

West Jersey Astronomical Society

Meeting Minutes for April 5, 2019

Location: Virtua Moorestown

Attendees: 14

Officers Present...

President: Steve Kutoroff

Vice President: Ray Pape

Secretary: Arnie Rosemoff

Formal Meeting

Steve calls the meeting to order at 7:45 pm.

Wade is out today for personal reasons.

NEAF is this weekend at Rockland Community College and the TeleVue "blem" sale is back.

We are putting together a list of club-owned equipment.

Bernie H is still working on a Swedesboro astronomy event, but the date is not settled.

Roger talked about making planetary scale models with Playdough.

Joe mentioned that the sun is extremely quiet.

Tomorrow's public star-watch at Batsto seems to be a go.

Dan's Astro-photography meetings are set to resume again.

Joe rants about the lack of information in much of today's astrophotography.

Gary spoke to Pat Moscicki and she is fine and still living at their house.

We spoke of the Indian anti-sat test and its scattering of debris in orbit.

Paul brought in an 90mm 4" eyepiece for the 40" Yerkes refractor.

We looked at the Yerkes scope online and did a mirror size comparison of large scopes worldwide.

Joe spoke about his spotting of asteroids and minor planets and their movements.

Steve showed an article about the Martian moons photographed in eclipse by the Curiosity rover as their shadows crossing the planet.

We looked at photographs of the ISS transiting the sun.

Jeremy talked about the IMAX release of Apollo 11 movie, Moonwalk I.

We then watched the trailer from the movie on YouTube.

We watched a video of the Apollo 12 mission.

Jeremy showed a photograph of the moon that seemed to be fake. We discussed possibilities but could not see how this was a single shot. The photographer when challenged, admitted that it was not as portrayed.

Joe showed other artistic impression images that are presented as if they were single photos but are obvious composites.

Joe showed some snapshots of the sky that illustrated asteroid movement. He also showed a photo of Venus and Mercury.

Steve adjourns meeting at 9:45 pm.

Everyone's going to pizza...