



KVAS NOTES 6/16/17

The KVAS met at the Hansford Center in St. Albans at 7:00 for the June meeting. Rodney Waugh opened the meeting with a thank you note from Brent Ogle's wife for the club's remembrance of Brent and his commitment to the club. A thank you note was sent to Jacqueline Sheppard for her contribution. Also mentioned was the loss of Howie Gladder, a well-known astronomer from New York.

The 9mm telescope that was ordered as a part of the Blackwater raffle arrived. The Willson's telescope, originally donated as a partner in the raffle, was reconditioned and sold by Ed Connors. The money will be used in another way for the Blackwater Falls raffle. The Star Party at Blackwater will be on September 14-16, and the club's September meeting will be held at the lodge. There have been 2 confirmations for speakers and 37 vendor letters have been mailed for additional prizes.

The July meeting date for the club will be held on July 28 at the Hansford Center due to the conflict of Star Quest at Greenbank. Danny Blair made the motion and was seconded by Ed Connors. The August meeting will be held on September 2 with the annual picnic. Ed Connors made the motion that the club would provide the meat, buns, paper goods and drinks and that members would provide side dishes. Janet Willson seconded this.

Rodney Waugh showed a Summer Sky Lecture by the Great Courses.

Ed Connors spoke about the eclipse in August and shared that looking thru a solar eyepiece could be dangerous if not done correctly. Solar filters should be used at the furthest position from the eyepiece **and not the closest point to the eye.** Damage to the eye can occur if the solar filter is used incorrectly. Physically the best place for observing the eclipse in August is in the center of the eclipse margin for the approximately 2 ½ minute duration.

Come and join us for the picnic on September 2, 2017 at Breezy Point and at Blackwater Falls on September 14-16.

Those attending the June meeting:

Kaitlin Bedekovich

Ed Connors

Chuck Spann

Steve Tracey

John and Janet Willson

Ted Eldin

Michael Riggs

Ernie Powell

Danny and Sandy Blair

Linda and Mindy Carte

Robert Dean

John Dennis

Jason Tracey

Rodney and Judy Waugh

Bob and Deb Frostick

Notes by Deb Frostick, Secretary