

Hi Everyone.

It was so nice to connect with you at our remote meeting on the 1st. That was the first virtual meeting in the history of the club!! Hope everyone is well at this time.

Mike opened the meeting with 18 members attending. Here are the highlights:

- Mike suggested that we explore options using EAA...electronically assisted astronomy where we can forward individual virtual observing sessions. We can also use this technique at the lighthouse when we resume outreach programs, etc. Great idea!!
- Jim Rutledge explained how he captured the image of the comet ATLAS using his camera and special scope.
- Mike spoke about the importance of naming comets and referring them by their full names because we have a surveying system which can discover large numbers of comets such as C-2019 Y 4 Atlas. (hope I got this number right, Mike...)
- The Asteroid Terrestrial Impact Last Alert System is an early warning system located in Hawaii which observes the sky and provides an early warning of hazardous asteroids.
- Tonight will be the conjunction between Venus and Pleiades. See it in the western sky. Tomorrow night looks to be the obvious clearer night for this event. This happens every eight years. I know I will be out there with my scope!
- Sue from the library has asked for astronomy related ideas and activities and will print them in the upcoming library newsletter.
- The May 2nd Astronomy Day event is cancelled and hopefully we can reschedule in the fall. Thanks, Patty for that e-mail to Sue at Audubon.
- Lighthouse and outreach programs, observing nights and physical meetings are all postponed until further notice. 😞

Our next meeting in May will most likely be a virtual Zoom Meeting. Hope everyone can join. Mike is willing to assist those who need technical help.

Hope to see you then. In the meantime, be safe and healthy and try to remain positive! 😊

Best,  
Judy