

West Jersey Astronomical Society

Meeting Minutes for June 7, 2019

Location: Virtua Moorestown

Attendees: 13

Officers Present...

President: Steve Kutoroff

Secretary: Arnie Rosemoff

Formal Meeting

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

We begin as usual complaining about the lack of clear skies.

Joe and Alan talk about the GRS of Jupiter as we are coming into a time when the planet is at opposition and should be good for observation. The GRS seems very active and is contracting. Joe mentioned that there are variations in the GRS longitude figures in our publications. We looked at some current photos of Jupiter. Jupiter will reach opposition on June 10.

We discussed looking into our club picnic. Bernie will check availability at our usual picnic area at Camp Ockanickon. The picnic will take place July 27, 2019. Times to be finalized.

Bud shows his display of 3D and 2D star projection. He attempted to describe how he manipulated the data in the database to form a projection.

Bernie did a presentation at Clara Barton School and got a letter of thanks from them.

The Swedesboro event is still scheduled for Monday July 22.

Joe showed a presentation at the Caruso School on May 23 of Bernie making a comet and entertaining the students. We then watched a 2012 movie of Bernie doing the presentation at a Batsto Public Star Watch.

Joe showed a list of thirty-nine deep-sky objects viewed in 15x56 Binoculars during an hour of observation at the June 3 impromptu Atsion star watch. He also noted some observations of Jupiter he made recently.

Val mentioned efforts to find a home for Tony M's memorial observatory. We are attempting to donate the observatory to a place where it will be beneficially used.

Val also brought in a catalogue showing old astronomy toys and he mentioned the upcoming Stellafane convention as a future road trip for those who are interested.

Joe and Paul talked about observing Jupiter and its moons, while Alan and Joe discussed some solar observations.

We talked some about the Celebration of Life gathering for Tony on June 1 and the beautiful location that Pat and Paul had for the event.

Steve adjourns the meeting at 9:30 pm.