



## Charlie Elliott Chapter Meeting Minutes

Saturday, April 22, 2006

[See photos and additional information about the meeting here.](#)

**ATTENDANCE:** Ten guests and members attended the April meeting.

### **BUSINESS:**

**ATTENTION:** At the MAY 20 meeting, officer elections will be held after the Pot Luck Dinner. Debbie Jones will conduct the elections. See her before the meeting or she will be asking for nominees at the start of the elections. Please consider volunteering. Duties of the Director, Observing Supervisor, and Recording Secretary can be reviewed here: <http://www.atlantaastronomy.org/CEWMA/bylaws.html>

Charlie Elliott coordinator, Alesia Rast, pointed out MAY 20 is JAKE'S DAY (volunteers are needed to man the astronomy booth from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.). And SUMMER CAMP OVERNIGHTS are JUNE 12-16, and JULY 10-14 (volunteers with telescopes are needed to show the kids the night sky). Please volunteer by contacting Larry Owens at [planetographer@comcast.net](mailto:planetographer@comcast.net)

Ken Poshedley advised everyone there is an ALPO conference in Atlanta July 21-22. Technical papers will be presented and Larry Owens will be giving a Planetary Imaging presentation on that Saturday morning.

Chapter Director, Larry Owens, gave an update on the club's projects: CEC FUND RAISER - sales of prints of Larry's images has collected \$1070, with about \$400 more needed to complete the 16-inch truss tube project. THANKS to all for your support! The mirror is a superb one and is now at Galaxy Optics for recoating. The Truss tube project will use the current Meade cell and Larry 'may' design and install a rotating head. BYERS MOUNT - Larry and Michael Covington are tweaking the chip parameters to get the slow motion control right on. The 16-INCH SONOTUBE'S secondary vibrates easily. It may have its spider replaced with a circular mount. The 3.1-inch diagonal has been received. REQUIREMENTS for training and use for the clubs scopes were discussed – generally, everyone wants to keep it as absolutely simple as possible. REFRESHMENTS - Ken Poshedley and Alesia Rast THANK YOU. The TELESCOPE TRAILER now has a tag – MANY THANKS TO SHARON CARRUTHERS.

Jim Honeycutt donated a 12.5-inch Coulter mirror, secondary and cells to the CEC for a Dob project. Thanks Jim!

Steve Beiger volunteered to build the Dob. Larry Owens volunteered to raise the funds and to get the mirrors recoated. Thanks guys!

### **OBSERVING REPORT:**

What's Up Tonight: Steve Bieger presented "What's Up Tonight". April is the Full Pink Moon. Jupiter is closest to Earth on May 4. Steve covered information on Johann Bayer and Richard Proctor, the Ursa Major Moving Group, and URLs to interesting Websites.

### **CURRENT EVENTS REPORT:**

Clevis Jones covered material on the ISS, Sun, The Seven Sisters Getting Mooned on April 1, the breakup of Comet 73P/Schwassmann-Wachmann 3 and its close approach May 12-14.

### **FEATURE PRESENTATION:**

None - but several members stayed to watch a very good documentary on APOLLO 8.

### **OBSERVING SESSION:**

About 10 people went to the field for a beautiful evening of observing.

### **MEETING DATES AND PROGRAMS:**

**May 20, 2006 at 5:00 p.m.**

### **POT LUCK DINNER**

**OFFICER ELECTIONS:** Please consider volunteering. The club ByLaws are here: <http://www.atlantaastronomy.org/CEWMA/bylaws.html>

**What's Up Tonight:** by Steve Beiger

**Current Events:** by Clevis Jones

**Feature Presentation:** "Imaging and Processing with the Autostar Suite" by Jonathan Wood. The Meade Autostar Suite includes a planetarium program, telescope and dome control, planetary ephemerides and even an imaging program that controls all of Meade's cameras.

Jonathan will guide us through this complex software and share his imaging expertise with the Meade DSI camera.

**June 17, 2006 at 5:00 p.m.**

Dr. Richard Schmude will present a program on Jupiter.

**The remaining 2006 Charlie Elliott Chapter meeting schedule is as follows:**

May 20, Jun 17, Jul 15, Aug 19, Sep 16, Oct 14, Nov 11, Dec 09.

**FOR UPDATES & DIRECTIONS:**

**PLEASE check the CEC website for the most current meeting information!**

<http://www.atlantaastronomy.org/CEWMA/>

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