

Meeting Minutes 5/15/2020

- Club Announcements
- What's Up Astro Club with Yancy!
 - 30 minutes after sunset, it will be a good time to see Venus and Mercury next to each other.
 - Edgar Allen Poe was an amateur astronomer, and worked some astronomy into his poems. Ulalume.
 - Comet SWAN (C/2020 F8) on the edge of being visible to the eye from a dark site. Will reach perihelion on May 27th.
 - Currently in Aries, soon Triangulum, working its way to Perseus.
 - Early morning object.
 - Will get close to Algol around May 21st
 - 2 supernovae visible in Leo currently!
- Astronomy Question of the Week with Don!
 - Solar System Explorer
 - The Sun kept setting in the East.
 - Venus
 - I ice-skated for miles and miles on the Solar System's smoothest surface.
 - Europa
 - I was closer to the sun than the asteroids but rarely, if ever, saw the Sun.
 - The poles of Mercury, the surface of Venus
 - Impossible pictures of the moon
- Meet the Messiers with Sean!
 - Messier # 11
 - The Wild Duck Cluster
 - 5.8 apparent magnitude
 - Good to see with binoculars
 - ~6,000 light-years away
 - Discovered in 1681
 - One of the densest known open cluster
 - Wild Duck because of the V-shape of the brightest stars
- Astrophotography with Sai!
 - Comet ATLAS and part of Halley's Comet
 - Lyrid meteor shower radiates from the direction of Lyra
- Club Slideshow/Senior Recognition
- Club Symposium