

ROCC Committee Report

Committee: Dark Sky Committee (DSC)

Date: 10/13/2022

Topic: (Oct 2022) Report by Committee Co-Chair, Val Szwarc

Background:

- ROCC DSC Co-chair Szwarc organized a ROCC Talk and star party (with assistance from Black Canyon Astronomical Society). The venue was the newly renovated Pavilion at Top of the Pines on Friday Sept 16. The event featured IDA's Director of Engagement highlighting IDA's newly released report – "The State of Science" in light pollution and its impact on the environment was attended by approximately 35 both members and non-members.
- Assisted John Clark to provide a summary of Dark Sky preservation activities of Ridgway and TOP at the July Concert Series.
- Providing content to Ridgway Town Manager for the Town's annual report to IDA. Annual Reports are an IDA requirement to maintain Dark Sky certification.
- Presented a Dark Sky themed presentation on the evening of Oct 7, 2022 to the Telluride Middle School 5th grade class (60 students and 4 teachers) – which was the result of an invite from the Pinhead Institute Scholars in Technology Program.
- Compiling the IDA Annual report for TOP – due Dec 31.
- TOP Dark Sky infrastructure improvements (educational open deck observatory) concept being fleshed out (see page two) – ROCC grant support may be requested in 2023.

Issues:

- Looking for additional active Dark Sky Committee members

TOP Open Deck Observatory Concept

(Under consideration by TOP BOD)

