



Sunset Astronomical Society

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Meeting information:

Meetings are at the Delta Planetarium, Bay City. The meetings will usually be on the 2nd Friday of each month at 7:00 PM. Watch the newsletter for changes in dates and times. Membership is not required to participate in meetings and activities. See Last Page for this month's meeting site.

Membership

Information:

Our club has switched to e-mailing our newsletters. For those wishing to receive a hard copy mailed an additional dues of \$10.00 per year is required.

Membership Rates:

5\$ per Year (Individual)

10\$ per Year (Family)

Treasurer's address for renewals and subscriptions:

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SAS Meeting

Start: 7:00 - 9:00 PM
Friday, March 10th 2017
Delta College Planetarium,
Bay City

AGENDA:

1. Welcome

2. Presentation:

Our monthly meeting will feature a sneak preview for SAS of the new planetarium show Eclipse: The Sun Revealed. The show is not scheduled to open to the public until May 13. Location is the Delta College Planetarium.

Break

3. Announcements and News

4. Member Discussion

What's up in the Sky

March 6: *First Quarter Moon*

March 10 *Night*: Find the waning gibbous Moon 2-4 deg or lower left of Regulus.

March 12 *Night*: *Daylight saving time starts.*

March 12 : *Full Moon*

March 14 *Night*: The Moon, Jupiter and Spica form a triangle after rising in the southeast at 9-10 p.m.

March 15 *Night*: Algol shines at minimum brightness for 2 hours centered around 12.24 a.m. EDT.

March 17 *Night*: Algol shines at minimum brightness for 2 hours centered around 9.14 p.m. EDT.

March 20 *Morning/Dawn*: Saturn and the last quarter Moon are ca 3 deg separated.

March 20: *Spring begins in the Northern Hemisphere at the Equinox 6.29 a.m. EDT*

March 29 *Dusk*: Try to find Mars ca 30-45 min after sunset. Use the thin waxing crescent Moon sinking in the west as orientation.

March 28: *New Moon*

March 30 *Dusk*: The Moon is about 8 deg to the upper left of Mars.

Upcoming Presentations and Events

Here's a listing of presentations and events that are currently scheduled for the Sunset Astronomical Society. Be sure to check the events calendar on the SAS website (<http://www.sunsetastronomicalsociety.com/meeting--event-calendar.html>) for the most up to date information.

April 14 – Our monthly meeting will feature a presentation by Mike Murray called **Gateway to the Stars**. Mike will preview the spring night sky for us. Mike Murray is the Director of the Delta College Planetarium. Location is the Delta College Planetarium, 7-9 p.m.

April 29, Saturday:
National Astronomy Day. SAS will present How to Use the Telescope You Got For Christmas workshop, along with helping the planetarium staff with other activities and observing for the public. Location is the Delta College Planetarium. Hours are still tbd.

May 12 & 13 – Anniversary Celebration. The Delta College Planetarium will celebrate its 20th anniversary. SAS will participate. More information will be coming.