

The Observer

SAN BERNARDINO VALLEY AMATEUR ASTRONOMERS

Member of The Astronomical League

<http://sbvaa.org/>



Volume #54, Issue 8

Since 1958

August, 2013

Meeting:

August 10, 2013

Location:

**Richard Rollins
Community Park,
Grand Terrace**

How to get there:

From the 91 Fwy, take the Barton Rd. exit and go east; at Mt Vernon turn right and then left at DeBerry. The park is just above the Middle School ball field.

During the BBQ telescopes will be set up for solar viewing and members will be available to answer questions. Bring your telescope and solar filters to observe with us.



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

Program

Annual Club BBQ



As in years past, we don't have a regular club meeting in August, instead we have a social get-together. **On Saturday, August 10, we'll meet at Richard Rollins Community Park in Grand Terrace.** This is the same park we set up at for the Venus transit last summer.

Set up will begin about 5:00 pm and eating will commence after 6:00 pm. We're usually there until at least 9:00 or 9:30, so you can show up a little later if you like.

Bring any kind of food you like, and everyone usually shares what they have. If you can't bring food, we always need napkins, plasticware, paper plates and beverages too.

It's a nice opportunity to simply chat and hang out with your fellow members.

Good food and great company reign supreme at this club function---hope to see everyone there!

SBVAA Officers

President:

Vice President:

Treasurer: Fidel Hernandez 909-864-0615

Secretary - Educational Outreach: Chris Clarke
909-384-8539 Work
909-875-6694 Home

Star Party Coordinator: Tom Lawson
909-8828198

SBVAA Webmaster: Steve Miller 626-859-7776

Newsletter Editor: Jim Sommer 909-792-3587

Calendar of Upcoming Events

August 3, Star party, Johnson Valley

August 3, Star party, Wildlands Conservancy,
Oak Glen

August 10, Annual club BBQ

September 6 - 8, GRANDVIEW

September 14, Moon Party at the Museum (*MAYBE*)

September 21, Club meeting (*Location to be determined*)

October 5, Star party, Johnson Valley

Museum Problems

By Jim Sommer

As most of you know by now, the County of San Bernardino has drastically cut the Museum's funding and required that they no longer abide by the unwritten agreement we had with them. Thus the different location for the annual BBQ show above.

The club is actively searching for a suitable new location for meetings and outreach programs. If any of you, gentle readers, have an idea that might work for this please contact Chris with the info. (I'm looking into the possibility of the University of Redlands.) In the mean time, if you are a resident of San Bernardino County you can help by writing a letter to the Board of Supervisors in general or to the supervisor for your district protesting the Museum cuts.

Supernova in M74

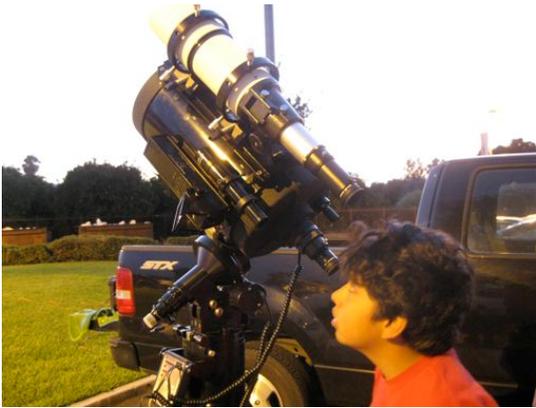
2013ej

Your editor received a message yesterday (July 28) that a developing supernova in M74 has been confirmed. The message said that it was at mag 12.4 and rising. It is apparently a type II (core collapse) event. At mag 12.4 it should be visible in an 8" scope or possibly a smaller scope from a very dark site. All you astro-photographers get your gear out.



Moon Party, June 15, 2013

Photos by Robin Hennen



Memories of Grandview, June, 2013

With the next Grandview star party coming up in September, this photo collage may serve as a reminder of the fun and fellowship of the event. Hiking, kite flying, fine tuning equipment, or just lolling in the shade, it's a great event for all!

