



NHAS February 2016 Business Meeting

The February business meeting was held at the McAuliffe-Shepard Discovery Center, our President, **John Bishop**, presiding.

The Future Is Now

Mercury transits the Sun during the daytime on May 9. We should plan some events.

The Messier Marathon will be March 11/12, with April 8/9 as a backup.

Some Astro 101 courses have been scheduled:

- March 25: Cosmic Distances, at NEI, 124 South River Road, Bedford
- April 8: Collimation, YFOS
- May 14: Planetary Observing, YFOS

Other courses are welcome, if you'd like to volunteer to give one!

Ideas on what NHAS could do:

- Events based on the 2017 eclipse
 - A "light box for flats" workshop
 - Real videotaping of courses, etc.
 - Free memberships
 - Putting astronomy magazines in waiting rooms, etc.
 - Offering Astronomy classes for schools
 - Paid lecturers
 - More in-reach
 - Reduce dues
 - Buy tablets with astro-software
- Email John if you have other ideas on what we should be doing, or post them on the email chat list.

The summer pot-luck is not that far away—we need a coordinator.

The Discovery Center may do an Aerospacefest day.
UNH may do something—we need a coordinator.
We need a coordinator for observing nights at Benedictine Park.

Membership

We have seven new members since January's meeting: **Robert Wade, Jake Pitre, Nicole Gugliucci, Carl V. Shaw Jr., Mo Lacourse, Wen Redmond, James LaTouche.**

YFOS

The C-14 has been removed and delivered to **Joel Harris** for refurbishment. The 16" dob will be refurbished next.

Beware mud season!

Speaker Search

Peter Wolczko has joined the committee.

Terry Forbes of UNH will be our speaker in August.

We are back in touch with Harvard University's Astronomy department.

We are still looking for additional Speaker Search Committee members.

More speaker suggestions are always needed! We still need speakers for May, June, and October.

Guest Speaker

Anton Ermakov discussed the history of space-borne gravity measurements, the techniques used, and the limitations of the geophysical interpretation of gravity data.

The Bottom Line

Starting Balance: \$18477.70

Deposits/Credits:

Membership:	310.35
Bank interest:	0.47
Magazine subscriptions:	65.00
Calendar Sales	14.00
Total :	524.25

Accounts/Paid:

Rackspace Cloud (Jan.):	60.14
Rackspace Cloud (Feb.):	60.20
Cynic Co. LLC (plowing):	343.20
US Post Office (PO Box):	200.00
GoDaddy (domain registration):	13.07
Total:	676.61

Net Account Balance: \$18325.34

Petty cash drawer: \$100.00

Cash Balance: \$18425.34

Membership: 139

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Cash Renewals:	2	1	70.00
Cash New:	0	0	0.00
PayPal Renewals:	2	0	57.66
PayPal New:	6	0	182.69
Total:	10		310.35

Current Members: 149

22 Family
96 PayPal

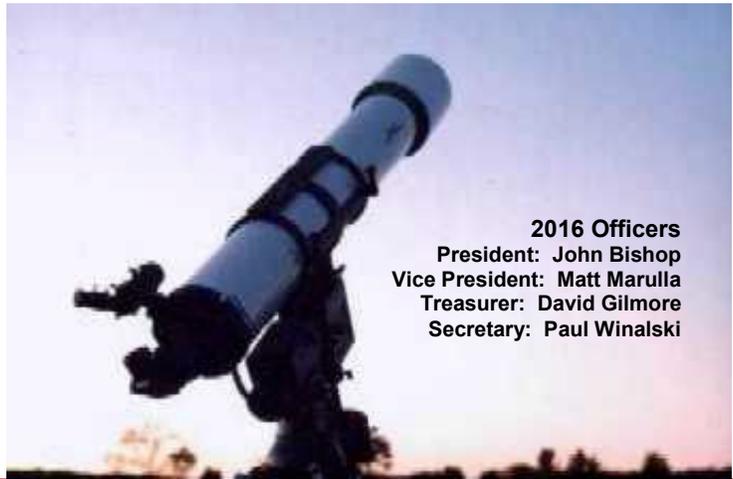
New Members:

Carl Wade, Weare
Nichole Gugliucci, Manchester
Jake Pitre, Kingston
Maurice Lacourse, Jaffrey
Wen Redmond, Strafford
James LaTouche, Milford

Donations:

Epping School District	78.43
Greenville Homeschool Co-Op	56.00

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NHAS Upcoming Events

Event	Date	Time	Location
Goffstown High School Sky Watch	March 2	6:00 PM	Goffstown High School, Goffstown NH
Discovery Center Sky Watch	March 4	7:00 PM	McAuliffe-Shepard Discovery Center, Concord NH
Coffee House Night	March 5	5:00 PM	YFOS
Parkside Middle School Sky Watch	March 8	6:30 PM	75 Parkside Avenue, Manchester NH
Great Brook Middle School Presentation	March 11	9:00 AM	Great Brook Middle School, Antrim NH
Cub Scout Pack 613 Sky Watch	March 11	7:00 PM	Clark/Wilkins Elementary School, Amherst NH
Sidewalk Astronomy	March 12	6:00 PM	Market Square, Portsmouth NH
Rey Center Sky Watch	March 12	7:30 PM	Curious George Cottage, Waterville Valley NH
Hudson Memorial School Sky Watch	March 15	7:00 PM	1 Memorial Drive, Hudson NH
NHAS Monthly Meeting	March 18	7:30 PM	St. Anselm College, Manchester NH
Spring Messier Marathon	April 1	3:00 PM	Lopez residence, New Boston NH
Discovery Center Sky Watch	April 1	7:00 PM	McAuliffe-Shepard Discovery Center, Concord NH
Goffstown High School Sky Watch	April 5	7:30 PM	Goffstown High School, Goffstown NH