

Fort Bend Astronomy Club
April 16th, 2010 General Meeting
Minutes

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- Began at 7:01pm
 - introduction/introduction of officers/welcome and greeting of new members

- Novice Presentation: 3d Sun—by Carl Sexton
 - began with video of space odyssey
 - 3d spheres and black space
 - astronomy in 3d
 - videos from S.T.E.R.E.O. space craft presented
 - video ended at 7:31pm
 - handed out 3d glasses
 - 3d viewing of various images (was greatly enjoyed by all)

- Break at 7:50pm
 - reconvened at 8:02pm

- Main Presentation: An Explorer's Guide to the Solar System—by Gram Weisman
 - Why explore?
 - extremophiles, asteroids, etc.../various reasons for exploration
 - How did it all begin?
 - looking into the primordial environment
 - How exploration began—the history of science
 - Modern Exploration
 - Telescopes/spacecraft/planetary
 - Deep Space Network
 - Methods of travel in space
 - Orbiter v. flyby missions
 - Types of probes and landers
 - Manned missions
 - Extra-solar missions

- Ended at 8:48p.m.

- Break at 8:50pm
 - Reconvened at 9:03

- Member Presentation: Deep Sky Observing—By Keith Rivich
 - Cleopatra's Eye and the Blue Snowball
 - Ended at 9:21p.m.
- Event Announcement
 - TSP by Steve Goldberg
 - blackout volunteers needed from fbac
 - need to start packing
 - it is not too late to register
- AOW report: last event in Katy went very well—excellent turn out
- A-team: An ever increasing list of discoveries
- Treasurer:
 - \$70 received
 - \$2844 in checking, \$2155 in CD, \$623 in ADAY
 - sold \$75 in ADAY t-shirts
- Speakers Committee: A speaker from Lamar in May or June
- Promotions Committee: waiting on flyers, land sea and sky have requested brochures
- Benefits of the Club
- Bram Weisman spoke on promotion of the club through the Museum of Natural Science with the aid of Carolyn Sumners
- Carl Sexton spoke on how to log into the night sky network and suggested that there be a meeting on the topic
- Door Prizes
- After the meeting get together at 59 dinner
- Meeting Adjourned at 9:47p.m.
- 39 people in attendance