

Fort Bend Astronomy Club
General Meeting
November, 20 2009
Minutes

- Commenced at 7:01pm

- Welcome/Introduction of officers/New Members
- Novice presentation by Carl Sexton on Radio "The Radio Jove Decametric Radio Telescope"
 - The FBAC Radio Jove Project Team
 - Introduction to software
 - Basics of radio astronomy
 - Basic Physical Concepts
 - basic radio environment aspects
 - sky, earth, Jupiter (jovian system)
 - details of various radio signatures
 - Listened to audio track of radio signature from University of Florida while showing a picture of Jupiter and Ganymede from Hubble telescope

-Break

- Reconvened at 8:00pm

- Main Presentation: "A tour of historical observatories and telescopes"-By Gordon Houston
 - old school telescope makers
 - the Jacobson observatory
 - Dominion astrophysical observatory
 - SETI institute
 - Lick observatory
 - Shane telescope
 - Chabot space and science center
 - Freemont park observatory association
 - ended at 8:57pm
- Break and door prize tickets handed out
- Member presentation: Deep Sky Observing by Keith Rivich
 - NGC206
 - NGC604
 - Ended at 9:20pm
- Club Business and Announcements
 - Christmas Party is Friday, December 11th @7:00pm

- Keith is food coordinator
- door prizes (up to president) Alicia to talk to Derek
- East Dome Report:
 - Bill was re-elected
 - refurbish is in early January
- A-team report:
 - 2 this dark moon/4 upcoming
 - Carl Sexton spotted Sedna
- Treasury Report:
 - Deposits \$2431/spent \$1822.65 since Dec.
- Committee Reports:
 - Speakers—N/A
 - Promotions—N/A
 - Donations:
 - web site is updated
 - HCC is working on computer donations to the George Observatory
 - email request for information go to Tony Weise
- Club Benefits
- Door Prizes
- **Meeting Adjourned at 9:45pm**
- **Attendance—26**