

CAAC 2016 Membership Survey Overview

73 members – more than half of the membership – took the survey

1. Length of Membership:
 - 16 % less than 1 year
 - 40% 2-5 years
 - 11% 6-9 years
 - 22% 10-20 years
 - 11% 20+ years

2. Age Range:
 - 1 % less than 18
 - 17% 30-49
 - 43% 50-64
 - 39% 65+

3. How did you learn about CAAC:
 - 80% Internet search or website
 - 27% Public Event
 - 4% Social Media

4. Why did you become a member (respondent could chose more than one):
 - 81% Observing
 - 63% Meetings
 - 38% Social Interactivity
 - 23% Trips and events
 - 60% Education

5. Belong to Facebook Group:
 - 37% yes

6. Registered with Night Sky Network:
 - 76% yes

7. Astronomer Level:
 - 22% Causal
 - 21% Beginning
 - 41% Intermediate
 - 16% Advanced

8. Observing activity:
 - 47% Causal
 - 34% Balanced
 - 19% Frequent

9. Astronomy Interest (pick 3):
 - 77% Solar
 - 79% Deep Space
 - 21% Double Stars

26% Solar(Sun) Observing
41% Lunar
27% Comets
10% Transits
26% Meteor Showers

10. Equipment Interested in using:

38% CCD
48% Star Atlas
48% Planetarium Programs
38% Equipment control software
31% Solar Filters
31% Digital SLR's
13% Spectrometers
23% Collimation

11. CAAC Provide classes for astrophotography:

69% Yes

12. Mentors available:

65% Yes

13. Use of Observatory(GHRO)

1.4% Weekly
16% Monthly
40% 3-6 Times per Year
43% Rarely

14. If Never use Observatory, why?:

20% Have own site
44% Too Far to travel
56% Other

15. Use of RV camping or picnic facilities at Observatory:

1.5% Monthly
12% Annually
49% Rarely

16. Should Observatory have additional all members pad?

64% Yes

17. Frequency of meeting attendance:

47% Monthly
17% Quarterly
10% Semi-annually
21% Other

18. Use of Library Rack at meeting site:

2% Monthly
20% 3-4 Times per year

8% Annually
71% Never

19. Preference for day of week for CAAC Meetings”

5% Monday
2% Tuesday
5% Wednesday
77% Friday

20. Preference for meeting time:

13% 6:30 pm
54% 7:00 pm
33% 7:30 pm

21. Should CAAC Meet during the summer:

82% Yes

22. Participation in Outreach Events:

15% 3-6 times per year
38% Once per year
28% Never

23. Volunteer:

49% Observatory Team
41% Public Outreach
5% Website
8% Social Media
19% Meeting Room Prep
5% Refreshments
11% Officer Team
19% Southern Star Planning