

**SALSA**



San Antonio League  
of Sidewalk Astronomers  
"Just Look Up"

# San Antonio League of Sidewalk Astronomers

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For the January meeting we are trying something new and different. The meeting is set for 3:00 p.m. on January 12, 2019, at the [Radium Center](#), 106 Auditorium Circle, #120, San Antonio, TX 78205. This month our Whizzo will give us "Our Favorite Average Star" as the main presentation after the club business.

We are trying a different time slot in order to increase attendance. On Saturday afternoon there are fewer folk downtown and traffic is lighter. There is time for family breakfast and evening activities. What do you think? Let's have some feedback on the forum.

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**PLEASE NOTE  
THE  
MEETING  
TIME  
CHANGE**

It seems that there are so many new discoveries and news in the field of Astronomy. Why is that? You cannot turn the TV on without at least one story about a new planet, a new comet, a new supernova, new landings on the opposite side of the moon, new aircraft to take citizens into space, a new space force, and so forth and so on. If you have been on the forum under the *Astronomy and Space News* section of the forum you would have read that Bryan is on top of most of these news. He even posted an edited image of the supernova in M77 in November. Very nice!

On the forum there are sections for Events and Happenings, Club Business & Meetings, Astronomy and Space

News, Help, Equipment & Swap Meet, The Lounge (for open discussion and fun stuff), Reference Library, and the Archive. It is user friendly.

You can reach the [forum](#) from your cell phone, Ipad, tablet, or computer so it is handy no matter where you are. You just need a username and password. At the bottom of the forum page there is place for birthdays, who is online at the time, and forum statistics. Have you explored the forum? If not, please do. You will find everything you always wanted to know about SALSA and more! Next time you see Whizzo thank him for the great job he does keeping up the forum.

### McAllister Park

The park has been an on again, off again affair with our group. The weather behaved for one night and we did manage to go out that evening in December. It was very nice visiting with fellow astronomers. Looking forward to more evenings out in the park. On Wednesdays, I will decide by noon and Whizzo will post on the respective sites whether or not we will go out on a given Wednesday. This way our members may make plans early on in the day. Although, sometimes the weather has cleared up just after having cancelled.

Welcome to Texas! -Yolanda O. Reyes



## Mark Your Calendars

**January 2, 2019:** Sunset, Wednesday Night in the Park, McAllister Park, Dog Park/  
*Brrrrrr. . .cancelled!*

**January 9, 2019:** Sunset, Wednesday Night in the Park, McAllister Park, Dog Park

**January 12, 2019:** **3:00 p.m.** SALSA Monthly Meeting, Radius Center.


**January 16, 2019:** Sunset, Wednesday Night in the Park, McAllister Park, Dog Park

**January 20, 2019:** Lunar Eclipse, McAllister Park, Dog Park

**January 23, 2019:** Sunset, Wednesday Night in the Park, McAllister Park, Dog Park

**January 30, 2019:** Sunset, Wednesday Night in the Park, McAllister Park, Dog Park

★  New Moon:  
Jan. 5, 2019

★  First Quarter:  
Jan. 14, 2019

★  Full Moon  
Jan. 21, 2019

★  Last Quarter  
Jan. 27, 2019

<https://www.almanac.com/content/full-moon-january>

**DON'T MISS THE PREMIERE OF PRO-JECT BLUE BOOK!**

9:00 p.m. Tuesday, January 8, 2019 on the History Channel.



## SALSA UPCOMING EVENTS

There are three new astronomy events for SALSA this year. We will need volunteers to help with all three events.

One is the Dark Side of the Moon Lunar Eclipse Watch Party at 6:30 p.m. on Sunday, *January 20, 2019*. (See Bryan T's graphic in this newsletter). **We need volunteers!**

Another event is the Planets in the Park at 6:00 p.m. on *February 9, 2019*, at John William Helton Nature Park in Floresville, **Again we need volunteers!**

The third is a solar astronomy event at the Witte Museum for their Planet Pioneers Exhibit on *Tuesday, March 12, 2019 and Thursday, March 14 2019*. The exact times will be set at a later time, but it may be from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 pm. **We need volunteers** to either man a scope or help with an interactive presentation.

Please let us know what event you can be available to help as soon as possible!

## ECLIPSES FOR 2019

Sky & Telescope has an article online by Kelly Beatty dated December 26, 2018, entitled "*Solar and Lunar Eclipses in 2019.*" This article was also included in our website, and it is a good read. Go [here](#) to read it now

## Dark Side of the Moon Lunar Eclipse Watch Party

Sunday January 20th  
Observing Begins at 6:30 PM  
Eclipse Starts at 8:36 PM

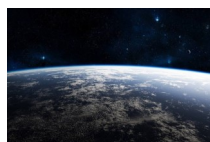
Free for Everyone!



McAllister Park  
13102 Jones Maltsberger, SA, TX  
Salado Creek Trailhead, Dog Park Area

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[www.astronomysanantonio.org](http://www.astronomysanantonio.org)

Go [here](#) to listen to NASA sound clips of recordings from space. For example: NASA-Cassini: Saturn Radio Emissions #1. Some are really creepy!



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## FULL WOLF MOON



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FARMER'S ALMANAC

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*Seriously, if you have any news or something you would like to include in this newsletter, please contact/text me, Yolanda O. Reyes (210) 837-1597. I try to have the newsletter out the first week of the month, before the monthly meeting, so contact me anytime before that week.*