



Venus Transit Report

Our Venus Transit Observing Event was a great success! Nearly 20 enthusiastic observers arrived at the Charlie Elliott observing field before dawn to see the first transit of the planet in 122 years. Scopes were setup in the best places to catch the maximum duration of the event as members and visitors gathered.



While waiting for the sun-Venus pair to clear the horizon, Philip Sacco entertained the group with an impromptu mythology talk.



As dawn approached, attention was diverted to the telescopes with a "hopeful" eye to the east. Clevis Jones and Bill Snyder prepare to observe the event.



It was soon apparent that the only way to see the Venus transit of 2004 through a telescope from Charlie Elliott this morning, was to use an artificial method. Clevis Jones demonstrates one solution.

Although there were some breaks in the clouds before dawn, the sunrise and the entire transit were completely blocked from view.



As is usually the case, when astronomers are unable to do astronomy, they're talking about astronomy. Phil Sacco shows Debbie Jones one of his favorite night sky pocket guides.

Many thanks to Clevis and Debbie for a well planned and successful observing event! Only next time, we'd actually like to SEE an event.





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