

Minutes of the July 10, 2010 Meeting of the Charlie Elliott Chapter of the AAC - Amended

The meeting was held at the Charlie Elliott Wildlife Visitor Center and called to order at 5:30 p.m. with CE Chapter Observing Director Steve Phillips filling in for vacationing Chapter Director Theo Ramakers. The final meeting attendance was approximately 15 members and guests.

Next was a vote was taken by acclamation to elect Marie Lott as the CE chapter recording secretary. The results were unanimously in favor.

The featured speaker for the evening was Phil Sacco whose groundwork so many years ago in getting the CE chapter started has resulted in the enjoyment of the CE facilities for us. Phil's talk, "Making Something Out of Nothing", dealt with the extreme differences in sizes and distances of various celestial bodies. From Phil's own writeup: "Everything we see – the Sun, planets, galaxies, the Orion Nebula, each other – are really great to see, but what makes them all up? Space and a little bit of matter and THAT'S what matters – the "matter". Everything is made up of "matter" – really, really small atoms." Phil's talk covered not only atomic nuclei, but density, the vacuum of space, comparisons of our planets to the Sun, and then comparisons of our Sun to other stars and those stars to other stars, etc., etc.

After a short intermission, copies of the July 2010 issue of "The Evening Sky Map" were distributed. Go to <http://www.skymaps.com/> for more information.

Next Steve Phillips presented the July edition of "Observing 101". The July Sky Map, along with monthly charts and target lists pages, are now available on the CE website at <http://ceastronomy.org/blog/observing>.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:35 p.m.

The next CE astronomy chapter meeting will be 5 p.m., Saturday, August 8.

Respectfully submitted,

Ken Poshedly (filling in for the vacationing Recording Secretary Marie Lott)