

Delmarva Stargazers
September 6, 2011

Announcements:

- No Frills 9/29 – 10/2 2011
- Mirror Making March 22-25, 2012
- No date for spring 2012 star party yet.
- Christmas Party: First Saturday of December (Dec 3rd)

Next meeting schedule:

- Oct Joe Morris will present on building an observatory.
- Lee Clark - radio astronomy on Jupiter
- Members at large have been appointed by the President: Joe Morris, PJ Reilly and Tim Milligan.

Inventory – need to work on this, will have a formal application for members to borrow equipment.

We need to solve the problem of our dark site getting brighter both from increasing lighting and moisture from the bay reflecting light.

Brittany Benson – presentation on Bats

- This was a very interesting presentation on bats going well beyond the usual bat fly and use echo location. This presentation covered the latest research into white nose disease, low pressure deaths of bats flying

near wind generators and how individual bats use modified calls.

- This was an extraordinary talk on everything you wanted to know about bats and more than we expected. It's good to hear from field researchers.

Jerry has some pictures:

- The recent Supernova and pictures through the club's solar scope.
- We are trained observers who have the visual training to see solar detail (or any detail) and have to be shown how to 'see'.
- The solar activity cycle is now thought to be shorter than previously thought with a much longer quiet period following. (We'll see - they – Ed.)
- Lunar Reconnaissance orbiter has much better pictures of the landing sites of Apollo sites.

Star Party tasks:

- Joe Cain will take the lead on registrations but needs three or four other members to run the registrant table.
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- Need volunteers to maintain area, make coffee and cook hot-dogs.

PJ, our newsletter editor, admonishes:

- Write something for the newsletter – publishing on the newsgroups is great but the newsletter would be better.