

# The Observer

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## Meeting:

**July 13, 2013**

### Location:

San Bernardino County  
Museum, 7:00 p.m.  
Redlands, CA. California  
St. exit, I-10 Fwy.

Pre-meeting Dinner, 5:00  
p.m.,

**The Sizzler**  
**1800 So. Waterman**  
**Ave.**  
**San Bernardino, CA**

After the meeting telescopes  
will be set up for viewing  
and members will be  
available to answer  
questions. Bring your  
telescope to observe with us.

*No telescope is too humble,  
and beginners are always  
made welcome!*

## Mini Star Party

at the Carey's Home  
in lieu of meeting at the Museum

Instead of meeting at the museum on July 13th, we will  
be having a moon and Saturn party at the Careys' house  
after the usual dinner at The Sizzler.



Those who are not going to the Sizzler can just come to  
our house at sundown. We'll have plenty of chairs out  
under the sky with light refreshments available.

We expect the night will be good, so bring your best  
optical toys to enjoy it with.

Our address is 22980 Finch St., Grand Terrace, CA. From  
the 215 freeway, take Barton Rd. up the hill into Grand  
Terrace. Where Palm Ave. veers right in "Y" from Barton  
Rd., go to the right. Turn right on Observation, go .4  
mile, then left on Finch. We're the 3rd house on the left.

# *Museum Predicament*

By Chris Clarke

The club just found out that our July meeting at the Museum has been cancelled. Due to current and potential budget cuts, all weekend and evening events are on hold at this point. Right now, no staffing is available to open up the facility and to oversee club meetings and outreaches.

The Museum is waiting to hear what their budget will be after the start of the new fiscal year in July. Should funding/staffing be augmented, we would be back on track to meet there and hold our outreaches by August. If not, the club will be unable to meet there and we would have to find another location. We will just have to see what happens and then go from there. A discussion occurred at the June meeting, where we were told of the circumstances. Several ideas were brought up and should the “worst case” scenario occur, we would seek a new place as soon as possible.

The Museum holds our club in very high regard and they do not want to lose our presence. We have been very happy there since we started meeting there over 14 years ago. It has been a wonderful relationship and neither of us wants to see it end. Let’s all hope that the county will adequately fund them to keep us and their other valuable programs intact for the future.

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## **Calendar of Upcoming Events**

July 13, Mini star party at the Careys

July 13, So Calif Astronomy Expo at OPT

August 3, Star party at Johnson Valley (or)

August 3, Star party at Wildlands Conservancy  
Oak Glen.

August 10, Annual club BBQ at the Museum  
(we hope!)

August 17, Moon party at the Museum (or TBD)

Sept. 6 - 8, Grand View Star Party

## SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA ASTRONOMY EXPO

Once again our friends at OPT are hosting their big astro-party on Saturday, July 13, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. There will be dozens of vendors, a variety of speakers and, of course, drawings for some great door prizes. And as they have done in the past, they will offer some special one-day only pricing on all astro-equipment. If your astro-budget is still in the black this might be a good time to check out the deals.

Then drive back a little early and come to the Club meeting at 7 p.m. that evening.



## *Plan Ahead*

### 2nd Annual Arizona Science & Astronomy Expo

November 16 & 17, 2013, Tucson, Arizona.

Last year's inaugural expo was outstanding with top speakers and a massive vendor hall. For 2013, two stellar speakers have already signed: **Alex Filippenko**, world renowned astrophysicist and professor of astronomy, and **Timothy Ferris**, astronomer and author of twelve best selling books.

November 16th and November 17th  
2013. Being held at the Tucson  
Convention Center Tucson AZ.

## *"Moon Party" Photos*





The look on that child's face says it all!

*(Photos courtesy of Megan Huynh)*