

Minutes of the January 2014 Meeting of Charlie Elliott Astronomy

The January meeting of the Charlie Elliott Chapter of the Atlanta Astronomy Club was held in Charlie Elliott Conference Center's "Building B" in Mansfield, GA on 1/04/14 at 3:30 PM with 40 people in attendance.

Director Steve Siedentop began the meeting with a welcome and announcements. Ken Poshedly announced that ALPO (Association of Lunar and Planetary Observers) memberships are available for as little as \$12. See <http://alpo-astronomy.org/>. Ken also encouraged members to participate by contributing data and images to ALPO.

The guest speaker for the meeting was Stephen Ramsden, founder and director of the Charlie Bates Solar Observing Project. He presented an inspiring talk about Solar Observing Outreach and Imaging. Stephen would like everyone to participate in the International Sun-Day on 6/22/14. He filmed a short promotional video clip with the help of all CE members present. To learn more about the "SUN-DAY" event and to view the video, go to <http://solarastronomy.org/sunday.html>.



Observing supervisor John Towne gave the [January "What's Up" talk](#). The featured constellation for the month is Orion (with a spotlight on IC 434, M 42, Mintaka, NGC 2024 & M 78). The featured lunar targets are the craters, as seen on days 4, 7, 10, & 14 of the lunar cycle. Several great planet/moon pairings will be visible this month. Planet Jupiter well placed and is in opposition on January 5th. The telescopic observing challenge for January is NGC 2392 (the "Eskimo"), a planetary nebula in Gemini.

Theo Ramakers gave a video presentation highlighting the chapter's 2013 outreach efforts and thanked all who volunteered. Approximately 80 public events were held. Members who participated in at a least five events will be awarded a pin from the Night Sky Network in February.

Our next meeting will be held on Saturday February 1, 2014 at 4 PM. Jim Sowell from Georgia Tech will be the guest speaker. There will public observing after the meeting, weather permitting. All are welcome.

Respectfully submitted,

Marie Lott