



MIRA Astronomy Club Regular Meeting

February 12, 2026 (19:00-20:30)





Call to order

Agenda

(Assist Coordinator/ Mark Chakwin)

- 1. Welcome new members** (Mark C.) 5 min
- 2. Upcoming events (2 mo.)** (Lead Coordinator/Mark Tomalonis.) 10 min
- 3. Club resources reminders** (Mark C.) / (Dr. Jean/Dr. Daniel) 5 min
- 4. Main presentation:** (Guest Speaker: Mr. Elliot Ruchowitz-Roberts) ~40 min
(Brief break)
- 5. Club Astrophoto Crosstalk!** (Open) 10 min
- 6. Club Forum: (Q&A/ Comments/ Suggestions)** (Open) 10 min

Adjournment

(Mark C.)



Welcome new members!



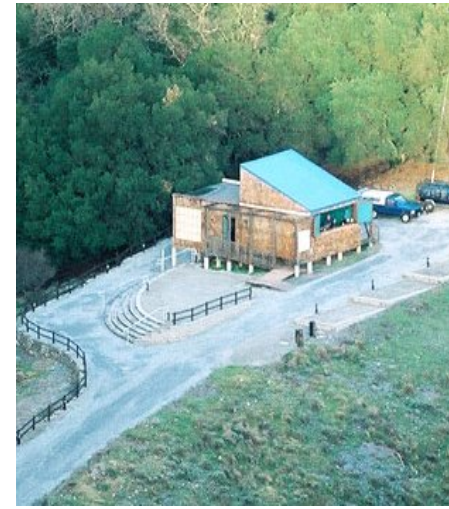
<u>New Members Since Nov/2025: 20! 16= Star Party / 4 = Website</u>			
Tony Campbell	(Star Party)	Kai Young	(Star Party)
Paola Mora	(Star Party)	Jessie Alemar	(Star Party)
Jon Martin	(Star Party)	Jason Cropper	(Star Party)
Sanda Arriola	(Star Party)	Keith Sequeira	(Club Website)
Leilani Curiel	(Star Party)	Chen Liqian	(Club Website)
Gloria Shaw	(Star Party)	Bernard Huynh	(Club Website)
Jesbaam Sanchez	(Star Party)	Jilian Gates Davenne	(Club Website)
Kamal El-Wattar	(Star Party)	Sofia Vargas	(Star Party)
Joshua Vargas	(Star Party)	Martin Schwirzke	(Star Party)
Joel Hall	(Star Party)	Maria Mancera	(Star Party)

(Since Club's November meeting!)



Upcoming events (2 mo.)

Please click on Calendar link on our MIRA Club Page:
<https://nightsky.jpl.nasa.gov/club/mira/events/>



1. Saturday, **2/14/2025** @ Garland Ranch Park STAR PARTY.
2. Sunday, **3/08/2026** The SJAA **Swap Meet** @ SJAA basecamp Houge Park in San Jose. From 9am to noon. More information and details.
<https://www.sjaa.net/events/swap-meet/>
3. Saturday, **3/22/2026** MIRA's *Messier Marathon*
@Fremont Peak Observatory site.



Charles Messier
(1730–1817)
The "comet ferret."





Club resources reminders



Purpose: to introduce /remind members of all the great stuff we can access!

- Example: Online Game: *“Name that Nebula”*! (easy medium, hard!)
<https://science.nasa.gov/mission/hubble/multimedia/name-that-nebula/>

- Example: *Sounds from Mars!*

<https://science.nasa.gov/mission/mars-2020-perseverance/sounds-of-mars/>



- **Subscription Discounts for Astronomy / Science Magazines**
- **“Wide Variety” of Loaner Astro-equipment for members (must be F.o.MIRA!)**
- **YOUR HELP IS NEEDED** in (maybe?) late March/April to continue Inventorying/sorting our many warehouses full of thousands and thousands of pieces of valuable, usable Astro-Gear!





“Let Them Count the Star-Swirls”

Astronomical Time in the Poetry of Robinson Jeffers



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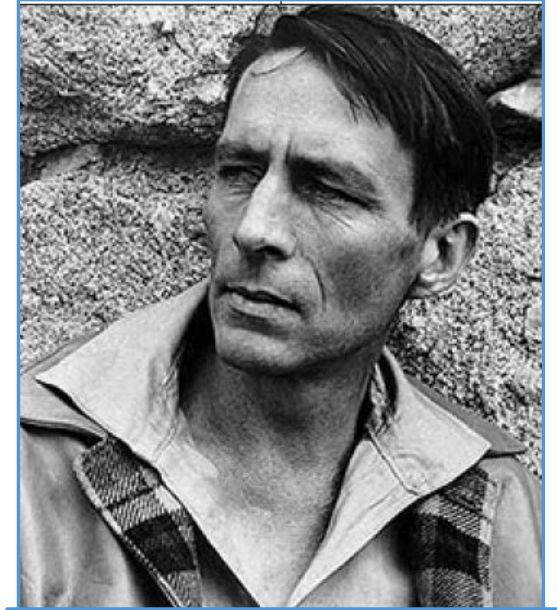


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Presented by:
Mr. Elliot Ruchowitz-Roberts,
President Emeritus of the
Robinson Jeffers Tor House Foundation.

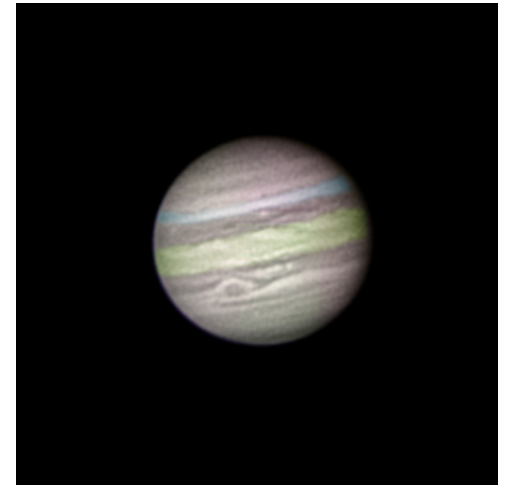


(really) Short Break





Club members' astrophotography



Let's :

- ✓ Share Images!
- ✓ Share Astrophotography tips!
- ✓ Arrange to get together!





Club Forum Time

YOUR Questions & Answers!

- **Suggestions-Ideas-Complaints**
- "Open mike"





Adjournment!

CLEAR SKIES!

