

FBAC Meeting
2-15-2008
28 in attendance

- Meeting started @ 7:05 p.m.
 - Introduction of Officers
 - Visitors: None
 - New Members: None
 - Reminder: FBAC apparel available for purchase
 - Novice Presentation - “Getting Started in Video Astronomy” by Wes Whiddon
 - Door prize drawing reminder
 - 10 minute break
 - Main Program - “Telescopes” by Darrin Lewer
 - Overview of different telescope types / how they work:
 - Refractors
 - Several different designs, including Achromatic & Apochromatic
 - Reflectors
 - The Newtonian reflector
 - Catadioptric
 - Schmidt-Cassegrain
 - Maksutov-Cassegrain
 - 10 minute break
 - Business Meeting
- Reports:
- East Dome Committee Report: Dennis Borgman
 - New tracking system for the 18” ED scope is in! May be installed within the next week or 2
 - ED training & refresher courses are planned
 - Asteroid Search Team (A-Team) Report: Joe Dellinger & Bill Dillon

- 1st discovery of the year with 18" ED scope!
 - 1 more pending
- 1 new discovery with remote telescope
 - 2 more pending
- AOW Report: Leonard Pattillo
 - Next star party is scheduled for Thursday, Mar. 13th.
Location: Jane Long Elementary School Time: ~7:00 p.m.
 - Also scheduled: 7 Lakes High School star party in April
- TSP: Steve & Amelia Goldberg
 - TSP Novice Observing Program needs new director
 - Derek Newton volunteered
 - TSP Checklists available
- Treasury Report: DJ McCracken
 - Club Expenditures
 - FBAC's name successfully approved with Texas government
(club should be tax exempt again by next month)

Announcements:

- Moon picture slideshow: DJ McCracken
- New 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
 - 6 questions from the 2006 RASC Observer's Guide, to be answered at monthly meetings
 - First person to answer all 6 questions correctly and in sequence will be the winner
 - 4 questions were answered correctly at this meeting before quiz ended... question 5 remained unanswered
- Club Benefits Reminders
 - Observing Programs
 - Tuesday night get-together @ Denny's

- Loaner Scopes
- Club Library
- 18" East Dome scope
- Membership in the Astronomical League

- Vote taken on whether to hold the March 2008 meeting on the 2nd or 4th Friday of the month
 - 4th Friday, Mar. 28th, was decided upon

- Door Prize drawing

- Announcement: HCC will be getting new AV unit and projector for meeting room

- Meeting Adjourned @ 9:43 p.m.