



The Meridian

The newsletter of the
Quad Cities Astronomical
Society

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Meeting Notes

(by Karl Adlon)

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Members in attendance:

Karl Adlon
Robert Mitchell
Mitch White

Bruce Brooker
John Robbins
Todd Weets (at the end)

Al Cattoir
Jim Rutenbeck

David Heard
Steve VanHyfte

Notes:

Since we didn't have ANY Board Members present, we technically didn't have a meeting. We didn't "call the meeting to order" and we didn't adjourn.

So, about 7:10 I said "well, I don't have an agenda so unless anyone has anything I'll just start my presentation".

Bruce then said he did and gave an update on the domed observatory.

I gave my presentation on Saturn and Globular Clusters.

Since we had time, I showed a YouTube video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eWQlryll8y8> on Apollo 12.

Someone brought up Comet ISON, so we discussed that for a while, including 2 websites of interest:

<http://aerith.net/> and <http://www.cometchasing.skyhound.com/>

We finish about 8:30.

I saw a person standing in the doorway. I recognized him from our first (clouded out) Open House. He is Todd Weets at weets17@gmail.com

I was packing up when a library lady appeared in the doorway. I said "we'll be out of here in 1 minute" to which she grinned. And we were.

Someone said "I liked this meeting. We actually talked about Astronomy!"

Guess that's it.

--Karl Adlon

Messier 38

This Meridian looks a little sparse, so I'll include an image I took of M38 while waiting for Orion to clear trees. Taken at 440 mm focal length @ f4.4. This was only a handful of subs because I realized that the Horsehead Nebula was up and cut the timer off.

This was from my (tree-limited) yard, which saves packing, travel to and from the observatory and unpacking time. Also, I can take advantage of weather that turns out to be better than forecast. But when the trees are leafed, only a few spots in the yard can see Polaris for polar alignment.



When life gives you lemons . . . Cheers! --Karl

Upcoming Celestial and Club Events

	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
JUL	30 Last Quarter Moon	1	2	3	4 Independence Day	5	6
JUL	7	8 NEW MOON	9	10	11	12	13 Menke Star Party
JUL	14	15 7PM - QCAS Meeting	16 First Quarter Moon	17	18	19	20 Star Party for Cub Scout Pack
JUL	21	22 Full Moon	23	24	25	26	27 QCAS Star Party / Open House
JUL	28	29 Last Quarter Moon	30	31	1	2	3
AUG	4	5	6 NEW MOON	7	8	9	10 Menke Star Party
AUG	11	12	13	14 First Quarter Moon	15	16	17 PAC Niabi Zoo Star Party
AUG	18	19 7PM - QCAS Meeting	20	21 Full Moon	22	23	24
AUG	25	26	27	28 Last Quarter Moon	29	30 Prairie Skies S.P. Deadline Tomorrow	31 QCAS Star Party / Open House

Jens-Wendt Observatory – Quad Cities Astronomical Society – Located at Sherman Park in Dixon, Iowa

Monsignor Menke Observatory – St. Ambrose University – Located at Wapsi River Environmental Education Center in Dixon, Iowa

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Members are also reminded that anyone can submit articles for *The Meridian*. Submit articles to Dale Hendricks at dhusna68@mchsi.com. (for the short term)