

## Minutes of the July 21, 2012 Meeting of the Charlie Elliott Chapter of the AAC

The July meeting of the Charlie Elliott Chapter of the Atlanta Astronomy Club was held on Saturday, July 21, 2012 in the Shepherd Center at 5 PM with twenty two adults and two children in attendance.

Chapter director Larry Owens reminded everyone of our location move from the Visitor Center to the Shepherd Center and said that our usual meeting room will be in "Building B" (located just behind "Building C"). We would also like to meet occasionally on the Jon Wood Astronomy Field when the weather is optimal. Look for signage to be placed at the roadside entrance to the Field on evenings when meetings will be held outside. For the upcoming year, the first meeting of the quarter will feature a guest speaker (January, April, July, October); the second month of the quarter will feature observing presentations and practical demos (February, May, August, November); the third month will be our quarterly potluck "Dinner & a Movie" night (March, June, September, December).

Our guest speaker for the evening was Dr. Joseph Seymour from the Newton campus of Georgia Perimeter College. He gave a fascinating and extensive presentation on Stellar Evolution. His slides will be posted on the CE chapter web site.

Observing supervisor John Towne was unable to attend due to illness, but his observing presentation "What's Up for July 2012" can be found on the CE chapter web site at <http://bit.ly/wuJuly12> . Due to a cloudy sky and wet field, there was no evening observing.

Some favorite summer targets:

Object	Type	Mag	Constellation
NGC 6231	Cluster w/ Nebulosity	2.6	Scorpius
Butterfly Cluster	Open Cluster	4.2	Scorpius /Sagittarius
M7	Open Cluster	3.3	Scorpius
M8 (Lagoon)	Nebula	5.8	Sagittarius
M20 (Trifid)	Nebula	6.3	Sagittarius
M22	Globular Cluster	5.1	Sagittarius
M25	Open Cluster	4.6	Sagittarius
M16 (Eagle)	Nebula	6	Above Sagittarius
M11 (Wild Duck)	Open Cluster	5.8	Scutum



**Dr Joseph Seymour**

*Photo by Larry Owens*

The next meeting of the chapter will be Saturday, August 18, 2012 at the Charlie Elliott Wildlife Center. The feature presentation will be "This Month's Sky" by John Towne. Please remember: we're trying something NEW during the warmer months of the year! If the weather is nice (in the Goldilocks zone) - and the skies are clear, we're planning to have the meeting out on the Jon Wood observing field (observing field entrance is on your right just before you get to the Visitor's and Conference Center buildings). The meeting will start at 5:00 PM as with an indoor meeting, but instead of starting our presentation at 5:00 PM, we'll have solar observing through member telescopes starting at 5:00. The feature presentation would then start at about 8:00 PM - under a REAL sky! LOOK for a SIGN: if the meeting is on the observing field - there will be a sign directing you to turn. Otherwise, continue on to the Charlie Elliott's Shepherd Center Building B. In either case, the meeting starts at 5:00 PM. When the meeting is on the field, please bring an extra camping chair or blanket to sit on for the presentations.

Respectfully submitted,

Marie Lott  
Recording Secretary