

Skywatchers

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NEXT MEETING 7:30 p.m., Monday, January 8, 2007

Maturango Museum, 100 East Las Flores Avenue, Ridgecrest

PROGRAM FOR THE JANUARY 8 MEETING – GADGET NIGHT

We haven't had a gadget night in at least a couple of years, so let's have one in January. Bring what you bought yourself for Christmas this year (or last) and we'll catch up on what's new (or old).

RESULT OF ELECTIONS

The officers have agreed to serve for one more term. Our Secretary, Ted Hodgkinson, was elected to his school board. He may have to step aside if his board duties are too much of a conflict. Our congratulations to Ted on his election.

DATES TO KEEP IN MIND

Monday, January 8, 2007: Regular CLAS Meeting at the Maturango Museum, 7:30 p.m

Wednesday, January 24, 2007: Deadline for next Skywatchers Newsletter

Monday, February 5, 2007: Regular CLAS Meeting at the Maturango Museum in Ridgecrest, 7:30 p.m.

Star Parties will resume in March 2007

NOW AVAILABLE!

The Royal Astronomical Society of Canada Observer's Handbooks and Calendars for 2007 have arrived, and will be available at the meeting. We will hold the price line for one more year, at \$15.00 each for the Handbooks and \$10.00 for the calendars. Please call Roger Brower at 375-1181 to arrange for purchase if you can't make the meeting.

THE SKY IN JANUARY (Roger Brower)

1. Venus, now in the evening sky, rises rapidly in the southwest and by the end of the month is visible for a full two hours after the sun sets.
2. Saturn is a fine evening viewing object rising at 8:00PM at the start of the month and by 6 PM at the end of the month. Look for it in the east in the constellation of Leo near Regulus.
3. Mercury will be behind the sun most of the month but will peek out low in the southwest late in the month.
4. Mars and Jupiter are too close to the sun to be easily visible this month.

MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

Basic CLAS dues are \$20.00 per year, which includes the *Skywatchers Newsletter*. As a benefit of membership you may also receive *Astronomy Magazine* and/or *Sky and Telescope Magazine*. The fee schedule is as follows:

Basic membership	\$20.00 per year
Membership with Astronomy magazine	\$51.00 per year
Membership with Sky and Telescope magazine	\$53.00 per year
Membership with both S & T and Astronomy	\$84.00 per year

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Meetings of the China Lake Astronomical Society are held at the **Maturango Museum** at 7:30 p.m. on the first Monday evening of each month, except when the first Monday is a holiday.

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FIRST CLASS

**NEXT MEETING: 7:30 p.m., MONDAY JANUARY 8, 2007: “Gadget Night”
AT THE MATURANGO MUSEUM, 100 EAST LAS FLORES AVE.
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