

Calendar of Events for 2017

1. **TechFest, February 18 (Saturday 10 AM to 6 PM) & February 19 (Sunday 11 AM to 5 PM).** Location: Sinclair Community College, David Ponitz Center (Building 12), 301 West Fourth Street, Dayton, Ohio 45402. TechFest is a family event with many organizations participating that is aimed at inspiring K – 12 grade students to pursue careers in science, technology, engineering, or mathematics (STEM). The Mars Society will have a display and John Thomas will represent the Mars Society giving a presentation or two at this event. Volunteers are much needed to help with this event.
2. **Loveland Intermediate School Science Day, March 10 (Friday 8:45 AM to 2 PM).** The Mars Society is one of several organizations providing speakers at this event, which is aimed at inspiring 5th and 6th grade students to pursue careers in science, technology, engineering, or mathematics (STEM). A short presentation and an interactive exercise will be given to 7 different classes.
3. **Cincinnati Science & Engineering Expo, March 11 (Saturday 8 AM till noon).** This event is a regional science fair for students grades 6 - 12 that is held at the University of Cincinnati. The students that participate in the science fair are very bright and have an interest in science and engineering. The Ohio Mars Society provides two prizes (first place \$100 and second place \$50) for projects pertaining to space science, technology, or exploration. We supply our own judges to pick the winners of these prizes. Breakfast is provided, followed by a judges training session, followed by the judging. We're done judging by lunch time, then a free lunch for the volunteers is provided. Volunteers are much needed to act as judges to pick the winners of the Mars Society prizes.
4. **20th Annual International Mars Society Convention, September 7 through September 10.** Location: University of California, Irvine. Includes both plenary sessions and track sections with excellent speakers.
5. **ScopeOut, September 23 (Saturday, 12 PM to 5 PM).** This is a family event celebrating astronomy. The Mars Society will have a display table at this event and we will do a talk also. Volunteers are needed to help with this event.

Check the Ohio Mars Society web site often. Events will be added as they become known.