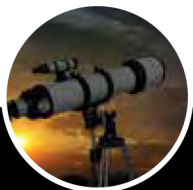


Moonstruck Astronomy Club

Jim Di Paolo



The Moonstruck Astronomy Club held their monthly meeting on Thursday, April 11. The meeting started with Larry Isenberg reading the minutes of the last meeting and reviewing the club's financial report.

Jim Di Paolo, club president, informed members regarding their current membership level and discussed the topic of the last World News club column that informed readers about the Total Solar Eclipse that was to occur on April 8. Jim went on to remind members about the topic and date of the next NASA Senior Outreach Webinar on April 18. The speaker was Dr. Priyarshini Ghosh who explained how she uses nuclear engineering to study the universe.

Doug George presented his monthly night sky report for April. He talked about the recent Total Solar Eclipse and pointed out that Mars and Saturn were in conjunction just before sunrise in the east on April 12. He talked about Comet 12P/Pons-Brooks that appeared near Jupiter just after sunset in the West and was visible with the naked eye under clear skies. Doug informed members about the Lyrid meteor shower that peaked on April 22. He talked about constellations that were viewable and



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Moonstruck Astronomy Club Solar Eclipse event.

showed members images of the figures they represent in the night sky. Doug concluded his presentation by displaying a chart that listed upcoming International Space Station flyovers for the month.

Larry Isenberg, club vice president, did a presentation titled "Eclipse Mania," which revealed photos of the club's eclipse observing event that took place on Monday, April 8. He pointed out that we had over 200 people in attendance, some were club members, and many others were residents. The club set up 10 telescopes that used various solar filters

and a couple of them projected the image of the eclipse onto white boards.

Jim concluded the meeting by playing video highlights of the club's eclipse viewing event.

Club members are reminded to watch for emails announcing more evening observation sessions in the coming weeks and months. Sessions will be announced on any day that weather conditions allow for an open sky and club members are willing to set up their telescopes to share observations. Members are welcome to arrive and stay if they wish throughout the evenings. All ses-

sions are held adjacent to the R/C flying field.

Regular meetings of the Moonstruck Astronomy Club are on the second Thursday of every month from 1:30 to 3 p.m. in the Hobby Building Event Room. All residents and Gateway of Services pass holders can join the club, and new members are welcome! Yearly club dues are only \$20 per year, and they include a subscription to the quarterly Reflector Magazine. For information or club registration, please contact club President Jim Di Paolo at moonastroclub@gmail.com. More information is always available at moonstruckastronomyclub.org.