

BBAA March 7, 2013 meeting summary

The Meeting was held at Plaza Middle School

Those in attendance were:

Courtney Flonta
Chuck Jagow
Karen Jagow
Kevin Swann
Bill McLean
Dr Bruce Bodner
Scott Patterson
George Reynolds
Tom Flatley
Jeff Goldstein
Dean Giangregorio
Mary Giangregorio
Jim Tallman
Tom Flatley
Joe Burgstaller
Eva Burgstaller

Calendar:

March (end), look for COMET 15 minutes after sunset
April 4 Thursday, monthly meeting @ TCC-VA beach campus, 7:30PM
April 5 Friday, Skywatch @ Northwest River State Park, Equestrian area, 7PM
April 13 Saturday, Nightwatch @ Chippokes, 5PM
April 19 Friday, Garden Stars @ Norfolk Botanical Gardens, 8:00PM
April 20 Saturday, ASTRONOMY DAY @ VA Beach Central Library, 10AM-5PM (setup 9AM)
May 2 Thursday, monthly meeting @ TCC-VA beach campus, 7:30PM

Meeting summary

Dr Bruce Bodner was re-introduced in the meeting.

ALCOR representative Bill McLean awarded George Reynolds & Jeff Goldstein with the Venus transit certificate. Our club has 15 recipients of this certificate which is the highest percent in the world! Bill completed the Messier & Venus transit certificates. Various others are working on other programs. Remember, members receive the quarterly magazine "Reflector" from ALCOR dues paid by BBAA.

Observing reports – Jupiter's moons are very good viewing.

BBAA public web site now has Pay Pal link to pay dues & magazine subscriptions thanks to Jim Tallman & Nick Anderson. You can also charge to a credit card if you do not have a Pay Pal account. In addition to these online charges, you can also donate to the scholarship & outreach funds.

The BBAA newsletter will now be changed to being posted/mailed at the end of the month.

Yahoo group requests will now be answered by currently 3 members but 4 or 5 are desired. Please email George Reynolds if interested.

The constitution changes for the definition of associate members (anyone in a member's household) are underway. 30 days minimum notice is required with every member getting a ballot mailed to them for a reply within a set amount of time.

A workshop will be scheduled for constructing solar filters & sun finders – TBA.

BBAA just joined Night Sky Network (<http://nightsky.jpl.nasa.gov/>). When your organization hosts only 5 outreaches/yr, they give an outreach presentation box which has many items to aid outreaches. They also have a zip code search so new people can find our organization.

This evening's raffle winner was Dean Giangregorio who won a Sky & Telescope pocket atlas.

The meeting presentation was from member George Reynolds who showed two Garden Stars presentations. The first was the intro to BBAA. It went into our regular volunteer work & included many members' astro photographs. The second was the moon. It gave details on our moon & other solar system moons along with great photographs.