

FBAC Meeting
1-18-2008
36 in attendance

- Meeting started @ 7:05 p.m.
- Introduction of Officers
- No Question of the Month
- Visitors: 6
- New Members: 3
- FBAC apparel available for purchase
- Novice Presentation - “Earth’s Amazing Speed Through Space” by Don d’Entremont
- 10 minute break
- Main Program - “Remote Astronomy” by Bill Dillon & Paul Garossino

Topics Included:

- Advantages of remote astronomy
- Locations of 3 different remote observatories: Global Rent-a-Scope (GRAS), Sierra Stars Observatory (SSO), & Sonoita Observatory
- Cost of reserving a telescope
- Live demo of remote imaging
 - Objects imaged: M42 & planetary nebula J320
- Business Meeting

Reports:

- East Dome Committee Report: Dennis Borgman
 - New drive system on its way... 18” ED scope may be automated again within a few weeks!
- AOW report: Leonard Ferguson
 - Next star party is scheduled for Thursday, Mar. 13th.
Location: Jane Long Elementary School Time: ~7:00 p.m.
- Treasury Report: DJ McCracken
 - Club Expenditures

-- FBAC not tax exempt in state of Texas due to paperwork error
(correction is in progress)

Announcements:

- Archive for FBAC documents
 - Space available @ George Observatory
 - Clean-up day to be scheduled to re-organize storage room
- New Committees
 - Speakers Committee: To help schedule future speakers at 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
- Club Benefits Reminders
 - Observing Programs
 - Tuesday night get-together @ Denny's
 - Loaner Scopes
 - Club Library
 - 18" East Dome scope
 - Membership in the Astronomical League
- Astro Quiz Contest
 - 10 questions from the RASC Observer's Guide, to be answered at monthly meetings
 - First person to answer all 10 questions correctly and in sequence will be the winner.
 - 6 questions were answered correctly at this meeting before quiz ended
- Meeting Adjourned @ 9:32 p.m.