

West Jersey Astronomical Society

Meeting Minutes for: April 20, 2018

Web Address: <http://wasociety.us>

Location: Virtua Moorestown

Members in attendance: 11

Officers present:

Pres: Roger Cowley

Vice Pres.: Steve Kutoroff

Tres: Wade Evans

Sec.: Paul Bender

Our president, **Roger C.**, opened the meeting at 7:59 PM.

Paul R. mentioned TESS went up April 18 (Transit Exoplanet Survey Satellite) SpaceX Falcon 9. **Steve K.** put the launch from the website on screen. **Joe S.** showed pictures he took of Moon with earthshine in the Hyades, starting to occult the mag 5.6 star, 63 Tauri. Also put **Jerry L's** Astronomy Picture of the Day for April 20 of the Moon in the Hyades on screen. The [APOD discussion forum](#) had a number of comments on this event.

Matt asked about catalogs for objects, similar to galaxies and **Dave N.** went over the history of the Messier catalog, NGC, Index Catalog (IC) and Lynds Dark Nebula catalog.

Wade E. said the WAS taxes are filed.

Bernie H. will be unavailable for Apr 25th event at Camp Ockanickon and has asked for volunteers. **Ray** is organizing it.

Next star watch at Batsto is on May 12th and the next Member star watch at Atsion is on May 19th. The next formal meeting will be on May 4th and is a "**Show and Tell Night**": bring in your Astro curio or NEAF purchase.

Dave N. currently only faint sunspots are visible.

Roger had plotted his pictures of Mars, Saturn and Jupiter to determine retrograde approach. Plotted Ecliptic longitude vs Julian day number. Also plotted Declination vs RA for Venus.

Roger called meeting to an end at 9:16 PM.

Submitted by Sec. **Paul Bender**, on April 25, 2018

Sent from my iPad