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MathematicalPhysicist

#41 May 7, 2016



Sad to hear, the BSM forum really seem to lose its major contributor. (with regards to posts).

*"mathematicians compute accurately
physicists compute approximately*

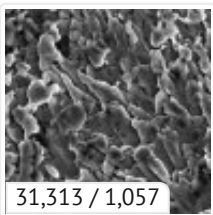
therefore mathematical physicists compute accurate approximation". Now That's Logic For You![:D]

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ZapperZ

#42 May 7, 2016



Staff Emeritus
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tamwuff said:

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I know he cared a whole lot about all of you guys. When I would see him or talk to him on the phone, he would often update me on what was going on here on PF, and how he was starting a poll or posting a summary of various papers or whatever else he would do on a regular basis. I empathized with how he felt about PF,

since my generation grew up with the internet and I thought it was wonderful to see him bonding as deeply with you guys as I've bonded with the online communities I'm part of.

You guys rock. Hugs to you all.

@tamwuff Our PF loss here is certainly not as profound as the loss that you and your family feel. So please accept my condolences.

Marcus certainly was the one who single-handedly ran the BTSM forum for as long as I can remember. There was no doubt that it was his baby.

Zz.

Science is not just knowing "what goes up must come down", but when and where it comes down. - Warren Siegel, SUNY-Stony Brook.

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1oldman2, Doc AI, Astronuc and 2 others like this.

jtbell

#43 May 7, 2016



14,063 / 988

Staff: Mentor

I'm very sorry to hear this. Marcus has been a constant presence here, as far back as I can remember. Of course, it has been a longer presence for his family, who have the greater loss. My condolences to them.

I don't need no stinkin' signature...

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1oldman2, Doc AI, Astronuc and 2 others like this.

George Jones

#44 May 7, 2016



6,568 / 172

 Staff Emeritus
 Science Advisor

My condolences to you, tamwuff, and to the all of marcus' family. Marcus and I never met in person, but I certainly consider Marcus to be a friend. Marcus and I had many, many interesting discussions about cosmology that were very enlightening for me. He has an enduring invaluable legacy here at Physics Forums; I am sure that years from now, I will search Physics Forums for some particular topic in cosmology, and I will find the

information that I seek in posts by marcus.

Regards,
George

"A man ought to read just as inclination leads him; for what he reads as a task will do him little good."
Samuel Johnson

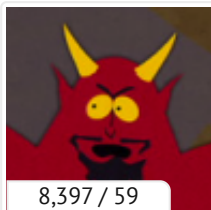
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cristo

#45 May 7, 2016



8,397 / 59

Staff Emeritus
Science Advisor

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You guys rock. Hugs to you all.

My condolences to you and your family, @tamwuff, I'm so sorry to hear this. Marcus had an enormous presence here at PF, and taught me a lot about cosmology when I was much younger and just starting out in my career. He had a vast knowledge of many different areas, and his keen interest in following the quantum gravity literature -- and understanding it -- was inspiring. Marcus will be sorely missed, and leaves a legacy here at PF.

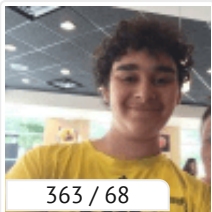
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Isaac0427

#46 May 7, 2016



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Insights Author

This is very upsetting. I really never got to know him that well on here, but he has posted on my threads and was extremely helpful. I know he will be missed by all of us.

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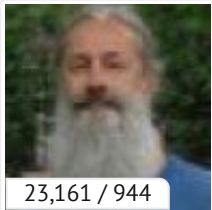
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1oldman2, Buzz Bloom and Greg Bernhardt like this.

Astronuc

#47 May 7, 2016



23,161 / 944

Staff: Mentor

tamwuff said: ↑

Hi everyone -- Marcus's son here. Thank you all for the love and warmth here in this thread.

tamwuff, thank you for the notification. We are greatly saddened by the passing of marcus. It is hard to comprehend at the moment. I had a number of pleasant exchanges with marcus, mostly on ancient history and culture, as well as a few on astrophysics and cosmology.

marcus certainly established a high standard at PF. Now he is among the stars with other giants of PF, selfAdjoint, whom he mentioned in the thread cited by Greg B, and arildno, with whom he shared an interest in old literature and history. Peace upon him and your family and friends whom have lost such a wonderful person. He is forever in our hearts and minds.

Another thread started by marcus with contributions by selfAdjoint.

<https://www.physicsforums.com/threads/perche-i-nostri-discorsi-galileo-quoted-by-rovelli.6963/>

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Getting the 'right' answer is important, but understanding how to solve the problem (i.e. how you get the right answer) is just as important, if not more so.

Recalcitrant Heathen

Peace on Earth, and Goodwill to all Peoples, each day, every day, ad infinitum.

- Joy to the World, Joy to You and Me. - Hoyt Axton/Three

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Fervent Freyja, Buzz Bloom and Greg Bernhardt like this.

HossamCFD

#48 May 7, 2016



I'm very saddened by this news. marcus was one of a kind. He was a great educator with a brilliant writing style and immense knowledge, he explained complex ideas with a lot of patience, and he never made anyone feel bad for taking time to understand what's being said.

My sincere condolences.

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Evo, Buzz Bloom and Greg Bernhardt like this.

micromass

#49 May 7, 2016



 Staff Emeritus
 Science Advisor
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 Insights Author

I am very saddened by this loss. I can't imagine how the family must feel. My feelings regarding the loss of this exceptional man are probably less than 1% of what the family has to go through, and I am already devastated.

I am very glad that marcus found in this forum a safe haven. A place to discuss his interests with peers. We will surely miss him a lot.

I just wish he could have read all these messages before he passed away. I hope he knew how loved he was.

Are you self-studying mathematics and do you need some mentoring? Be sure to drop me a Private Message any time!

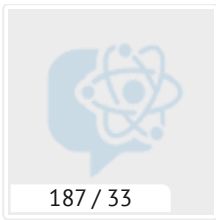
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dlgoff, Evo, Buzz Bloom and 2 others like this.

Tobias Funke

#50 May 7, 2016



I'm sorry to hear this. I don't go much into the more academic forums anymore but I've seen enough of his posts to know that he was one of the best that PF has to offer, and that's saying something.

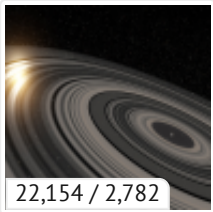
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mfb

#51 May 7, 2016



Insights Author
 2015 Award

Staff: Mentor

My condolences to his family.

OmCheeto said: ↑

No.....



That is a good summary.

He

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fuzzyfelt

#52 May 7, 2016



Gold Member



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cnh1995

#53 May 7, 2016

I never had the chance to interact with @marcus since I have no background of many of his areas of expertise. But seeing his profile,



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content and feelings of members in this thread, I can see he had a vast scientific knowledge 🤖 . He was surely one of the best science advisors here on PF! I now wish I had a little knowledge of any of those topics and I could interact with him. It would have been a great experience! My condolences to his family! Rest in peace marcus!

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naima

#54 May 7, 2016



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★ Gold Member

Condoléances de France.

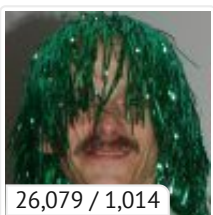
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Greg Bernhardt likes this.

Borek

#55 May 7, 2016



26,079 / 1,014

Staff: Mentor

R.I.P. marcus.

You are the legend.

*ChemBuddy chemical calculators - buffer calculator, stoichiometry calculator
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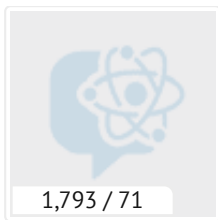
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dlgoff, ProfuselyQuarky, Buzz Bloom and 3 others like this.

Haelfix

#56 May 7, 2016

I'm very sad to hear this. My condolences to his family. He had a deep, childlike enthusiasm for our subject that I think everyone could learn from.



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Science Advisor

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DennisN

#57 May 7, 2016



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tamwuff said: ↑

Hi everyone -- Marcus's son here. Thank you all for the love and warmth here in this thread.

My condolences. I interacted with him a couple of times. He was a frequent poster in the Cosmology and Beyond the Standard Model forum, and he was always friendly and very interested in many things. I am sad by the news .

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blue_leaf77

#58 May 7, 2016



2,044 / 542

Science Advisor
 Homework Helper
 2015 Award

I have since long known that if I decided to cling actively on a forum like PF comprising people of all ages, on a certain day I will get notified about the resignation of a certain member. Just, I never have thought that this time's notification of leave, that came less than two years since I joined in PF, is about an unwakeable rest.

For a theory that bears the potential of revolutionizing physics, Marcus's retirement is a big loss.

Deep condolences for the deceased's family and relatives.

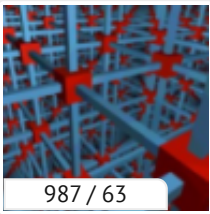
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Buzz Bloom, Greg Bernhardt, jedishrfu and 1 other person like this.

Jorrie

#59 May 7, 2016



987 / 63

Science Advisor
Insights Author
Gold Member

tamwuff said: ↑

Hi everyone -- Marcus's son here.

Condolences to you and family.

We know that he will be severely missed your family, but also on this and quite a few other science forums.

Without your dad's inspiration and support, the community-development of the LightCone cosmological calculator would probably not have happened.

[LightCone7Combo Tabular/graphing Cosmological Calculator](#)
[Davis Three-panel Cosmological Expansion graphs](#)

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Buzz Bloom, Greg Bernhardt and cnh1995 like this.

Choppy

#60 May 7, 2016



3,576 / 668

Science Advisor
Education Advisor
Insights Author

I'd like to add my condolences as well. This is very sad news.

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