



Charlie Elliott Chapter Meeting Minutes
Saturday, September 16, 2006

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

ATTENDANCE:

Seventeen guests and members attended the September CE chapter meeting.

BUSINESS:

Larry Owens provided a proper seeing of astronomical images and planetarium mood music for a GREAT feast at this Pot Luck meeting.

2006 remaining schedule – **October 14 (3rd Qtr)**, November 11 (3rd Qtr, shift to 3 p.m. for the winter), December 9 (Wn Gib).

2007 schedule for the 2007 CEC Meetings is as follows:

January 13, February 10, March 10, April 14 (back to 5 p.m. for the summer), May 19 (JAKES DAY – volunteers needed, and ELECTION of Officers), June 9, July 7, Aug 18, September 15, October 6 (note: Peach State on the 13th), November 3 (back to 3 p.m. for the winter), December 15.

Announcements:

Alesia Rast says, regarding grass cutting on the observing field – State equipment cannot be borrowed, coordinate with Alesia, if possible call during a work day to see if State cutting can be scheduled, or we can do it ourselves.

Jim Honeycutt has donated a lot of books (many are text books) that are available at the meetings for a fair donation – see Jim Honeycutt or any CEC club officer (Larry Owens, Steve Bieger, Clevis Jones) at the meeting. The funds will be used toward CEC club projects, including completing the various telescopes like the 12-inch, for which, Steve Bieger is working up the design.

Ken Poshedley says the APLO "Solar System Handbook" on CD is still available at \$12 per disc. If interested, contact Ken at poshedly@bellsouth.net or at a CEC meeting.

OBSERVING REPORT: Steve Bieger presented "What's Up For September". This month is the Harvest Moon, if you happen to have been a Colonial American, Nut Moon per the Cherokee, Mulberry Moon per the Choctaw, "Moon when the calves grow hair" per the Sioux, and the Singing Moon by the Celt. Upcoming events are the Autumnal Equinox September 23 at 0403 UT, and the moon will be close to Jupiter at dusk on September 26th. Jupiter is leaving our skies until the morning hours of December. Steve presented his "Dancing in the Sky" segment which, this month, covered the lore of the Milky Way as lived by the Cherokee (Where the Dog Ran), Black Foot (Wolf Trail), Inuit (Snowshoe Trail), and Chippewa (Path of life and death). His "Featured Constellations" segment covered Sagittarius (The Archer – Centaur), Serpens Cauda (The Serpent), Scutum (The Shield), Aquila (The Eagle), and included numerous Open and Globular Clusters as well as lots of Messier objects as suggested viewing targets. The "Featured Science" segment covered a lot of interesting information on Open (galactic) Clusters and the Trumpler Classifications. His "Featured Scientists" segment introduced John Mitchell (1724-1793), Henry Cavendish (1731-1810) and their contributions to astronomy. Next was the "Featured Doubles" segment. Wrapping it up, next month "What's Up for October" will cover more in Scutum, Aquila, Sagitta, Vulpecula, Cygnus, and Lyra along with his "Featured" segments. As you can see, Steve presents a lot of very interesting information and, believe me, it is not to be missed! Thanks Steve!

CURRENT EVENTS: was postponed until the next meeting.

FEATURE PRESENTATION – POT LUCK ... um, um, GOOD!!! Thanks so much everyone!

OBSERVING SESSION:

Several folks went to the observing field, now that they had their tummies full <GRIN> Carlos Flores brought the club's 16" Starfinder and chapter members enjoyed several hours of deep sky browsing through the big scope.

MEETING DATES AND PROGRAMS:

October 14, 2006 at 5:00 p.m. – AT OXFORD COLLEGE (note this is a change in location for this month only).

What's Up Tonight: by Steve Beiger

Current Events: by Clevis Jones

Feature Presentation:

Jim Honeycutt, Instructor of Astronomy at Oxford College, will present two lab sessions: The first lab is on determining Jupiter's mass by observing its moons. The second lab is using a photometer to measure the V, and B magnitude of a star, and to determine the distance to the Pleiades star cluster. Join the rest of the masses and be there!

For directions to Oxford College of Emory University in Oxford, GA, visit our Web-site:

<http://www.CEastronomy.org>

November 11, 2006 at 3:00 p.m. (NOTE: this is a meeting time change for the rest of the winter).

TBD

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

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