

## BBAA September 6, 2012 meeting minutes

The Meeting at TCC was called to order by Treasurer Bernie Strohmeyer at 7:37 PM

Those in attendance were: Jeff Goldstein, Eric Ingram, Ben Loyola, Matt McLaughlin, Katelyn Neese, Stacy Neese, Joey Quinn III, George Reynolds, Bill Rust, Bernie Strohmeyer, Kevin Swann, Paul Tartabini and 'Bird' Taylor.

### Outreaches:

VA Air & Space Museum's hosting of the live Mars 'Curiosity' landing was well attended. People filled the IMAX theatre & overflowed into the floor, however most observations were of the moon due to clouds.

August 28<sup>th</sup> Boardwalk Astronomy was cancelled due to weather & rain date could not be confirmed.

### Calendar:

September 7 Friday, Skywatch @ Northwest River State Park, Equestrian area, 7PM

September 14 VAAS @ Goochland scout camp, observing 8-10:30PM

September 15 VAAS @ Goochland scout camp, all day conference

September 15 Saturday, Nightwatch @ Chippokes, 6PM

September 21 Friday, Night Hike @ Northwest River State Park, 7PM

September 21 Friday, Garden Stars @ Norfolk Botanical Gardens, 8PM

September 25 Tuesday, Boardwalk Astronomy @ VA Beach boardwalk, 6PM (LAST of the year)

October 4 Thursday, monthly meeting @ TCC, 7:30PM

October 5 Friday, Skywatch @ Northwest River State Park, Equestrian area, 6PM

October 11 Thursday 12PM East Coast Star Party @ Hampton Lodge Campground, Coinjock, NC through 10/14 12PM

October 13 Saturday, Nightwatch @ Chippokes, 6PM

October 18 Thursday, Science Night @ Greenbrier Intermediate School, 6PM

October 19 Friday, Garden Stars @ Norfolk Botanical Gardens, 7:30PM

New Guests: Eric Ingram & Bill Rust.

### Observing reports:

Bird Taylor says the sun is very active and 4 days ago was a big solar flare that caused a radio blackout on September 5<sup>th</sup>. Also, last night, there was an M class X-ray burst (slower effect on Earth.)

The evening presentation was by BBAA's Ben Loyola, titled "Minor Planets, Comets & Asteroid Hunting."

Meeting was adjourned at 8:55PM