

FBAC Meeting
4-18-2008
36 in attendance

- Meeting started @ ~7:00 p.m.
- Novice Presentation - “Beginning Webcam Astrophotography” by DJ McCracken

Topics Included:

- Webcam images of the Sun, Moon, Mars, Jupiter, & Saturn
- Instruction on how to use a webcam for astrophotography
- Different webcam models
- Advantages of webcam imaging vs. other imaging methods

- 10 minute break
- Main Program - “Saturn’s Mysterious Poles” by Cynthia Gustava

Topics Included:

- Info about Saturn
- The hurricane-like vortex at Saturn’s south pole
 - Pictures, and a short movie of the storm’s rotation
- The strange and unexplained hexagon-shaped storm at Saturn’s north pole
- Picture of Saturn’s rings, as viewed from nearly overhead, taken by the Cassini spacecraft

- Introduction of Officers
- Visitors: None
- New Members: 2

- Business Meeting

Reports:

- East Dome Committee Report: Dennis Borgman
 - New drive system is working well
- And also...

- Old Kroger Share Card program is ending; new program will use Kroger Plus Card
- By next meeting, club will probably be signed up for program
- Asteroid Search Team (A-Team) Report: Bill Dillon
 - 16 asteroids have been discovered this year (so far)
 - New discoveries: 6
 - Pending: 2
 - Asteroid discovery rate is now increasing due to robotic scope usage
- AOW Report: Leonard Pattillo
 - The April 10 star party at 7 Lakes High School went well, objects were observable through holes in the clouds
- TSP: Steve Goldberg
 - Q & A
- Treasury Report: DJ McCracken
 - Club still has ~\$5,000 in bank account

Announcements / Reminders

- Committees
 - Speakers Committee: To help schedule guest speakers for future club meetings
 - Promotions Committee: To help promote and provide information about the club to prospective members
 - 2008 Christmas Party Committee: To organize and plan the next FBAC Christmas Party
- Astro Quiz Contest
 - Contest winner was Carl Sexton, who correctly answered the 6th and final question
- Club Benefits Reminders
 - Observing Programs
 - Tuesday night get-together @ Denny's
 - Loaner Scopes
 - Club Library
 - 18" East Dome scope
 - Membership in the Astronomical League

- Door Prize giveaway
 - Prizes included: Calendars, FBAC stickers, & wall posters

- Meeting Adjourned