

KVAS Meeting Minutes – 5/16/14
Hansford Center, St. Albans, WV
Minutes Taken by John Willson, Secretary

Before the meeting, starting at 7:30 pm, Channel 13 news visited us and interviewed Rodney Waugh about the recent fireball seen over West Virginia, and Chuck Spann about meteorites. There was a nice spot on the 11 pm news following the meeting.

Bob Frostick called the meeting to order at 8:00 pm.

Miscellaneous Updates – Rodney Waugh

Rodney gave updates on a number of subjects.

- A Star Party was held at Breezy Point on Thursday, May 15. Good turnout.
- Rodney passed around a pair of Orion 7x50 binoculars that we will raffle. Tickets are \$5 each or 5 for \$20 – tickets were passed out to members for sale. We estimate that we can make around \$400 in profit by selling 100 tickets.
- Observatory Update
 - The telescope has not been lifted, but we will do that soon.
 - A work party will be planned to scrape rust, re-paint, and seal walls.
- Rodney distributed KVAS business cards which have the website address on them. These would be good to share with visitors to Breezy Point, or anyone else interested in the Club.

Club Picnic – Rodney Waugh

Our annual picnic will be held on June 21 at the Observatory, followed by a Star Party. Rodney will bring a 10x17 shelter that we can use. The Club will supply the meat, and each member is asked to bring a dish to share. Food is served at 6:00 pm – members can arrive at 5:00.

Upcoming Meteor Shower – Scott Blake

Scott shared details of an upcoming meteor shower which will occur on early on May 24, with the peak being from 2:00 – 3:00 am. The shower will be from a debris field from a comet, and is expected to generate 200 – 300 shooting stars per hour.

Meteorite Presentation – Chuck Spann

Chuck gave a presentation of some of his meteorites. He had two large meteorites, and showed the difference in meteorites “as found”, and after they had been cleaned. He also shared a cross-section slab of a meteorite that showed the crystal structure.

As part of his presentation, Chuck showed a knife that had been made from 2 meteorites – one forming the blade and another forming the handle. He expects that smaller knives and letter openers will be available for sale at Green Back StarQuest.

Chuck also gave a brief overview and shared some features of Canyon Diablo.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 pm.

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Attendance

John Willson	Scott Blake
Michael Riggs	A J Comer II
John Wheeler	Carol Hilleary
Janet Willson	Bob Frostick
Judy Waugh	Rodney Waugh
Robert Dean	Chuck Spann
Larry Wyner	