

Minutes of the April 2014 Meeting of Charlie Elliott Astronomy

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The April meeting of Charlie Elliott Astronomy was held on 4/5/14 @ 5:30pm in building B of the Charlie Elliott Conference Center. Approximately 33 members and friends attended.

John Towne opened the meeting with a welcome and a chapter overview followed by the March outreach summary by Theo Ramakers. Ken Poshedly discussed ALPO again as an introduction to Julius Benton's presentation "ALPO and Saturn". Dr. Benton is the ALPO Section Coordinator for Saturn and had a lot of information to share about observing it.

After a break, Theo gave a walk-through of <http://www.ceastronomy.org>, so that everyone could become more familiar with the resources available on our web site.

Two members made telescope donations to CEA's outreach program: Jack Fitzmier donated a very nice Meade ETX125 and Evan Phillips, at 9 years old, became the youngest donor by donating his desktop telescope. Evan has started to use his dad's larger telescopes and decided he no longer needed the small one. Many thanks to Evan and Jack for their generous donations!

Jack Fitzmier gave a brief book review of Mike Brown's How I Killed Pluto and Why It Had It Coming. John Towne wrapped up the meeting with his always informative "What's Up".

Despite the clouds, a dozen die-hard attendees went out to Jon Wood Field after the meeting. Theo rolled the 10" scope out of the new storage shed and everyone took a look at Jupiter and the moon.

The next meeting of Charlie Elliott Astronomy will be held May 3, 2014 at 6 PM.

