

Observatory on the Move



On April 19th the new Windsor Centre Observatory was moved from its' home for the past 27 years on the campus of St. Clair College . The building was lifted onto a flatbed trailer by Moir Crane and moved to a new dark sky site in the county. The site preparation/zoning changes are under way and we are looking for volunteers. Photo by Steve Mastellotto

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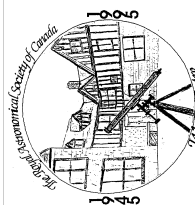
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Next Meeting

Tuesday June 19, 2001

8:00 p.m.

at

St. Stephen's Church

Howard Road, 1.4 kms. South of
Highway #3

Speaker: Mike Simonsen

Topic: "Variable Stars"

Upcoming Events

Mercury: Look for Mercury in the WNW evening sky from May 10 - 25. Mercury reaches greatest elongation east (22 deg.) on May 22. From May 13 - 18 Mercury will be close to Jupiter and on May 24 the crescent Moon joins the party.

Council Meeting: Tuesday June 12 at Randy Groundwater's house. Meeting begins at 7:29 p.m.

Windsor Centre Picnic: Saturday June 23 at Dan Taylor's house. Activities begin at 6:00 p.m.

Summer Solstice: Thursday June 21 at 3:38 a.m. EDT.

GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

April 17th, 2001

President - Randy Groundwater called the meeting to order at 8:04 p.m.

President asked the membership to review the minutes from the March 20th, 2001 general meeting.

Motion #1, 4-17-2001. Steve Le Boeuf put forth a motion to accept the minutes of the April 17th, 2001 meeting as printed in the newsletter. Tim Bennett seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Reports

Secretary - C. Joady Ulrich

Joady was not available but Frank Shepley read some correspondence received. The first of two e-mails was an invitation to attend a Star Party in Ireland, September 14th to the 16th. The second was to take part in a tour fest of the southern United States, with a stop in the Southwest at Mount Wilson Observatory, the second week of August. A package was received for the Great Manitoulin Star Party. Information on a party pack was sent to provide a discount for groups of 5 and 10 people. The information will be left at the table. A phone call was received from an elder gentleman who purchased a telescope from Robin last year. Due to health concerns he's looking at selling it. Look elsewhere in the newsletter for details.

Librarian - Tom Sharron

An explanation of the proposed sight for the Observatory was presented using a scale model built by Tom & his son.

Director of Education - Randy Groundwater

Nothing to report / cloud cover most of the month.

Tim Bennett gave an explanation on the preparation work done on the Observatory for it's scheduled moving day to the temporary sight. On Thursday, April 19th the Observatory will be moved onto a flat bed truck. The Observatory will be temporary set on blocks until paper work is completed for the Township of Lakeshore in order to get a zoning amendment for its use. Randy invited the Windsor Star to come out to St. Clair College.

Editor - Steve Mastellotto

Newsletters available from other Centres. Looking for articles.

Phone Committee - Steve Mastellotto

Everyone should have received a phone call or an e-mail.

National Council Rep. & Treasurer - Frank Shepley

Had lost track of making up membership cards and went back as far as December.

New cards have been made and are available at the table.

Director of Observing - Robin Smallwood

Members shared their different activities over the past month. A handout was passed out on the area of the constellation Lepus, and Robin briefly discussed Comet Linear. Robin asked for volunteers to help setup and man the Earth Day display at Ojibway Park. Also, Robin is looking for people to bring out equipment with solar filter.

Business

No new Business.

Short Presentation - Susan Sawyer-Beaulieu

"On Hidden Hallow 2000" hosted by the Richland Astronomical Society (Ohio)

Susan told of the trip she and several members took Sept. 29th to Oct. 1st 2000 for an observing weekend. Several slides of the weekend were shown. Susan gave specification information on their observatory and telescope.

50/50 draw was won by Ken Roun - \$10.60. Ken donated the ten dollars to the Centre.

Thanks to Tom Sharron for preparing the Coffee & Hot Chocolate for break time.

Tim Bennett introduced Peter Jedicke from London, and has served at the National level in different areas and is now National 2nd Vice President.

The Guest Speaker - Peter Jedicke - Topic - "Globular Clusters".

Peter opened with comments on the upcoming G.A. and showed a few slides on the General Assembly of London 1995. Peter had some business sized cards depicting the monolith for the film "2001 A Space Odyssey" with an 8 digit ID number for access to a specific Internet sight for registration for the G.A. A brief overview was given on what to expect over the weekend gathering.

Several overheads were shown of assorted Globular Clusters and an explanation on similarities and difference were given and how best to observe Globular Clusters.

Steve Pellarin thanked Peter for his presentation.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:20 p.m.

Thanks go out to the volunteers for setting up and cleaning the hall after the meeting.