

# Meeting highlights

NOTE: Minutes were not taken for the July 2 Board Meeting and July 14 General Meeting.

## Board Meeting August 8, 2002

Arlington Planetarium

- ★ Meeting called to order at 7:30p.m. by **President Ed Karch**.
- ★ **Board members in attendance:** John Avellone, Tilly Smith, John Deriso, Joe Pierson, Renée Pleasant, Alan Figgatt, Alex Kim, Ed Witkowski, Pedro Martinez, and Sean O'Brien.
- ★ **Members in attendance:** Bill Burton and Ella Joe.
- ★ Pedro Martinez gave the **Treasurer's report**.
- ★ Joe Pierson gave the **membership report**. A discussion of the number of complimentary memberships followed.
- ★ An **official observing night** was discussed. Joe will add this to the welcome letter and Ed W. will add to the monthly announcements.
- ★ **Board voted to sell 6<sup>th</sup> flat** to an Arkansas amateur astronomer for the price of \$250.
- ★ **Star Gaze:** Bill Burton reported on the ongoing arrangements for the October Star Gaze. Tents and food have been arranged. Civil Air Patrol may be providing volunteer help for set up and traffic control. Bill is trying to arrange for NOVACers to be able to stay late, if possible. Speakers at this time include Harold Geller and representative from JPL. Bill will be contacting the Meteorite display person. Club table will need to be manned. Guided Sky Tour at 8 and 9.
- ★ **Possible meeting location changes** were discussed. Ed Witkowski shared his proposal for a variety of meeting locations, as well as holding meetings on different days. After discussion, the proposal

was tabled for further action at a later Board meeting.

- ★ **Elections** are coming up; the **nominating committee** will include John Deriso and Ed Witkowski.

- ★ Meeting adjourned 8:57 p.m.

*Submitted by Renée Pleasant, Secretary*

## Monthly Club Meeting August 11, 2002

(32 members present)

- ★ **Star Gaze** 10/12/02 at Franklin Park. Four speakers have been arranged so far, along with observing stations, and information table. Still need volunteers for stations and tables.
- ★ Board has set **official club observing night** as the Crockett Public night. Check website for the date, as the schedule varies.

- ★ John Deriso has the **NOVAC Library**. Contents will be posted to the website later this month.

- ★ John Avellone awarded **Astronomical League Messier Certificates** to Ellen Bryson and Laquetta Karch.

- ★ John Avellone gave a brief **Stellafane** update.

- ★ Alan Figgatt handed out a finder chart for the new **comet C/2002 04 Hoenig**. Also covered the upcoming Perseid Meteor Shower and asteroid near-Earth approach

- ★ Guest speaker **Dr. David DeVorkin** described the NASM exhibit "Explore the Universe."

*Submitted by Renée Pleasant, Secretary*

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## Silhouette

*Patty Seaton*

*For just a moment,  
I saw myself—  
A silhouette against the multitude of stars:  
I heard my life  
Over ripples of the water.  
For a time  
I found myself  
in a fantasy of worlds yet to come.  
Even now  
I cannot describe my silent joy,  
Cannot pierce the cosmos of words to say,  
So in the dark,  
in the lullaby of the lighthouse,  
I fade into stars.*

