

Astronomy Section Rochester Academy of Science

June Virtual Monthly Meeting
June 5, 2020





Thank You!

David Pesce & his company, Exputo.com, for donating this service (the Big Blue Button) to the Astronomy Section this evening!





How this works

- If it gets noisy everyone will be muted
- Everyone has CHAT available to text the group or specific people.
- CHAT me directly with Questions for the Speaker
- I will unmute everyone at the end of the Feature Presentation
- Best to talk with a headset if you have one



Agenda

Welcome

Announcements

Feature Talk – David Bishop

"Astronomy Year in Review"



Welcome

Observing Recently?

- Please renew your membership for 2020
 - Mail in form from Newsletter or use PayPal
 - Please let a board member know if this is a hardship
 - Key holders also time to renew your key
 - Contact Bob McGovern





Renewing via PayPal

From Membership Chair Bill Rodgers Membership Renewal for 2020

Take the following steps to make a paperless renewal:

- Use a completed copy of our Membership form in Word or a copy printed to paper Save the completed copy in Word or a scanned copy (or photocopy from your mobile phone)
- 2) Go to www.paypal.com and send your payment including PayPal fee* to asraspaypal@gmail.com
- 3) Email your copy from step 2 to asraspaypal@gmail.com with attention to Membership Chair Thank you for your cooperation and support.

^{*}Please go to website thefeecalculator.com to calculate total amount you should pay to cover PayPal fee



Recent Events

NSN Webinar: "International Space Station Research & Technology 101"

Wednesday, May 27th 9:00 PM



YouTube Replay (https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=we1pKRaouzU)



NSN Webinar: A Revolution In Commercial Space Development: The Next 42 Months



Tuesday, June 16, 2020 at 9:00pm EDT

more information and a link to preregister for this webinar at: https://nightsky.jpl.nasa.gov/download-view.cfm?Doc_ID=668



Recent Events

Crew Dragon and ISS Flyover May 30th ~9:45pm



Photo: Nick Lamendola, Heads Up: Bill Schlein



Professor Michael Richmond's passion for teaching physics and astronomy earns him Eisenhart Award

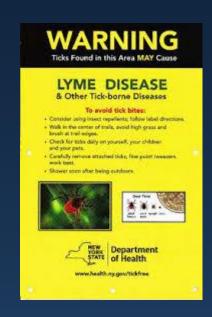
- Eisenhart Award for Outstanding Teaching: to encourage the professional growth and development of RIT faculty and specifically recognize those members of the academic body who contribute most to enhance student learning
- Still finds the fun in teaching after more than
 20 years
- "...it's OK to make mistakes," said Richmond. "You can still succeed in life even if you make mistakes. The other thing I hope they see is that I think the subjects that we're discussing in class are cool ..."





Farash Center Improvements: Tick & Lyme Disease Info & Notices are all over:









Farash Center Improvements:

Overgrown Gravel Walkway was asphalt paved on Thursday June 4:





RocheStar Fest (as we knew it) will not happen in 2020, But we will carry on:

- Dr. Nick Warner WILL be giving his talk on the Mars Insight Rover on Friday July 17*.
- Other short talks on Thursday July 16 & earlier Friday are possible*
- Member Observing at the Farash Center (<u>outdoors only</u>) Saturday July 18 – CoViD safety instructions to follow.



Science Club is cancelled for this summer

 Typically this is a science program followed by observing after dark on select Fridays during summer.

 Group gathering and attendance concerns force us to postpone until we can be sure of how we can implement this program safely



Virtual Observing Potential:

- Live stream telescope observing with 2 of our telescopes.
- Stream live visual through the TMB 130mm in the solar building and /or Streaming short photos through the C14 Hyper-Star
- A narrator would point out the differences in visual vs photographic images.
- Perform a sky tour of different objects in the sky for about an hour or so talking about the characteristics of the different Nebulae, star clusters, etc.
- Contact Mark Minarich if you can add to the effort.







Site Work at any time:

Join the Mowing Crew!
 We need to mow weekly every 5 days
 Please help if you can







ASRAS Board Meeting

Wednesday, July 8th from 7:00 PM – 9:00 PM

ASRAS Members welcome to attend

Let Mark Minarich Know if you would like to attend & he'll send you a link to the meeting





ASRAS July Meeting

Friday July 17th: 7:30 pm

- RAS Fellow induction of Bob McGovern
- RAS Recognition
- RAS Elections (Welcome New Board member)
- Dr. Nick Warner talk on the Mars Insight Rover

Saturday July 18th: Dusk to?

- Member Observing at Farash Center (outdoors only)
- Specific rules for bathroom use to be published



ASRAS August Meeting

Speaker: TBA — Possibly "Current & Future space projects at L3 Harris"

Friday, August 7th from 7:30 PM–9:30 PM
Max & Marian Farash Center for Observational Astronomy*
8355 County Rte. 14 Ionia, NY*

*or Webinar as situation demands



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