



March Notes 3/16/18

The KVAS met at the Hansford Center in the music room at 7:00 for the March meeting. The meeting began with a presentation on the Florida Winter Star Party by Ed Connors. He gave instruction on stacking pics to enhance the images of celestial objects that could easily be taken with most cameras on the club scope. There are programs available for this purpose and some suggestions were *Registack* (free), *Ninja Stacker* and *Photoshop*.

Ed donated a tripod camera mount for anyone to use at Breezy Point.

The treasurer's report was read, and a list of emails were verified for the KVAS mailing list.

Ed and Rodney got a replacement lock from John's Locks and installed it on the door at Breezy Point. Be very aware that no sprays should be used in this new lock. Keys will be given out for members to use. The old lock may be sent to John's for refurbishing.

Janet gave information about insurance and is getting quotes so she will be better equipped to speak about this when the Camp Virgil Tate Board meeting convenes and discusses KVAS continued land use. The board cancelled the land use discussion at the meeting in January.

Rodney reminded the club that there will be a grant-writing opportunity for the GKVF. He feels that an educational building would be an excellent use of funds to promote astronomy in this region.

The KVAS April meeting will be at Camp Virgil Tate on 4/21/18. KVAS will have a membership table at Yuri's Night at CVT, and members are encouraged to be there to help in making this a very successful event. Scott Blake will be hosting several local groups to entertain visitors. Janet and Scott will give additional information for members before that date.

John Willson discussed Blackwater Falls and confirmed speakers. Confirmed are John Willson, Indy Kochte, Tim Hamilton, Maria Hamilton, Jay Lockman and Zach Etienne.

Members are reminded that dues for the new year are now due.

Astronomy brochures have been placed at BWF, Canaan and Tucker County Chamber of Commerce. If anyone knows of an excellent place to locate brochures, please contact Janet.

Cato Park will be hosting *Parks at Dark on 4/22/18*. Some members have mentioned bringing their telescopes and joining Cato.

Beech Fork State Park Messier Marathon will be discussed further at a later meeting.

The eyepieces thought to be missing were at the observatory in drawers.

Tuesday, July 31, 2018---Mars will be closest to Earth since 2003.

There will be a Neal Armstrong movie released in the theaters in October 2018.

Members present at the March meeting:

Kaitlin Bedekovich	Bob Frostick	Judy Waugh	Rodney Waugh
Robert Dean	Linda Carte	Mindy Carte	Ed Connors
Deb Frostick	John Willson	Janet Willson	Kay Brown

Ed Connors made a motion to adjourn the March meeting and was seconded by Rodney Waugh.

The next monthly meeting will be replaced by Yuri's Night at Camp Virgil Tate on 4/21/18.

Notes by Deb Frostick, Secretary

Any discrepancy in notes need to be presented at the May 18th meeting at The Hansford Center.

