## Astronomy Club Meeting Minutes 7/24/2020

- Weekly Check-in!
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- Club Announcements
  - Game night next friday, July 31 at the regular meeting time!
    - Jackbox we have a new party pack to play with!
    - Minecraft version 1.16.1
- Upcoming Student Opportunities
  - NASA Psyche Mission Internship
    - Open to all undergraduate students, application due August 12th



- Math Tutors needed!
  - Paid mentoring program offered by Mentorship and Education in SCIence for Tucson (MESCIT)
  - Help underserved students at the Ha:san Preparatory and Leadership school for 2-4 hours a week with math up to Algebra II
  - Open to all majors
  - Application due August 5th
- What's Up Astro Club with Yancy
  - Comet NEOWISE in the feet of Ursa Major
  - Getting to 5th magnitude, need a dark site to see with naked eye
  - Fading fast!
  - Jupiter and Saturn between Capricorn and Sagittarius
- Astronomy Question of the Week with Don
  - Speed camera clocks a Ford Focus going 437 mph, driver was ticketed over \$1,000. How can this happen?

- Camera malfunction, cops didn't pick up on the error
- World's land speed record
  - Jet speed car, they put jet engines on a car
  - 763.035 mph, 1227.985 km/h
  - Over one mile in October 1997
  - Exceeded the sound barrier at Mach 1.016
- Can you explain the picture?
  - Zoomed in photo of water spray from a waterfall
- Photo set of guy putting sun in his trunk
- Jupiter and Saturn from 40,000ft
- Astrophotography with Sai
  - How Astrophotography Works components of a Camera the CCD
  - What is it? CCD = Charged Coupled Device
  - Integrated circuit primarily used in digital imaging
  - Converts photons to electrons, transfer charges
  - Works using the photovoltaic effect
  - Charge transferred to an amplifier by the CCD
  - changes in voltage are the data that make up the image
  - Cameras don't use CCDs anymore, they used to!
  - Modern cameras use CMOS, cheaper and easier to produce, use a lot less power to operate
- Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) at Steward Observatory
  - Steward Observatory recently created the SODEI task force, which is committed to improving and upholding diversity in astronomy and physics
  - Meeting with Dr. Karen Olsen Ways that Astro Club can recruit a new generation of astronomers
    - Increase advertising of Astronomy Club star parties to middle schools and high schools that are currently unaware of these free resources
    - Plan regular (monthly?) star parties on the mall of U of A that can generate interest in students not already majoring in astronomy and physics
    - Any other ideas, especially those that are achievable during the pandemic?
    - Will send out email with more information following today's meeting
- VeritAstronomy
  - Program to ask grad students and faculty to volunteer and share their experiences
  - Increase diversity in astronomy
  - Work in progress, to be released this semester
- AstroKahoot!!