

West Jersey Astronomical Society

Meeting Minutes for July 5, 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.

He opens the meeting with news about the donated scope. It's now with Bernie.

Steve mentioned the Astronomy on Tap meeting and reviewed upcoming public outreach at the Swedesboro Library.

The Public Star Watch for tomorrow, July 6, looks like it will be called off due to the weather, but the formal go/no-go call won't be made until tomorrow.

We had a visitor, Tom from California, but now living in Cherry Hill. He is new to astronomy and is looking to get into the hobby and we expect to see him again.

Dave described the use of Autostacker, Autostakert and Registax, explaining photo stacking using these programs.

Joe has pointed out the step-back link on the WAS home page; one can look back at previous home page photos, now totaling over 300.

Dave shows a photo of Jupiter that was extracted from 3,500 shot sequences that were auto stacked and assembled.

Arnie brought in a Celestron smartphone to eyepiece adapter (acquired at NEAF) to take astro photos with your phone. It has a solid build quality and fine axis movement control.

We went online to look at some images of this week's South American total solar eclipse.

We looked at photos on the web of Jupiter as it is now well positioned in the sky for both observation and photography.

Joe described an attempt at Lane's challenge to spot a magnitude 15 galaxy near M57. He said that he failed to spot it with his 12.5-inch dob. He used binoculars to find a multitude of other objects in our night sky. Joe talked about going to Atsion and Carranza observing sites and described his new Skywatcher tracking mount for his camera. We looked at some of his single frame snapshots. Joe reminisced about times in the Pines with Bernie H.

Steve adjourns the meeting at 9:35 pm.