

FBAC Meeting
7-18-2008
33 in attendance

- Meeting started at 7:04 p.m.
- Novice Presentation – “Brightness of the Planets” by Don d’Entremont

Topics included:

- Reflectivity/albedo of the planets
- Planet brightness at perihelion & aphelion

- 15 minute break
- Main Program – “DSLR Astrophotography” by Todd Hargis

Topics included:

- Image slideshow
- Imaging techniques
- Camera models
- Nikon D3 overview

- 10 minute break
- Introduction of Officers
- Visitors: 2
- New Members: 2
- Business Meeting

Reports and Announcements:

- East Dome Committee Report: Dennis Borgman
 - No new ED Committee meetings/news
- Asteroid Search Team (A-Team) Report: Joe Dellinger
 - Credit reclaimed for asteroid discovery (2008 LU7) that had been erroneously credited to LINEAR by the MPC after data had been lost
- AOW Report: Leonard Pattillo

- AOW schedule / booking reminder sent out to local schools
- Perseid meteor shower announcement: Barbara Wilson
 - Shower peaks during the early morning of Tuesday, Aug. 12
 - The George Observatory will be open all night for the event
- FBAC Picnic: Leonard Ferguson
 - Location, date, & time are to be announced
 - Will likely be in September
- Astronomy Day 2008: Cynthia Gustava
 - A-Day will be on Saturday, Oct. 18th at the George Observatory
 - Guest Speaker is David Levy
 - Volunteer sign-up sheet will be available at the next club meeting
- Motion made that FBAC should donate \$300 to help cover Astronomy Day expenses instead of the usual \$200
 - Motion seconded by Steve Clayworth and Tracy Knauss
 - Vote taken
 - Motion carried
- Committee Reports:
 - Promotions Committee: Patty Tristan
 - Received box of FBAC brochures for display at various locations
 - Wes Whiddon volunteered to shoot a series of FBAC Youtube videos to help further advertise/promote the club
 - 2008 FBAC Christmas Party Committee: Tracy Knauss
 - The Annual FBAC Christmas Party is scheduled for Friday, Dec. 12th at the George Observatory Time: 7:00 p.m.
- FBAC Officer Elections for 2008-2009 Term are in August
 - Nominations Committee: Bill Dillon, Bill Jacobus, Steve Clayworth
 - Candidates for election/re-election:
 - President: Leonard Ferguson
 - Vice President: Cynthia Gustava
 - Secretary: Alicia Tristan
 - Treasurer: Steve Clayworth

- Other Announcements:
 - Club Observing Nights: Tracy Knauss
 - Observing Nights are held in the parking lot of the Brazos Bend State Park Interpretive Center
 - Dates are to be decided, will be announced on Netslyder e-mail list
 - FBAC Observing Clubs reminder
 - FBAC's Tuesday Night get-together
 - New location is the Avalon Diner in the Fountains Shopping Center Time: ~6:00 - 8:30 p.m.

- Club Benefits
 - Observing Programs
 - Loaner Scopes
 - Club Library
 - Access to 18" East Dome telescope
 - Membership in the Astronomical League
 - Discounts on subscriptions to Sky & Telescope and Astronomy Magazine

- Event Announcements: Tracy Knauss
 - Volunteer Picnic announcement:
 - Picnic is Sunday, Aug. 17th at the George Observatory
 - Time: 2:00 p.m.
 - George Observatory Maintenance Day:
 - Sunday, Oct. 12th at 1:00 p.m.

- Question of the Month: Name the object in the featured astronomy picture, and which spacecraft took the image
 - Answer: Backlit view of Jupiter's rings, taken by Voyager 2
 - Answered correctly by Barbara Wilson

- Door Prize drawing
 - Prizes: Computer software, a Flash Drive, and deep-sky object wall posters

- Meeting adjourned at 9:49 p.m.