



The Newsletter of the Kern Astronomical Society No. 572 May 2023

KAS Open Meeting

***First Friday of
Every Month***

[Round Table Pizza,](#)
4200 Gosford Road,
Suite 101, Bakersfield, CA

*Dinner & Social 6:30 pm
Meeting/Program 7:30 pm*

Next Meeting is
May 5th at Round Table Pizza

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Visit our Web Page at <https://www.kernastro.org>

Contact us at kernastronomicalsociety@gmail.com



Reach for the Stars



Upcoming Meetings

May 5 – Rod Guice - Meteorites

June 2 – Mark Zaslove – Astrophotography

July – No Meeting

August 4 – TBD

May Events

May 6 – KAS Annual Picnic

May 13 – Last quarter moon star party at Chuchupate.

May 20 – New moon star party at Chuchupate.

KAS Annual Picnic

May 6 – 10am until 2 pm

Jastro Park Area A on the Myrtle Street side of Park

KAS will supply burgers and hotdogs and the fixings. We request that members bring a side dish to share, salad, dessert, etc. KAS has an alcohol permit.

Membership Renewal

I hope everyone renewed their membership for 2023. After this month unpaid members will be dropped from the club roster.

Kern Astronomical Society InfoShare

Since 1956, the Kern Astronomical Society has promoted community awareness of current events in astronomy, and provides a forum for sharing of knowledge and experiences among amateur astronomers. Annual membership is \$25.00 which also provides membership in the Amateur Astronomical League, access to their newsletter (Reflector Magazine), and participation in observational programs.

Star Parties and Outreach

The Kern Astronomical Society typically has two Club Star Parties each month depending on the weather. Our Club Parties are held on Saturdays nearest the New Moon. We also host Public Star Parties at various locations around town during April - October. These parties are held on Saturdays nearest the first quarter Moon. In addition, we also host Lunar, Solar, and Planetary viewing for Public Schools. Requests may be directed to our Star Party Coordinator.

Club Equipment

The Kern Astronomical Society has telescopes and accessories (listed below) available for loan to Club Members in good standing. Members are encouraged to borrow the different types of telescopes in stock (especially if you are considering purchasing one). Trying out different sizes and types of telescopes can help you make an informed decision about purchases. If you have a Club telescope in your possession, you will be expected to participate in at least one public star party.

- 6" f/6, 8" f/6, 10" f/5.6, 13" f/4.5 Dobsonian telescopes, Parks Jovian 90, 3 ½" f/13 Maksukov-Cassegrain, 4" f/15 Unitron Refractor
- 8" Solar Filter
- Assorted eyepieces

Privileges and Benefits of Membership in the Kern Astronomical Society

- 1) Hold an elected position as an Officer or Board Member in the Society
- 2) Vote in the election process and on business at meetings
- 3) Go on sponsored field trips to various astronomy related events (i.e. Mt Wilson Observatory, Panamint Springs Dark Sky, etc.)
- 4) Membership in the Astronomical League which includes subscription to Reflector Magazine
- 5) Discount for Sky and Telescope Magazine
- 6) Access/use of club telescopes and related equipment / Help with use of equipment by members
- 7) You are covered under the Society's insurance at related events

KAS Club Officers/Board Members

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KAS Membership

10/1/2022 to 9/30/2023

Date: _____

Last Name: _____

First Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Dues for this year: **\$25**

Cash: _____

Check: # _____

Make checks payable to: KAS (or) Kern Astronomical Society

Mail to: **Kern Astronomical Society**
5501 Stockdale Hwy #10241
Bakersfield, CA 93389

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