

Meeting Notice _____ MARCH 2016

Of the Rittenhouse Astronomical Society

PRESENTER:
Greg Kennedy

NASTAR ~ National Aerospace Training and Research Center

The Society invites members, guests and the interested public to our upcoming meeting (students encouraged to attend.) **FREE/ Open to public, no admittance fee. Membership not required.**

Topic Title:

Commercial Spaceflight Update

WHERE:

**THE FRANKLIN INSTITUTE
222 20TH STREET & THE PARKWAY
PHILADELPHIA PA**

WHAT: Mr. Kennedy's outreach efforts at the NASTAR Center are focused on promoting science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) education. He will be sharing with us a Commercial Spaceflight Update. Mr. Kennedy is the Instructor for the NASTAR Camp summer programs for K-12 students, the Teacher Workshop Programs for educators, and for the Space Training programs for commercial spaceflight crew and passengers.

WHEN: **WEDNESDAY MARCH 9, 2016**

7:15 PM- Call to Order // 7:20- Planet Report D. Vacca
7:30 PM- Southern Sights R. Stein // 7:50- President's Address T. Williams VP
8:00 PM- Tech Break // Society Update
8:05 PM- Guest Presenter: Gregory Kennedy of NASTAR
9:00 PM- Observatory Viewing (Weather Permitting, Directed Mixer Poor Weather)

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Gregory Kennedy has over 35 years educational experience including serving as the former Associate Curator for Manned Space Flight at the National Air and Space Museum for the Smithsonian's exhibits on aerospace medicine, Project Apollo, and rocketry. He was also Executive Director of the Space Center in Alamogordo, New Mexico and served and chaired the Education Committee of the International Astronautical Federation and Education Committee of the Nation Association of Rocketry, respectively. Mr. Kennedy had authored, co-authored, or edited eight books and dozens of articles on rocketry and space flight and was invited to present an historical overview on piloted high altitude balloon projects to a NASA Manned Ballooning Workshop in 2007.

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DATES TO REMEMBER:

March 5, 2016

*Public Star Watch at Batsto Historic Village
Join members of the West Jersey
Astronomical Society*

March 18, 2016

*Observing Opportunity – Methacton School
District. Members who volunteer with
telescopes or binoculars get free planetarium
admission. Details on our [Members Site](#).*

April 24th 2015

*City Wide Telescope Night ~ Volunteers
needed to help staff some 25 simultaneous
events across Philadelphia. Those with
Telescopes, Binoculars or pointers are
welcome to assist with this event.*

April 30th 2015

*Philadelphia Science Festival
[Science Carnival](#)*