

Charlie Elliott Chapter Meeting Minutes

October 17, 2009

The meeting was called to order by Chapter Director Theo Ramakers who welcomed the 17 members, and visitors from George Walton Academy in Monroe. The feature presentation for this month was a presentation presents by Dan Schmitt: "The Milky Way, A Different Perspective". The presentation was addressed to beginners in Astronomy and discussed Dan's thoughts and impressions from the first nights he was out with other chapter members earlier this year observing the night sky, with some interesting parallels to the size of the Milk Way and Universe. Dan also presented some basic, but sometimes funny ideas that went through his mind as he started observing which were very well received by our guests. The presentation was a welcomed interlude to the more advanced presentations which most of the time are being presented at our meetings.

Jon Wood, who was back from his 3 month trip, presented his 101 in Observing again. In addition he showed some nice pictures from his trip through the states he passed through. Jon presented again what one can expect of the night sky in the current month and also presented his "Ghost Challenge" a number of sky objects one can see at this time of the year.

Theo finished the meeting with his Current Events in Astronomy and Space Exploration with an update on the Outreach program. 4 outreach programs were held during the last month and at least 5 were scheduled for the coming month.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 P.M. with a reminder that next meeting we will go back to our winter schedule. This means the meeting will start at 3:00 P.M.

Submitted by:

Theo Ramakers, Chapter director
in absence of the Chapter Secretary.
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