



NHAS May 2016 Business Meeting

The May business meeting was held at St. Anselm College, our President, **John Bishop**, presiding.

The Future Is Now

Gary Duranko is New England Fall Astronomy Festival (NEFAF) coordinator. NEFAF will be September 9-10 at UNH. There will be sky watches both nights and daytime solar observing. Do we want a display on the 2017 solar eclipse? Possibly NHAS will have a booth in the tent. There are two time slots (20 min. and 45 min.) available for speakers from NHAS. Contact Gary if interested.

Courses

The hands-on Sky Watch 101 course is working well. **Steve Rand** described the program.

Two presentations have been done, with more to follow.

Courses being worked on: ETX-90 and similar scopes; fix-your-Dob.

More course presenters and ideas are welcome!

Public Observing

There was very successful solar observing of the Mercury transit at many sites.

Book of the Month

Elaine Grantham-Buckley presented The Total Skywatcher's Manual, an excellent beginner's text covering naked-eye, binoculars, telescopes, and astrophotography.

Megan Gialluca presented a "newspaper clip of the month"—her magnetar research project had a front page article in the *Nashua Telegraph*.

Scope of the Month

Marc Stowbridge presented a notebook computer that he bought from Sam's Club, which he will use for handicapped viewing at public sky watch events.

Astronomy Shorts

"**Rags**" **Gilmore** reported that he got his wife **Nori** out to the scope.

John Bishop got a phone call from the *Manchester Union-Leader* and gave an interview about the recent fireball. NHAS was mentioned in their article on the fireball.

Stebe Rand reports that the combination was recently changed on the lock on the gate to Pack Monadnock. Steve has applied for access to the new combination.

Guest Speaker

Ben Cook on the evolution of galaxies.

The Bottom Line

Starting Balance: \$16524.31

Deposits/Credits:

Membership: 96.20

Bank interest: 0.36

Subscription: 33.01

Total : 464.57

Accounts/Paid:

Rackspace Cloud : 58.05

Total: 58.05

Net Account Balance: \$16920.83

Petty cash drawer: \$100.00

Cash Balance: \$17020.83

Membership: 155

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Cash Renewals:	0	0		0.00
Cash New:	0	0		0.00
PayPal Renewals:	1	0		28.83
PayPal New:	2	1		67.37

Total: 3 96.20

Current Members: 163

26 Family

111 PayPal

New Members:

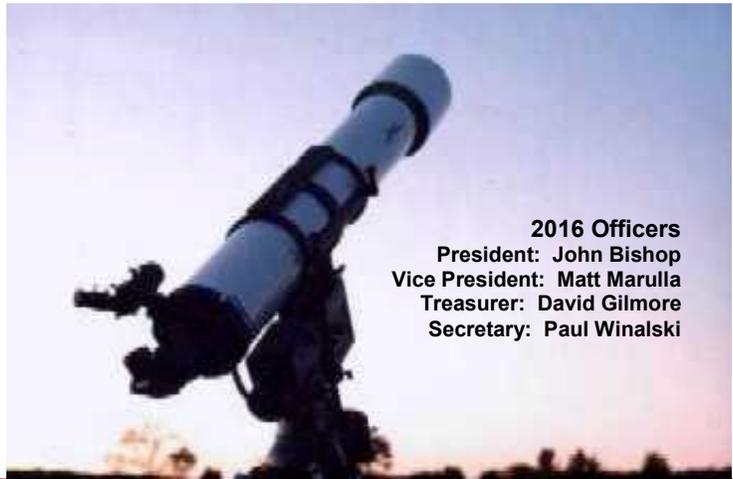
Gail Keenan, Windham

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Friends of the Abbot Library 325.00

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NHAS Upcoming Events

Event	Date	Time	Location
Discovery Center Sky Watch	June 3	7:00 PM	McAuliffe-Shepard Discovery Center, Concord NH
Coffee House Night	June 4	5:00 PM	YFOS
Rey Center Sky Watch	June 4	9:30 PM	Curious George Cottage, Waterville Valley NH
Merrimack Middle School Sky Watch	June 10	7:30 PM	Madeline Bennett Drive, Merrimack NH
Market Square Day	June 11	9:00 AM	Market Square, Portsmouth NH
Meadowbrook Dads Campout Sky Watch	June 11	8:30 PM	Osceola Vista Campground, Waterville Valley NH
Hooksett Public Library Sky Watch	June 15	8:00 PM	31 Mount St. Mary's Way, Hooksett NH
NHAS Monthly Meeting	June 24	7:30 AM	McAuliffe-Shepard Discovery Center, Concord NH
Griffin Free Public Library Sky Watch	June 29	8:00 PM	22 Hooksett Road, Auburn NH