

West Jersey Astronomical Society

Meeting Minutes for August 19, 2016

Ten (10) people in attendance, start at 7:32 pm

Here again at Virtua looking at spectra of several light sources mostly LED sources. Steve Mattan's image of mirage from Death Valley, and additional images of sun effects and halos from Steve.

Now the real meeting at 7:56 pm, a potential new member returning to astronomy has a scope, needs help with his Celestron reflector. From Bernie H, Rancocas Nature Center next Friday, talk of last visit there, narrow path. Black Forest is Labor Day weekend at Cherry Springs State Park. Talk of going there and the weather issues. Perseid meteors, Joe got to see a few. Tony at Vero Beach South Carolina saw a lot of Perseids, but very hot. Also from Joe, on the 13th saw heliacal rising of Sirius naked eye. More from Bernie on travelling to Cherry Springs.

Back to Bernie on Nick's red dot finder, the potentially difficult mounting location, then more on using it. Now to Joe 's web page with pictures of Jupiter, Mercury and Venus together, wide-field view of Perseids showing Cassiopeia with some clouds and other objects through the clouds .Followed by moon and clouds. More meteors. Now to Bernie and spectra introduction, but will do this later, so on to deep sky observing lessons from Bernie, diversions of color perception person to person, and focus person to person. Bernie leaves off at telescope II.

Adjourn at 9:24 pm.