeting Speakers:

For those members that wish to create and present during a club meeting, or that have a suggestion for a guest speaker during the fall and winter meetings, contact the Club Vice-President: Tony Haidai (thaidai@cox.net)

Note about the Virtual Meetings:

You are not required to have an account with Zoom to join as an attendee to the meeting. When members pre-register there is a light green bar stating 'This meeting is for users with a Zoom account. New to Zoom? Sign up free.' **The club already has an account so this does not apply to anyone who wants to attend the meetings so ignore this message.** Just fill out the Name, email, and confirmation email field boxes, and answer the two questions then select [Register](#) at the bottom of the screen. Please don't let this be a deterrent for you to attend the KAO Club Meetings via Zoom.

Newsletter Items for Publication:

Please submit items for publication prior to the 10th of each month to be included in that month's newsletter.

Membership Update:

Two more people have joined the club:

Paul Burgardt from Great Bend
Kent Thomas from Wichita

We now have 56 club members.

Club T-shirts and Mugs available:

Members can order a club t-shirt for \$10, we just need your size and quantity. KAO logo coffee mugs are now available for \$10 each. The club logo is printed on both sides. They are 11 oz. and proceeds will contribute to the library telescope fund.



Virtual Meeting Notes:

Attached is a synopsis of the virtual meeting held for September 19 on Zoom.

Televue Eyepieces for Sale:

Attached is a an advertisement from David Stanislav for his three eyepieces he is selling. The prices are negotiable.

InOMN document:

The attached InOMN document can be used at any time as a reference when sharing the Moon with anyone, or as a lunar information source.

Solar and Planetary Items:

Moon Phases:

Last Quarter: Oct 9
New Moon: Oct 16
First Quarter: Oct 23
Full Moon: Oct 31

Last Quarter: Nov 8
New Moon: Nov 14
First Quarter: Nov 21
Full Moon: Nov 30

Planets:

Mercury – In Libra; sets approximately 7:30pm

Venus – In Leo, rises approximately 4:30am

Mars –In Pisces; rises approximately 7:08pm

Jupiter – In Sagittarius; transits approximately 7:20pm

Saturn – In Sagittarius; transits approximately 7:50pm

Uranus – In Aries; rises approximately 7:45pm

Neptune – In Aquarius; rises approximately 5:30pm

Comets:

Listed below are comets possibly visible in telescopes from the Wichita area (approximately cutoff at magnitude 15; if available the observed magnitude is used in favor of the JPL prediction). Magnitudes shown are approximate predictions for mid-month. Links are provided for additional information:

<https://cometchasing.skyhound.com/>

No comets this month.

Event Reports:

If you've participated in a club event, please submit an event report to be included here by the 10th of each month. It doesn't have to be anything formal, just a brief description about the event and how it went. Credit will be given unless you request to be kept anonymous.

InOMN Family Observing Event:

Jerelyn has provided a report of a family gathering event for InOMN. See addendum for details.

Upcoming Regional Events:

Currently there are no events due to the pandemic. Check NSN for the latest information.

Upcoming KAO/Public Events:

See NSN for latest information and new events as they are added

If you are looking for something to do astronomy related and the sky conditions are not good or you're looking for something astronomy related in the news or even a virtual activity, there are postings on our calendar that may be of interest to you. There are virtual events, live chats, Webinars, von Karman lectures, Cosmic Coffee Episodes, even observing events. The observing events could include planet oppositions, meteor showers, or greatest elongations. Go to the club's calendar to find out more information about each of the event postings. You can then select any of the listed calendar events and it will display more information about the event. You can scroll forward through the months to see new listings as they are posted. It is unfortunate nearly all live in person events have been canceled due to the pandemic, so this may fill that gap.

Due to the pandemic, Public Events for the next several weeks are canceled.