

Minutes of the April 2, 2011 Meeting of the Charlie Elliott Chapter of the AAC

The April meeting of the Charlie Elliott Chapter of the Atlanta Astronomy Club was held on Saturday, April 2, 2011 in the CEWC Visitor center at 5 PM. Twenty adults and eleven youth attended.

Chapter director Theo Ramakers announced that the chapter sponsored five community astronomy events in March, with at least six more scheduled for April. Solar observing at Ana Ruby Falls will be rescheduled after the rain-out in March. See the CE chapter calendar at <http://ceastronomy.org> for details. [Update – the Ana Ruby solar event has been rescheduled for Saturday April 30th, from 12:30- 3:30 PM in the Ana Ruby Falls visitor parking lot.]

Jim Soboleski gave the feature presentation on the Science of Super Novae, followed by Eric Bozeman who presented “Observing 101”, a highlight of current sun, moon and planet rise & set times, observing targets and challenges. The meeting closed with the documentary: “A Universe of Their Own”, which showed how even the brightest students (including Harvard graduates) fail to understand basic science concepts such as why the seasons change.

The skies after the meeting were splendid and approximately 30 people enjoyed several hours of observing on the Jon Wood field. The next meeting of the chapter will be Saturday, May 7, 2011 at 5 PM in the Charlie Elliott Visitor Center. The May meeting will feature mini workshops on different aspects related to astronomy from setting up an equatorial mount to imaging the planets and deep sky objects.

Respectfully submitted,

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Recording Secretary



Only one little visitor nodded off during Observing 101 at Charlie Elliott in April.