

Delmarva Stargazers meeting of 6/3/2008

Important Dates:

- Picnic July 12th Tuckahoe in the across from the observing field at the pavilion.
- No Frills Star Party 24-38th of September

Election results: No contest

- The secretary is Michael Lecuyer
- The president Elect is Don Surles

By-Laws or Constitution or Charter amendments:

- Postponed until September meeting. In the mean time both the original and the changed information is to be available on the web site.

New meeting programs for September and beyond:

- General Program on Radio Astronomy
 - E.g. Radio Jove – listen to Jupiter and Sunspots.
- Definitions of Astronomy Basics
- Reports on new large telescopes
- New mars explorers report
- Review a piece of equipment each month.
 - Eyepieces
 - Finders
 - Webcams, CCD imaging and DLSR

Today's Presentations:

Planetary Nebula by Lyle Jones:

This Lyles interactive presentation of planetary nebula combining star charts with star hopping. Members were given a stack of photocopied star charts and a clear plastic Telrad finder reticule to try star hopping from bright stars or well known objects (e.g. M31 – the great Andromeda galaxy).

The list of planetaries was extensive and ranged from the easy (M57) to the quite difficult. A good time was had by all. Trust Lyle to make a presentation fun and chaotic.

World Wide Telescope by Tom Pompiano.

This is a Microsoft software and web project to provide the sky, deep and shallow, to the world. In addition to driving around the known universe there are a number of tours available. Its aimed at students but aren't we all students? There are different backgrounds that can be combined like the COBE microwave atstripohy or the radio sky with the visual universe. You can write your own tour if inclined. A fast computer is quite helpful.

NASA Update:

It was in Jerry Truitts other computer.