



# *Bear Valley Springs*

## *Astronomy club*



### November 2021 Agenda

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- **Welcome:** 6:30 pm Equestrian Lounge, 22 in attendance. Introductions of board members Claude, Teresa, John, Joe and Anya with a brief explanation of evolution of the club.
- **Announcements:** Teresa said that International Dark Sky Association is having an online conference November 12-13.
- **Treasurer:** John presented our status of filing for taxes and a chart of possible operating expenses over time. Discussion with audience ensued regarding necessary costs and membership fees for individual/family. Low end projection started at \$36. Discussion to be continued at next board meeting.
- **Comments, reports, discussions, reviews:**
  - Dark Site Star Party at High Country Picnic Area. Claude said that High Country picnic area offered good "seen" at our last star party and could be a great place in the warmer months to meet in the future.
  - International Observe the Moon Night. Joe and Claude said that we had a good turnout at the Whiting Center due to high volume of people at an indoor event the same night. An estimated 45-50 came to look through telescopes.
- **Upcoming Activities:**

Lectures -local astronomer and artist Mark Pestana, ISS Crew Selection will be speaking at our next general meeting on December 6.

  - New Moon Star Party, Friday November 5th, High Country Picnic Area (Weather permitting!)
  - 1<sup>st</sup> quarter Moon Public Observing is planned for Friday November 12 the BVS Model Airfield.
- **Observing Report:**
  - What's up this month? Claude presented interesting highlights of astronomical events in November as well as information on solar activity, his specialty.
- **Scheduling:**
  - Topics for Future Beginner's Talks or Featured Lectures? Greg Hahn offered to connect the club with an astronomer instructor in Bakersfield.
  - Telescope clinic? John and Teresa shared ideas about future workshops for those needing help.
  - Needed Members at Large or help with: Dark Sky/Light Pollution Committee. Website/Online Presence. Activities and Outreach. Membership Survey & Contact List. Chief Observer. Chris (Budge?), audience member offered to help.
- **Beginner's talk:**
  - Teresa gave an interesting presentation on types of telescopes

Meeting adjourned at approximately 8:30 pm.