



Charlie Elliott Chapter Meeting Minutes

Saturday, May 20, 2006

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

SPECIAL EVENT REPORT – Charlie Elliott J.A.K.E.S. Day, the CEC Astronomy Booth:

This year, the Charlie Elliott J.A.K.E.S. Day event and CEC meeting coincided – making for a very long and VERY SATISFYING fifteen-hour day of astronomy day for the volunteers: STEVE KENNEDY, LARRY OWENS, STEVEN PHILLIPS, JON WOOD, DEBBIE & Clevis Jones. On behalf of the club and 107 visitors – thank you! Suffice it to say it was a memorable occasion with the CEC astronomy booth being setup in the Charlie Elliott Wildlife Visitor’s Center with a planetarium atmosphere of soft lights, low level space music, an LCD projector showing images and movies on the big screen, Starry Night movies on Steve Kennedy’s 42” monitor, and lots of handouts from NASA in support of their “JPL Saturn Observation Outreach Program”, and great members talking with 107 visitors to the booth. Pictures say a thousand words far better than I can – see it here (click Charlie Elliott Chapter, then click Latest Events):

<http://www.CEastronomy.org/>

IMPORTANT - THANK YOU: Many wives attended this meeting – thank you. We enjoyed your company and hope you will come back for every meeting. To those who’s hands prepared (or purchased) the food we ate, a hardy thank you! The Pot Luck Dinner was WONDERFUL!

ATTENDANCE:

Twenty-nine guests and members attended the May meeting consisting of a Pot Luck Dinner, Officer elections, and three presentations.

BUSINESS:

Election Committee Chairman Debbie Jones conducted the election of officers – results:

Director – Larry Owens

Observing Supervisor – Steve Bieger

Recording Secretary – Clevis Jones

CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS:

Jamie Gibbs, CE coordinator for” Overnight Camp” at CE issued a request for volunteers for the June 13th and July 12th events.

Dr. Richard Schmude volunteered to present (rain or shine) a program on meteorites: Jon Wood, Jim Honeycutt – schedule permitting, and Clevis Jones volunteered to bring telescopes for observing after the program on the 13th. Jon and Clevis also volunteered to bring their telescopes for the July 12th event. A PROGRAM & PRESENTER for the Wednesday, July 12th, 6:30 p.m. event is STILL NEEDED.

Please contact:

Larry Owens: director@CEastronomy.org

Steve Bieger: observing@CEastronomy.org

Clevis Jones: secretary@CEastronomy.org

Announcements:

Art Zorka described his duties and the benefits to the club of his position as Astronomical League Coordinator.

Ken Poshedley reminded everyone there is an ALPO conference in Atlanta July 21-22.

<http://home.bellsouth.net/p/PWP-poshedly>

Ray Major invited everyone to the Deerlick Astronomy Village (DAV) 1st annual Memorial Day Picnic:

<http://www.deerlickgroup.com/>

Alesia Rast, CE liaison, complimented the entire CEC group on the effectiveness of the CEC club efforts. Thank you, Alesia!

Bill McKibben, the instigator, and Jim Honeycutt, his mouthpiece, were ignored <GRIN>

Chapter Director, Larry Owens, gave an update on the club’s 16” telescope projects. Art Zorka pointed out the AAC made a substantial contribution. Larry thanked the AAC for its approximately \$750 donation from the budget and the members of the AAC and CEC for their approximately \$1200 generous donations. Thank you all!

There have been two more telescopes donated to the club – more about them when they are received.

Lee Nelson presented materials and offered a suggestion that a visit be setup to the Woodbury Research Labs Radio Astronomy location. Steve Bieger will investigate and report back.

OBSERVING REPORT:

What's Up Tonight: Steve Bieger presented "What's Up Tonight". May is the Full Flower Moon. May 30/31 8:30 p.m. the Moon is just above the Beehive and Saturn just below. On June 15 Mars will rest smack in the middle of the Beehive cluster with Saturn standing guard close by (about 1 degree). Steve's program included interesting information on Galileo, and Cassini along with coverage of what was up for viewing for the night. Excellent program as usual, but Jim Honeycutt was disappointed there was no coverage of the Carb Nebula (CEC inside joke).

CURRENT EVENTS REPORT:

Clevis Jones covered the passing of comet 73P/Schwassmann-Wachmann 3 (2006).

FEATURE PRESENTATION:

Jon Wood presented an excellent, entertaining, and very encouraging program on "Imaging and Processing with the Autostar Suite". He took us step-by-step through the use of the program with his own images. He showed how the program can do a lot of the work for you, but also how you have to add your own touch to get the best results. Thanks, Jon! We look forward to more reports from you!

OBSERVING SESSION:

Some folks went to the observing field: some stayed at the Visitor Center parking lot and put an end to a perfect day by viewing through the 16" on the Byers mount.

MEETING DATES AND PROGRAMS:

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

What's Up Tonight: by Steve Beiger

Current Events: by Clevis Jones

Feature Presentation:

"JUPITER" by Dr. Richard Schmude.

With a new giant hurricane like storm called "Oval BA" [which we all know is really the GRS, Jr.:-] and its centuries old big brother "The Great Red Spot" [GRS Sr :-] Jupiter continues to put on an amazing show. Please, join us for Dr. Schmude's, sure to be animated and most entertaining, presentation on JUPITER.

FOR UPDATES & DIRECTIONS: PLEASE check the CEC website for the most current meeting information!

<http://www.CEastronomy.org>

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