



KVAS NOTES March 15, 2019

On March 15, 2019 the KVAS met at Camp Virgil Tate for the March meeting. Janet called the meeting together and gave a presentation on *Charles Messier: 110 Objects in the Night Sky*.

Business

Janet announced that she had delivered brochures about KVAS and Blackwater Falls to various facilities in Kanawha County and near BWF Lodge.

John Willson gave the financial report for the club. John also discussed his progress in securing Blackwater Falls presenters for September 26-28, 2019. It is advised to make reservations early since the Leaf Peepers Weekend will also be held on this weekend. If you would like to stay in one of the cabins provided notify Blackwater Falls.

65th anniversary for KVAS

30th anniversary for Blackwater Falls/Astronomy Weekend

Deb Frostick gave copies of the vendor list for raffle prizes and asked for additional resources. Vendor letters were mailed.

Michael Riggs 'brother generously presented KVAS with a donation and Michael's astronomy library.

T-Grafics has catalogs and pricing available for KVAS clothing and hats. See Janet Wilson for ordering.

KVAS will celebrate Yuri's Night on April 13, 2019 at Breezy Point. If the weather does not cooperate, Rodney will have a presentation on Radioastronomy.

The July 20th meeting will be called ***Contact Light*** with Rodney Waugh and Scott Blake working with The Kanawha County Library celebrating the 50th Anniversary of the Apollo 11 landing. This should start about 4:00 PM and more results will come as they are completed.

50th Anniversary of the Apollo Lunar Module Eagle landing on July 20, 1969 at 20:17 UTC with the first 2 people on the Moon--astronaut's Neil Armstrong, Michael Collins and the pilot Buzz Aldrin.

John Dennis gave a report on the Calhoun County Park and their progress on securing the park as an official dark skies observation point.

A motion was made by Ed and Rodney to put the rubber matting on the floor of the observatory. This was seconded by Robert and the club voted to accept.

An Orion 6" F8 Dobsonian telescope and mount was one of the telescopes donated to the club last year. After thorough cleaning and refurbishing by Ed, it was deemed in good condition. Ed made a motion to use this as a raffle prize at BWF. This was seconded by Rodney and the club voted this as an acceptable prize.

The club adjourned.

PRESENT IN MARCH

Bob Frostick	Janet Willson	Kaitlin Bedekovich
Judy Waugh	Rodney Waugh	Robert Dean
Ed Connors	Deb Frostick	Jason Young
Lillian Young	John Dennis	Deborah Dennis
Larry Hyatt		

The next KVAS meeting will be held on April 13th at Breezy Point for Yuri's night at 7:00PM.

Notes by Deb Frostick, Secretary