

Minutes of the April 17, 2010 Meeting of the Charlie Elliott Chapter of the AAC

The meeting was held at the Charlie Elliott Wildlife Visitor Center and called to order at 5:15 p.m. by CE Chapter Director Theo Ramakers. The final meeting attendance was approximately 25 members and guests.

The program consisted of the following:

- First, a segment on the CE astronomy chapter website, including an in-depth explanation of the Clear Sky Clock.
- Next, Theo's April Current Events in Astronomy & Space Exploration presentation which can be viewed online at <http://ceastronomy.org/blog/wp-content/uploads/2010/PresentationDownloads/CurrentEvents2010-04HD720Final.wmv>
- Then, Steve Biegers "Observing 101" segment which can be viewed online at http://ceastronomy.org/blog/wp-content/uploads/2009/10/wu_apr_10.pdf
- Larry Owens followed with a great PowerPoint presentation on the completed 16-inch Byers Galaxy Owens (or BGO) project which can be viewed online at http://ceastronomy.org/blog/wp-content/uploads/2010/PresentationDownloads/Byers_Galaxy_Owens_Pres_2010.pdf
- Finally, Tim Geib followed with a nice explanation on PHD Guiding (which stands for Push Here Dummy), a simple, yet powerful, intelligent telescope auto-guiding system for both PCs and Macs; view Tims presentation at <http://ceastronomy.org/blog/wp-content/uploads/2010/PresentationDownloads/PHD%20Guiding%20handouts.pdf>

The next CE astronomy chapter meeting will be 5 p.m., Saturday, May 15, when we will be screening the NASA movie, Journey to the Stars. Also at this meeting will be the election of new officers which includes the chapter director, the observing director and the recording secretary. At this time, there are no nominees for these positions, so we welcome all who wish to help the Charlie Elliott chapter continue its success.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ken Poshedly
Recording Secretary