



The Newsletter of the Kern Astronomical Society No. 582 March 2024

Our regular monthly meeting will be held on **March 1<sup>st</sup>** at  
**Lengthwise Brewing Company** at **7700 District Blvd**

Social hour at 6:30 pm followed by meeting at 7:30 pm

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

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Reach for the Stars



## Upcoming Events

March 2<sup>nd</sup> – Last quarter moon star party at Chuchupate

March 9<sup>th</sup> – New moon star party at Chuchupate

Long time KAS members know that winter star parties can be hard to come by. We have had years when the we have gone from November to April without a star party due to weather. Always look for up-to-date information on these events on the club Facebook page and in your e-mail. And remember to dress warm.

## Upcoming Programs

March – Solar Eclipse Photography – Darren Bly

April – **Meeting will be on second Friday due to eclipse** – Share your eclipse experience

May – Omer Blaes – Gravitation Waving

June – TBD

July – No Meeting

## WANTED: KAS Newsletter Editor

KAS is looking for someone to take over as editor of the monthly newsletter. Our current editor (Tim Stoner) has moved to the Palm Springs area for retirement and travels and will no longer be able to make club functions with any regularity. The newsletter is published each month and sent out by e-mail. The base document is prepared using Microsoft Word. Preparation is fairly simple using text boxes and moving them around. The finished document is then converted to pdf before sending out. There are also other programs out there that could be used if someone is familiar with them. Preparation takes a couple of hours and it usually helps to participate in the Board Meetings to gather information. Most of the photos / articles are from the club Facebook page or internet. Occasionally someone will write an article.

## 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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# Kern Astronomical Society

## New Membership/Renewal 2023 - 2024

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Family Members: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email:\*\* \_\_\_\_\_

My check # \_\_\_\_\_ in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ is enclosed.

Yearly Membership \$25

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

You can also mail this form and check to:

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

\*\* Please provide the email address where you wish to receive the KAS newsletter (if different than above)

“SYZYGY”: \_\_\_\_\_