

BBAA April 4, 2013 meeting summary

The Meeting was held at TCC

Those in attendance were:

Courtney Flonta, Bill Holmes, Kevin Swann, Jim Tallman, Mark Gerlach, Thomas Jarvis, Chris Jarvis, Bill McLean, Kenny Broun, George Reynolds, Eva Burgstaller, Josef Burgstaller, Amy Gardner, Joey Quinn, Les Wilson, Jason Tackett, Robert Beuerlein, Matt McLaughlin, Bird Taylor, Neill Alford, Paul Tartabini, Andrew Reisenweber, Chuck Jagow.

Calendar:

May 2 Thursday, monthly meeting @ TCC-VA beach campus, 7:30PM
May 3 Friday, Skywatch @ Northwest River State Park, Equestrian area, 7PM
May 11 Saturday, Nightwatch @ Chippokes, 7:30PM
May 17 Friday, Garden Stars @ Norfolk Botanical Gardens, 8:30PM
May 17 Friday, Night Hike @ NWRP, 7PM
May 31 Friday, Skywatch @ Northwest River State Park, Equestrian area, 7PM
June 6 Thursday, monthly meeting, location TBD, 7:30PM

Meeting summary

Treasurer's report was read.

Secretary read 3/7/2013 meeting minutes.

Visitors: Les Wilson learned of BBAA from the last Star Party & needs help with his Celestron SC.
Amy Gardner (who now lives in North Carolina) was visiting family.

New members: Thomas Jarvis & Chris Jarvis

ALCOR Bill McLean awarded Jim Tallman with the Lunar Program pin.
Nick Anderson has completed the Local Galaxy Group & Neighborhood Program.
Paul Tartabini recommends the new Stellar Evolution Program.
ALCON 2013 convention is in Atlanta, GA July 24-27. (<http://alcon2013.astroleague.org/>)
The 4 Horkheimer awards' deadlines (for those 18 and under) have just passed for this year, but keep this in mind for early spring next year. Three of them have \$1000 prize with one Celestron awarded. See Astronomical League site.

A workshop for constructing solar filters & sun finders was on April 13 to precede Astronomy Day April 20.

The Scholarship committee will meet in June.

A Northwest River Park coordinator is needed. See Chuck Jagow.

Cecil Nichols SKYSHED update – he will raise the money for a new 20 sq ft wood deck that will be constructed at the GAP (old unmanned missile site in Newport News adj the James River Bridge) & a concrete pier will be provided. The dome will be carried to location. Note, the porta-potties were pulled, but if a scouting event is scheduled there this summer, they can be requested again. Mosquitoes will be sprayed for.

***This evening's raffle winner was ?????? who won ???????

The meeting presentation was by Kenny Broun in the newly renovated TCC Planetarium. The program was called, 'Star Signs'. One thing mentioned was the Libra constellation was originally the claws of Scorpio until the Romans separated it. Another highlight was 600BC the sun was positioned in the beginning of Aires, but now it is further into Pisces.