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December Meeting

December 6, 1987 6:00 PM
Bryan Auditorium
Morton Hall
UNC-W Campus

The next meeting of the Cape Fear Astronomy Club will be held on Sunday December 6th 1987 Bryan Auditorium in Morton Hall on the UNC-W Campus. The program will feature an astrographic slides presentations.

Please note the change in starting times. The meeting will start at 6 o'clock. This time changes is being made so that the business portion can be completed first. Nominations for new officers for next year will be an important activity to be accomplished at this meeting. More informations about upcoming elections later in this newsletter.

Highlights of the November Meeting

November 1, 1987

The Meeting was called to order at 7:05pm by president Allan Hilburn. All officers but secretary Barbara McGowen were present. Twenty-one members were present at the meeting.

Alan reminded all present of the upcoming public viewing session to be held at Fort Fisher. Alan mention that Comet Bradfield the target for the session may have a tail 7 degrees long and reach 4.9 magnitude by it's November the 13th perhelion date.

Paul Petty has ordered from Lumicon some Hypered Konica color film with and ISO of 3200. He hopes to use this fast film on Comet Bradfield.

Alan said that a different location for public viewing sessions will be needed next year. A site with a large parking lot will be needed for the Opposition of Mars.

Alan announced that Mr. Whitey of Whitey's Restaurant had given permission to use the land on South Kerr Avenue as a site for the clubs yard sale.

Elections for new club officers will be held next January. Nominations are to be made at the December meeting. Also, club awards presentations will be made in January.

A volunteer is needed to head up a junior club.

Plans for an observatory were presented. The plan had room for a 24" telescope with a 4 meter dome.

A lecture on the American Association of Variable Star Observers (AAVSO) and variable star observing was given by Betty McMillan. The lecture lasted 1.5 hours and covered the history of the AAVSO and on the contributions that amatuer astronomers can make to variable star research. Mrs. McMillan is an excellent speaker and her lecture was valuable to many members.

- Wayne Teachey

Elections & Nominations

Elections for new officers for the Cape Fear Astnomy Club are to be held at the January meeting. Inorder to allow time for the preparation of ballots nominations for for next years officers must be made at the December meeting. Nominations are made from the floor. Anyone may nominate a member for any office. The person being nominated must be present to accept the nomination.

The following officers will be elected this January: President; Vice President; Assistant Vice President; Secretary; and Treasurer.

Welcome New Members

A clear skies welcome to our new members this month. Charles Roethlinger; Robert Burriss; and Julie Bowen of Wilmington. Rose Dunay and James Whitelaw of Hampstead.

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"Public - Viewing Session" Comet Bradfield

There was a public viewing session held at Fort Fisher on the 7th of November. The primary target for the evening sessions was Comet Bradfield. Present for the club were: Martin Best; Samuel Bissette; Julie Bowen; Robert Burriss; Rose Dunay; Jane Fountain; Doug Greene; Ronnie Hawes; Alan Hilburn; Tom Jacobs; Garth Johnson; David Maness; Barbara McGowan; Paul Petty; Michael Reason; Steve Reynolds; Wayne Teachey; and Paul Walker. There were 10 telescopes available for the public at this session. Approximately 100 people attended.

How to Kill this Organization.

1. Get all the benefits your organization provides-but don't make a personal contribution.
2. Don't bother to help to get new members.
3. Never accept an office-it's easier to criticize.
4. If you're asked your opinion say nothing. Afterward, tell everyone how things should be done.
5. Do no more than necessary. If a few persons work tirelessly, complain that the group is run by a clique.
6. Be angry if you're not appointed to a committee.
7. Talk about cooperation, but don't practice it.
8. Don't come to the meetings. If you do come, be late.
9. If the weather doesn't suit you or your favorite TV program is on don't think of coming.
10. If you attend, find fault with the work of others.
11. Agree to everything at the meeting-disagree later.
12. When you attend a meeting, vote for one thing, and then forget it after you go home.
13. Don't tell leaders how the group can help you achieve certain goals-but if it doesn't quit coming.

Above all don't get involved.

Thank you.

I would like to express my thanks to those people who donated food at the November meeting to Mother Hubbard's Cupboard. This help was greatly appreciated. Thank you once again.

-Barbara McGowan

Yard Sale Re- sults.

The clubs yard sale was held the morning of November the 7th in a field across Kerr Avenue from the National Outlet. This location was provided by Mr. Whitey of Whitey's Restaurant. Present for the club were: Herman Bryant; Doug Greene; Ronnie Hawes; Alan Hilburn; Page Hilburn; David Maness; Barbara McGowan; Paul Petty; Debbie Petty; Wayne Teachey; Edward Thurber; and Ray Whitt. After the yard sale was over Paul called me to say that the yard sale was very successful; that most of the stuff had been cleaned out of his garage. A little later I heard from Ronnie. He called to tell me that the yard sale had been very successful.

- Tom Jacobs