



Presidents Message – July 2013

There will be no Monthly Meeting this month.

Yes, it is July, and the busy summer season is in high gear. I have been contacted by some society members who are unable to attend the normally scheduled (Tuesday, July 16th) monthly meeting. Summer travel, local events, etc., just like the Winter Holiday Season; make it tough for many of us to juggle activities. Therefore, our **July meeting is canceled**. Sorry for the short notice, but I was not aware of this issue until just this week.

The following was taken from the July 10th Reno Gazette Journal newspaper:

"WNC chief resigns over Nevada budget cuts".

Dr. Carol Lucey, after suffering through budget cuts in the past three sessions of the Legislature, said Tuesday that she will resign as president of Western Nevada College in Carson City.

The college has endured cuts totaling 37 percent in the past three legislative sessions, school officials said. WNC's state-funded budget was almost \$21 million in 2008. In 2015, that budget drops to \$12.9 million. The latest cuts will hurt, since WNC is graduating students to fill jobs in areas that include mining, manufacturing and nursing, said Rob Hooper, executive director of the Northern Nevada Development Authority.

Lucey, in her 15th year as WNC president, said she is "unwilling to serve through another legislative session".

"While the last few years have been difficult because of the budgetary challenges, we have now survived a 40 percent cut in state funding, and still continue to serve our communities with integrity, largely because of your determination," Lucey said.

Lucey has met with Chancellor Dan Klaich and requested that a national search be done to find her replacement. She said she hoped a new president could be on the job by January.

Dr. Lucey has been a great supporter of the Observatory, and its mission. Her resignation is a big loss for Western Nevada College. She has certainly fought the good fight for the college, with her dedication to the task of opposing the draconian cuts of the budget. She is a member of our Astronomical Society, and our best wishes will follow her as she begins a new chapter in her life. My hope is that she will remain in the area, and have time to hang out with us at the Observatory. I **nominate Dr. Lucey to be the next WNAS president!**

Mike Thomas.

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Monthly Membership Meeting 7:00PM, Tuesday, July 16, 2013 ... **Cancelled**




The "Mars Exploration" lecture will be rescheduled.

The next meeting of the Astronomical Society will be Tuesday, August 20th.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6 Star Party Dark Skies
7 New Moon 	8	9	10	11 *Occultation @JCDO 00:31 hrs local time Asteroid 1910 Mikhailov	12	13 Star Party Lecture "The Moon" @ 7:30PM
14	15	16 WNAS No Meeting Moon 1 st Qtr 	17	18	19	20 Star Party
21	22 Full Moon  Conjunction of Mars and Jupiter	23	24	25	26	27 Star Party Delta Aquarids Meteor Shower
28 Delta Aquarids Meteor Shower	29 Moon Last Qtr 	30	31	*The JCDO is predicted to be in the shadow of the Occultation event. The event is predicted to occur at 00:31:15 hrs local time with a max duration time of 2.9 seconds		

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18	19	20 JCDO WNAS Meeting 7pm	21 Full Moon 	22	23 *Occultation @JCDO 23:15 hrs local time Asteroid 489 Comacina 13.8 sec duration	24 Star Party
25	26	27 Neptune @ Opposition	28 Moon Last Qtr 	29	30	31 Star Party