

The meeting opened at 6:55pm. Mike began a presentation at 7:10pm –

The following topics were discussed in the presentation;

The September Observing Objectives were reviewed and it was noted that there was significant club member activity surrounding them throughout the month –

Club members were thanked for sharing their astrophotography efforts throughout the month –

For the benefit of those that are in the email loop but don't do astrophotography, the principles of astrophotography autoguiding were presented , as were the effects of the OPTLONG L-Pro filter on astrophotography –

From a link shared by Jeff Smith, the winners of the 2020 Astronomy Photographer of the Year presented by the Royal Astronomical Society were briefly discussed –

Members were made aware of the Dark and Quiet Skies symposium to mitigate light pollution issues and the onslaught of low-earth-orbit satellite launches going on between the United Nations Office for Outer Space Affairs and the International Astronomical Union –

Members were reminded about the Association of Lunar and Planetary Observers current focus on this Mars apparition –

A video shared by Jeff Smith on the largest known stars in the universe was briefly discussed and the viewability of the two featured hypergiants was assessed, with chart provided –

The SSAS experience with WGBH's science trivia night was briefly discussed –

The Channeling Galileo challenge project for the month of September was discussed with results presented–

The outcome of the Moon/Mars close conjunction viewing event from the lighthouse on October 2nd was shared –

The Venus/Regulus close conjunction on the morning of October 3rd was reviewed –

Some suggested observing objectives for the month of October were offered –

Emphasis was placed on the importance of taking advantage of viewing the planet Mars during this current and favorable apparition –

A map of where to find Neptune in October was presented –

A map of the path of comet 88P Howell was presented –

The Duxbury Council on Aging requests for a presentation and an outreach event were discussed –

The October door prize, The Night Sky planisphere, went to Carl Bellitti –

The meeting was then turned over to the membership for open discussion –

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20pm.