

Minutes of the June 8, 2013 Meeting of the Charlie Elliott Astronomy Chapter

The June 8th 2013 meeting of the Charlie Elliott Chapter of the Atlanta Astronomy Club was held in the CEWC Conference Center in Mansfield, GA at 7 PM with 30 adults and 5 youth in attendance. This was our quarterly “dinner and a movie” night. We watched a movie about the NASA Stereo mission: *3D Sun*, a great short movie about the Sun and how we observe it. John Towne’s monthly presentation “What’s Up” was presented by Jeff Rebitzke, since John was travelling. The planet Jupiter is disappearing from view for a while, but Saturn is well placed for observing now. Scorpius is the featured constellation this month; some recommended observing targets are M4, M80, M7, NGC 6231 and NGC 6124.

The chapter voted to approve a shorter name for the purpose of social media and web presence. The chapter’s name on Facebook, Google+, Twitter, etc., will be shortened from “Charlie Elliott Chapter of the Atlanta Astronomy Club” to simply “Charlie Elliott Astronomy”, with the tag line “a Chapter of the Atlanta Astronomy Club” when possible.

Frank Garner led a discussion of plans for an observatory building and pads on the Jon Wood Field. These plans will have to be approved by the Charlie Elliott management before work can proceed. Theo Ramakers shared his smart phone app “Solaris Alpha” and Ken Poshedly encouraged people to volunteer to help with the ALCON conference coming up in late July. The conference will be co-hosted by the AAC and partnered with ALPO. It will be held July 24-27, 2013. More information can be found at <http://alcon2013.astroleague.org>.

Despite the thick clouds, a dozen or more cars full of folks & scopes went to Jon Wood Astronomy Field, hoping for sky. A good time was had socializing, but no stars or planets were visible. New equipment, still in the box, was found in the back of Jack Fitzmier’s car.

The next chapter meeting will be on Saturday July 13th in the CE Conference Center. Check <http://ceastronomy.org> for start time and meeting details.

Respectfully submitted,

Marie Lott,
Secretary

