

# BUSSARD SCOOP

## Gearing Up for Yuri's Night

*San Diego space groups meet at Killer Pizza From Mars*



L to R above: Dave Dressler, David Schrunk (Moon Society), Jesse Clark, James Pura (SEDS), Gerry Williams (Mars Society), and Chris Radcliff met at Killer Pizza From Mars to plan for the upcoming Yuri's Night party.

San Diego Space Society will make its official debut at the April 12th party, with representatives from local space chapters plus special guests from Virgin Galactic and the San Diego Air and Space Museum.

### A Note from My Space *Getting It Together*

It has been a busy new year, but the hard work is paying off. What once was an idea, to form a chapter of the National Space Society, is now becoming reality. One goal is to bring space exploration to local San Diegans - to make it hands-on and participatory (see "Getting Involved" on page 4). You reading this is proof of our efforts.

Another goal is to work with other local space groups. We have partnered with Mars Society, Moon Society, and SEDS chapters for the biggest Yuri's Night ever. There are already plans for future events and programs. Be sure to check our website often. Attend as many meetings and events as you can. Get involved. This is your NSS chapter. This is your space program. This is our future.

*-Jesse Clark, Chapter President.*



### ABOUT THE SAN DIEGO SPACE SOCIETY

The San Diego Space Society was founded in 2008 with the purpose of raising awareness and educating the general public to the benefits of human exploration of space and San Diego's role in space development, as well as to the idea of creating a spacefaring civilization within our lifetimes.



SD Space members meet monthly at Serra Mesa Library and other sites still to be determined. The general public is welcome to attend any meeting listed here or on our website. See the events calendar for more details about our next meeting:

**[sandiegospace.org/calendar](http://sandiegospace.org/calendar)**

## MEETING MINUTES

The first exploratory meeting was held at Studio 106 downtown on **February 10th**, starting at 4:00pm. About a dozen people attended. The stated goal was to discuss and organize a National Space Society (NSS) chapter for San Diego.

Jesse Clark presented an overview of the NSS, its goals, and a bit about chapter structure.

**Chapter goals** were discussed and ideas gathered, including:

- encouraging private enterprise in space exploration
- promoting space and science education in local schools through direct outreach
- increasing the visibility of San Diego's role in space exploration
- raising awareness of local space resources, including museums, private companies, NASA contractors, and educational groups



Tours of local space businesses were brought up as a possibility, including Benson Space Company, Malin Space Science Systems, and the Goldstone Deep Space Communications Complex at Ft. Irwin.

**Outreach to local schools** like High Tech High was discussed, as well as partnerships with local educational organizations including Sally Ride Science. There was broad agreement that both students and teachers respond well to space-related projects and demonstrations.

A name was chosen: **San Diego Space Society**. The full chapter name will follow NSS guidelines: "San Diego Space Society, a chapter of the National Space Society".

An initial schedule was chosen for general meetings: the **second Sunday of each month**. Rotating between meeting sites was agreed upon.

**Interim officers** were chosen:

- Jesse Clark, President
- Dave Dressler, Treasurer
- Chris Radcliff, Secretary

Yuri's Night (April 12th) was agreed on as the "coming out party" for SD Space, with a meeting the next day to ratify the bylaws and choose permanent officers. Dave Dressler will coordinate the party.

Additional future events were mentioned, including the X Prize Cup in New Mexico this October.

Complete meeting notes are always available from the San Diego Space Society web site, [sandiegospace.org](http://sandiegospace.org)

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## MEETING MINUTES (continued)

The second general meeting of the San Diego Space Society was held at Studio 106 downtown on **March 9th**, starting at 4:00pm. Nine people attended, including James Pura of the San Diego SEDS chapter (via teleconference).

The upcoming **Yuri's Night** party was the hot topic of the night. In fact, there will be two San Diego parties: a combined party at Killer Pizza From Mars (Oceanside) in the evening, and a SEDS party hosted by James at UCSD later that night.

A room at KPFM has been reserved with a capacity for 50+ people. Gerry Williams and Dave Dressler offered to set up the room's big-screen TVs to show space-themed video and play music mixes provided by Yuri's Night coordinators.

RSVPs will be coordinated at a new **events@sandiegospace.org** address.

Venues for **SD Space meetings** are still up in the air; the San Diego Air and Space Museum and the Fleet Science Center are still under consideration, but alternatives were encouraged.

Adrian asked if the SDASM annex at Gillespie Field is available for meetings. Gerry mentioned that Balboa Park meeting rooms charge for meetings. Libraries are a possibility, including the Mission Valley and Serra Mesa branches.

Regular **general meeting times** were changed from 4pm-6pm to 3pm-5pm to better accommodate our likely meeting venues.

**Officers will be elected** at the April 13th general meeting. Nominations must be submitted by April 5th to get on the ballot. Board members will be elected at the May 11th general meeting in order to give new members a chance to learn about candidates. Nominations must be submitted by May 3rd to get on the ballot. Any current member of the San Diego Space Society may nominate a candidate and/or vote in the elections.

Members and officers of SEDS, The Mars Society, The Moon Society, and other local space interest groups are encouraged to stand for board member elections. Candidates will be given a chance to introduce themselves at the Yuri's Night party.

Because San Diego has so many notable names in space history and the space industry, it was suggested that the chapter form a **Board of Advisors**.

Advisors would not be involved in the day-to-day running of the chapter, but would be kept informed of San Diego Space Society activities and encouraged to participate when their schedules allow.

A strong preference was expressed for **hands-on projects** with practical application. A few ideas briefly mentioned were assisting a team with the Google Lunar X Prize, developing PongSats, experiments on sounding rockets, and assisting the NSS Space Elevator Team.



SEDS is organizing an exciting talk by **Anousheh Ansari**, tentatively scheduled for April 29th at UCSD. The event is free. San Diego Space Society and The Mars Society - San Diego will have outreach tables outside the auditorium.

Dave is organizing a tour of the **Mars Room visualization project** at UCSD run by Dr. Jürgen Schulze.

John Stone proposed an outing to the **Goldstone** Deep Space Communications Complex at Ft. Irwin. The center is about 3.5 or 4 hours' drive from San Diego, so it would be an all-day trip.

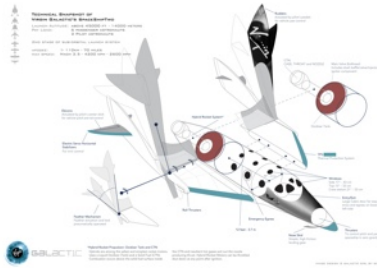
**JPL's annual open house** weekend is Saturday, May 3rd and Sunday, May 4th, 9am to 5pm. The tour is a must-see for space enthusiasts. JPL is about a 2-to-3-hour drive from San Diego.

# Getting Involved: Participatory Exploration

One of our main goals is local involvement in space. George Whitesides of the National Space Society calls it *participatory exploration*, which he says is “new ways of engaging the public with new types of technology and it's really the next big thing for space.”

Technology is changing how you can participate, from Youtube to MySpace to phone cams and flash mobs. What does that mean for SD Space? First, look for more local space activities online and more chances to take part. Second, start thinking about what you can do (or learn to do) as part of *your* space program. Are you an

amateur scientist, a builder, a designer? Can you make movies or write stories? Do you love to get people together, to lead a group?



It's an exciting time for space, and there's a lot for all of us to do. Keep an eye on the *Scoop*, and learn more at [sandiegospace.org](http://sandiegospace.org).

## Upcoming Events

**April 13th, 3:00pm**

General Meeting @ Serra Mesa Library

**April 29, 6:00pm**

Anousheh Ansari @ UCSD

**May 3-4**

Open House @ JPL

**May 10, 10:00am - 2:00pm**

Space Day @ Air & Space Museum

**May 11, 3:00pm**

General Meeting @ TBD

**May 29 - June 1**

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