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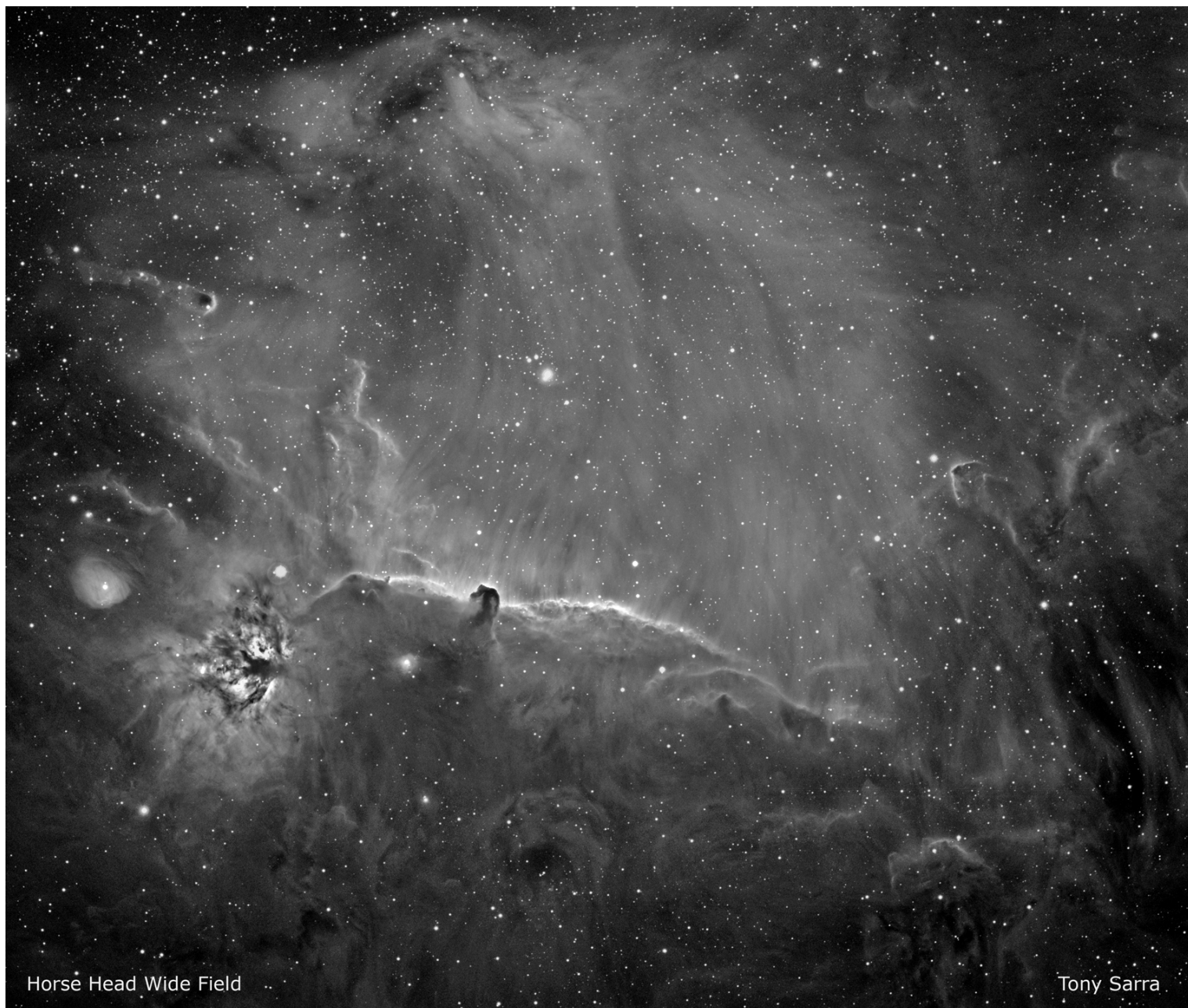
Please Welcome The Newest SLAS Members!

Kuttler, Sharon

Plummer, Nathan

Saunders, Weston

Van Hoose, Spencer



Horse Head Wide Field

Tony Sarra

Horse Head Nebula by Tony Sarra

MINUTES OF THE SALT LAKE ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY BOARD MEETING

09 October 2019

Location: Denny's Restaurant, 250 W 500 S, Salt Lake City

Board Members in Attendance: John Johansen, Leslie Fowler, Denise Larsen and Luke Moses, (Jim Keane absent)

General Members in Attendance: Rodger Fry, Joan Carman, Ken Warner, Daland Speirs, Marlene Egger, Patrick Wiggins and Aaron Storey (non-member)

President John Johansen called the meeting to order: 7:00 PM

Upcoming Meetings and Events

October speaker – Pres John Johansen will lead a discussion on making star parties more fun and interesting. Please contact him if you have ideas and would like to contribute to the meeting.

November – still looking for ideas

December – the General Meeting is replaced by the Solstice Party (Luke and Leslie will gather gifts for the raffle)

Elections

Members have until the end of the General Meeting on October 16 to vote. The new board will be announced at the end of the meeting.

Officers' Reports

Luke Moses – the club's insurance agency has changed. Luke will be meeting with our new agent to follow up on items. He will also be coordinating with Jim Keane on the ZAP grant proposal.

Rodger Fry – SPOC closes October 31, 2019. Rodger plans on having a mount ready for the Jachmann scope by next spring. He will also check into speakers for next year from the U of U Physics Dept.

Joan Carman – the county library loaner scope program is doing great; however, the city library loaner scope program is not lending out any of the scopes and reported they would like cases before lending out the scopes. Discussion tabled.

Patrick Wiggins – informed the board that the Crosby scope is out of balance and needs fixing. He also suggested not having the Friday star parties at Harmons anymore, after seeing few people attend the last few parties. Joan suggested having these parties at the libraries. Discussion tabled.

Marlene Egger – no upcoming meetings yet for the constitutional committee.

Other Business

After much discussion about the SPOC and H-Alpha fee, Luke Moses made the first motion that we take both fees off of the renewal page for the month of October only and then list them again starting January. Leslie seconded the motion and the vote by the board was unanimous.

Meeting Adjourned: 8:15 pm

MINUTES OF THE SALT LAKE ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY GENERAL MEETING

16 October 2019

Location: Room 103 Calvin Rampton Technology Building at Salt Lake Community College

Attendance: 21

Board Members in Attendance: John Johansen, Leslie Fowler, Denise Larsen and Luke Moses

President John Johansen called the meeting to order: 7:35 PM

John welcomed everyone.

Election Committee member, Aleta Cox, announced that paper ballots would be available until 7:40 at which time voting would then be closed.

President John Johansen then gave his presentation on "How to make Star Parties more fun and interesting".

Club Business

Aleta Cox announced the 2020 Board of Directors. They are as follows:

President – Luke Moses

Vice President – Rodger Fry

Secretary/Treasurer – John Drabik

Board Member-at-Large – Tom Sevcik

Board Member-at-Large – Daland Speirs

CONGRATULATIONS!!!

John then gave special mention to our very own members Rodger Fry and Siegfried Jachmann who appeared on the cover of Amateur Astronomy Magazine. They are pictured standing next to the Clement's Telescope.

November's General Meeting will feature guest speaker Christine Kenyon who is a nightscape photographer.

Please check out the club's website www.slas.us for all upcoming events, including the last two star parties of the year, this Friday and Saturday, both at SPOC. Please note that SPOC will close October 31.

Tony Sarra announced the next imaging session will be October 25, 2019 at the U of U. He will send a reminder email.

There was a brief discussion about next month's transit of Mercury, but with it happening so early in the morning on a weekday, Monday, November 11, it was decided SLAS would not do anything official for the transit.

The meeting was adjourned to Village Inn for "Advanced Training" at 8:50 pm.

SPOC Closed

Observatory Director Rodger Fry met with John Drabik and Patrick Wiggins at SPOC on 31 October and together they winterized and closed the facility. Look for SPOC to reopen next Spring.

SLAS Member Information

The SLAS Member Information file is available at <http://slas.us/slasbooks/NEWMEM.PDF>.

Loaner Telescopes For SLAS Members

SLAS has several scopes available for loan to current SLAS members. Check the SLAS website under "[Membership Benefits](#)" for details.

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Events Calendar

November 2019

13 Board Meeting at Denny's Restaurant, 250 W 500 S, 7:00 pm

20 General Meeting at SLCC's Rampton Technology Building, Taylorsville Campus, 7:30 pm

December 2019

07 Solstice Party at Golden Corral, 665 E 7200 S, 6:30 pm

11 Transitional board meeting at Denny's restaurant, 250 W 500 S, 7:00 pm

View a list of all SLAS events online on the [Events Calendar](#)

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