

KVAS Minutes  
Hall

Mathis

Club Meeting  
2008

Sept. 19,

**Attendance:**

Ed Connors, Bonnie Dean, Robert Dean Sr., Andrew Dickens, Carol Hillary, Barry Landers,

Margie Landers, Charlee Lerch, Brenton Ogle, Dan Pleska, Cat Pleska, Mike Riggs, Rachel  
Shanteau,

Chuck Spann, Patricia Shaffer, Melissa Thorner, Steve Tracey, Rodney Waugh,

Judy Waugh, Melissa Waugh, Janet Willson, Diane Wood

**Rodney Waugh called the meeting to order:**

Rodney read the treasurer's report. The club accounts presently are in the best shape ever.

Steve Aarons who is arranging the speakers for Starquest and was hoping to bring a Moon-walking astronaut to Starquest next year (next year is the 40th anniversary of the first manned landing on the Moon and has been designated 'The Year of the Moon'). Steve found these astronauts are asking \$10,000 speaker fees and therefore they won't be bringing one in. But NASA will loan Starquest a

Moon rock.

Blackwater Falls Astronomy Weekend:

-Friday evening will be observing-weather permitting

-Workshops during the day, Saturday programs in the evening and then observing later that night

The programs will be Astronomy 101 and beginning astronomy

Possible Speakers:

Stas Edel- Astrophysics

Jimmy O'Dell- October Skies-he will be talking about what it was like back then

Lawrence Byrd-James Webb Telescope-designs hypersonic space planes

Professor Littleton-

Rodney

Chuck Spann is raffling a Garmin GPS navigation system (\$250 retail), tickets are \$5.00

We need to sell 50 tickets to break even.

See Chuck for cabin for cabin for Astronomy weekend.

The club went outside to watch "Jules Verne" flyover at 8:25pm

Brent Ogle discusses things going on in the October Sky:

-The last flight of the Hubble Telescope for repairs

-Brutus-Hindus constellations will be able to be seen

-Sagittarius is in the horizon

-A binocular treat is the Dumbbell Galaxy

-The constellation Lyra will be in the night sky, to the left is Signas the swan, the Northern Cross is also part of this constellation and M39

-North American Nebula

-Early in the morning Orion can be seen

Our Christmas dinner meeting will be held at Melissa Thorner's house the third Friday of December.

Next Friday September 26, 2008 we are going to have a starparty at the observatory.

Rodney adjourned the meeting.

The next KVAS meeting will be Astronomy Weekend October 24<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> at Blackwater Falls

Submitted by Patricia Shaffer

September 29, 2008