

CHARLIE ELLIOTT CHAPTER OF THE ATLANTA
ASTRONOMY CLUB

MEETING MINUTES FOR July 9, 2016

The July monthly meeting for the Charlie Elliott Chapter of the Atlanta Astronomy Club was held on 7/9/16 in the Charlie Elliott Wildlife Management property in Mansfield, Georgia.



Tim Geib, Chapter Director, called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and welcomed everyone. There were twenty-four attendees with four guests in attendance.

David Whalen, Observing Director, treated us to another exciting episode of "All of the Above", which gives a run-down of what you can expect to see in the sky in the coming weeks. The theme of this month's presentation was "Pluto: Dwarf Planet of the Month" accompanied by the ever-popular "It's a Small World" by Disney.

Notable Celestial Events for July are:

- July 4: Juno mission SUCCESSFULLY arrives at Jupiter!
- July 7: Pluto at Opposition
- July 18: Pluto-Moon conjunction (Look for it!)
- July 30: See 8 planets in one night!

In other business, there were several outreach events discussed for this month:

- July 11: Garden Club of Georgia Youth at Charlie Elliott
- July 14: Outdoor Wildlife Leadership School at Charlie Elliott
- July 21: Adventures in Conservation Education at Charlie Elliott
- August 26: Peachtree Corners – Gwinnett Park – Strictly Observing from 9-11 PM

****It was noted that doing these events at Charlie Elliott is how we are able to continue using the facilities that we have here. Participation is highly encouraged by all members so that we are able to keep these services.***

There was one award presented this month and two achievements announced:

AWARD: Theo Ramakers finished the Analemma program, which is a huge year-long challenge to document the Sun's position every day or two, with the goal of figuring out the tilt of the Earth's axis.

He's the 13th person to complete this challenge!

ACHIEVEMENT: Marie Lott completed the Herschel 400

AWARD: Phil Sacco was awarded the Globular Cluster award last month

The monthly program was delivered by Phil Sacco entitled "What's left when you take the 'myth' out of 'mythology'?". Phil is one of a few Master Astronomers in Georgia, and is most likely the only one on the east coast that has studied in-depth the mythology around how the stars and constellations got their names.

Due to the massive thunderstorm before, during, and after the meeting, there was no observation on the Jon Wood Astronomy Field.