



West Valley Astronomy Club

Monthly Meeting Minutes

Nov 1, 2022

Meeting: Beardsley Recreation Center - 12755 W Beardsley Rd, Sun City West, AZ 85375 - #1 Chicory Room

Board Members & Volunteers Present: Bob Randle (President), John Cline (Vice President), John Hiatt (Secretary and Outreach Director), Bob Colvert (Treasurer & Program Director), Janie Randle (Membership Director), Maria Bears (Contest Director), and Peggy Ann Tweedy (Hospitality Director), ~~Larry Matney (Star Party Coordinator), Amin Panahi (Astro-photography Leader)~~, along with other volunteers, club members and visitors (**= 30 total present**).

1 - Opening Remarks: The regular meeting of WVAC was called to order at 7:00 pm by President Bob Randle. Bob Introduced himself and thanked everyone in attendance.

2 - Speaker: Bob Colvert introduced tonight's speaker, Don Wrigley (from EVAC via ZOOM)

Speaker Bio: Don has been a serious lunar observer for nearly 60 years, a member of EVAC for 30 years, during which time he has given numerous talks to the various astronomy clubs throughout the valley with the intent of convincing some fellow amateurs that the moon is a worthwhile object for consideration.

Topic/Title: Lunar Observation The talk is basically a lunar tour, going from maria to maria (from sea to shining sea?) showing and describing the various points of interest, which includes objects of scientific interest, or objects which I just find to be aesthetically pleasing. I also include many objects which present observational challenges, due either to their small size or the special lighting conditions which must exist at the time of the observation. Most everything I show can be observed with a good 3" refractor.

3 - Future Meetings: The January through May speakers are lined up.

4 - Future Outreach Activities

Surprise Main Library: Thursday, November 3 from 6:30 – 7:30 PM

Alamo Lake Star Party Nov 19

Wenden Elementary (near Alamo State Park) Nov 21

Salome Elementary (near Alamo State Park) Nov 21

Surprise Main Library: Thursday, December 1 from 6:30 – 7:30 PM

Surprise Sci Tech Festival: Saturday, December 10 from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Marley Park Elementary 2nd grade Space Unit: Feb (Date TBD) 9:00 am - 10:00 am solar viewing and talk to classes

5 - Future Club Field Trips: Flagstaff, Arizona (Powell Observatory HAS REOPENED), Very Large Array (Socorro New Mexico), Animas New Mexico (Dark Sky Site) , Kit Peak National Observatory (Tucson Arizona), Meteor Lab (ASU - Tempe Arizona), Mirror Lab (UA - Tucson), East Valley Observatory.

6 - Other business: DUES for 2023 are being collected, please bring cash or check to the meeting. Elections for offices will take place at our December meeting, food served or potluck?

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 pm.

Minutes submitted by John Hiatt, via email on September 6, 2021.

Minutes approved by: _____ Date _____

Bob Randle (WVAC President)