

Charlie Elliott


CHAPTER

Atlanta Astronomy Club

April 9, 2005 Chapter Meeting
Larry Owens

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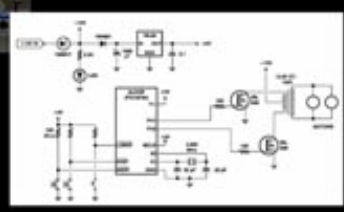



April 8, 2005 Hybrid Solar Eclipse
Fred Bruzuges (from a ship in the Pacific)

Events

- **May Program**
 - Meeting Saturday 7th, 5:00-7:30 (May 14th? – Best for Bill)
- **Elections**
 - Director, Recording Secretary, Observing Supervisor
 - Please consider serving as a chapter officer – **great pay and benefits!**
 - Candidates:
 - Larry Owens – Director
 - Clevis Jones – Recording Secretary
 - No candidates yet – Observing Supervisor
- **Featured Speaker:**
 - **Bill Snyder "The Search for Life in the Universe"**

Club Projects



- **Byers Mount**
 - Thanks to Michael Covington!
 - Alcor circuit is a reality
 - Built and tested
 - Shipped overnight
 - Plans
 - Remount circuit on a Plexi-glass panel
 - Hand controller, autoguider, motor connectors
 - Power connection, power switch, LED

Events

- **April 15th (depending on weather)**
 - Observing event for students
 - Pat is a mentor to two students Iesha and Marcy
 - Iesha and Marcy are reading about what they will see
 - Jupiter, Saturn, Moon
 - Will be asked to write about their experience at CE
 - Pat wants this to be something exciting and memorable
 - **WE NEED VOLUNTEERS!**
- **CE Summer Camp Programs**
 - Tim Keys (Ed coordinator)
 - 40 Kids 11-14, Short program indoors, then out to the field with scopes
 - Three sessions, June 12-17, June 20-24, July 18-22
 - One astronomy program per session
 - **WE NEED MORE VOLUNTEERS!**

Larry's chapter meeting this month covered club projects and events for the month of April and several events that have been scheduled for this summer.

Larry enthusiastically announced the delivery of the Alcor circuit for the Byers mount project. The circuit was designed and built by Michael Covington and recently donated to the Charlie Elliott Chapter. The circuit took Michael many hours to build and test. Considering how very busy Michael is as a professor at UGA and with his business, this is an extremely generous and thoughtful gift to the Charlie Elliott Chapter. We can't thank you enough Michael!

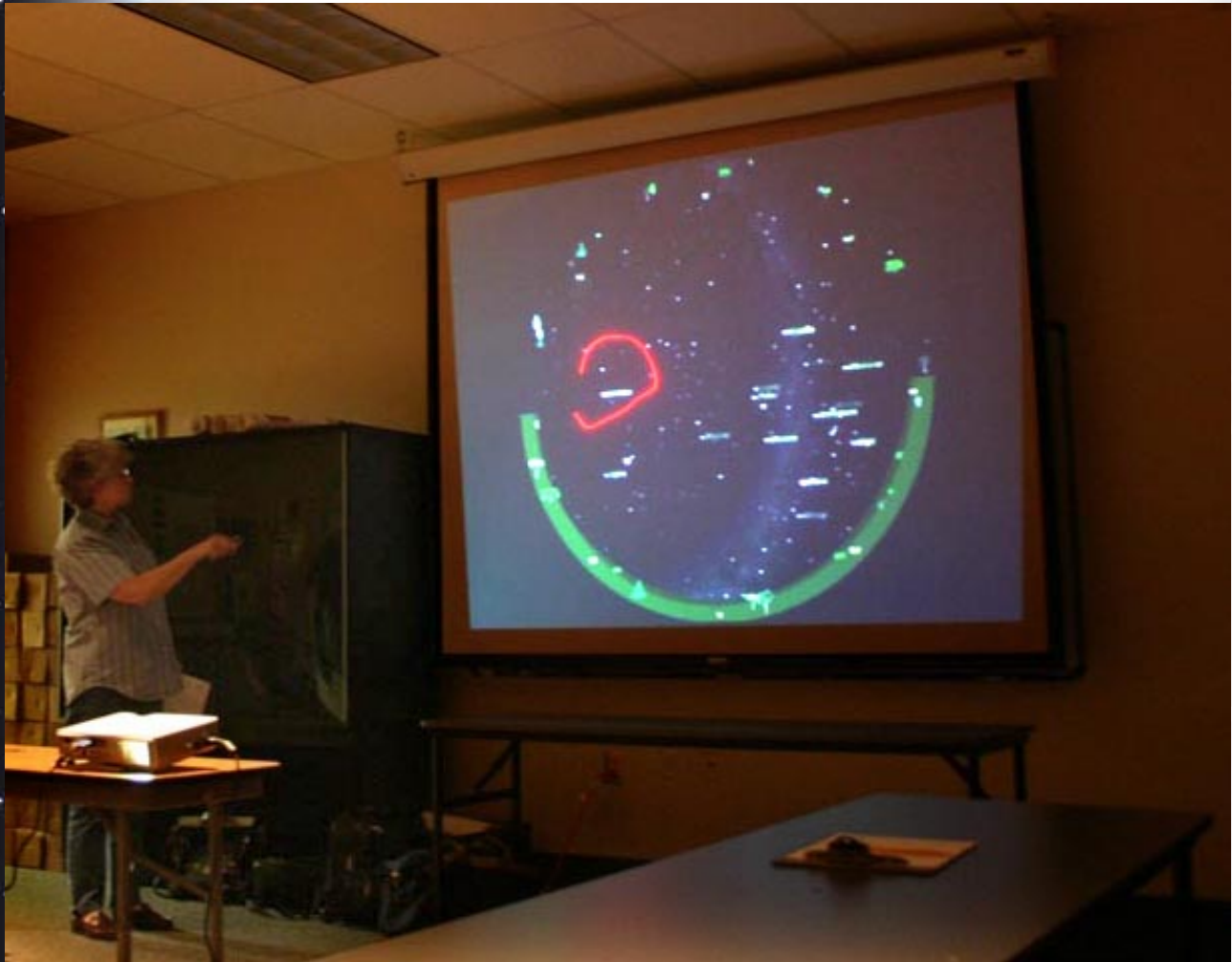
Larry also reminded us that May is election month. Positions for Director, Recording Secretary and Observing Supervisor are to be filled by election at the May chapter meeting each year. **Please consider serving as a chapter officer or vote for your favorite candidate at our next meeting!**

Astronomy Current Events: Clevis Jones



Clevis, covering the return to flight of the Space Shuttle and a progress report on NASA's Spirit and Opportunity rovers, still operating over a year after landing on the surface of the planet Mars.

What's Up Tonight: Debbie Jones



Debbie Jones, CEC's observing supervisor, covered a number of constellations and astronomical gems available for viewing later from the Charlie Elliott observing field.

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