

# Fairfield County Astronomical Society



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## MEETING NOTICE

The public is invited to attend.

Date: Tuesday June 8, 2010

Time: 8:00 pm

Place: Stamford Observatory

8:00 pm Brief business meeting. Reports on the latest astronomy initiatives from the Museum, and a very special announcement of a new acquisition for our collection.

8:15 pm From the Science Channel: "Supersize Structures in The Universe." This video examines "The Giant Economy Size" in everything from planets to galaxies, to galaxy clusters, to superclusters of galaxies, and far beyond.

**SPECIAL NOTICE:** Friday evening the Museum will hold the Member's preview of the new exhibit "Earth From Space". You should all have received their announcement in the mail. **PLAN TO BE THERE TO SHOW OUR SUPPORT.** Invite family and friends, Let's make this one to remember!

**Also, don't forget the bi-monthly series of lectures on Friday evenings. Attendance has been fair, but would be better if we made the effort to support the series. Check our website or the Museum's for dates and subjects.**

Refreshments will be available.

If the weather is clear we may get in some observing after the meeting. Saturn is well placed the evening sky, with the rings nearly edge on.

## Minutes of the Tuesday May 11th, 2010 Meeting of the FCAS

### **Business Meeting:**

The meeting was called to order by Charles Scovil at ~ 8PM. About a dozen members were present including John G. via phone link. We held elections tonight. The current officers were reelected by acclamation and the secretary cast one vote. The circus is coming to town and a \$5 discount coupon is available to members. The antique car show, held at the SM&NC on May 2nd, was a big hit. The event netted over \$10k. Membership is up ~10% and entrance fees have been increased. Next year town subsidies to the Museum will be reduced by 25%. Many ideas for fund raising are being explored.

We are approaching our 50 year anniversary and plan a formal celebration. As many former members as can be located will be invited to the 50<sup>th</sup> celebration. Cal Powell is delivering the Friday night lectures these nights. The next Friday lecture will be held this week. They are presented bi monthly.

We might use the 22 inch telescope as video cameras and present the image on a large screen TV set on Friday nights to facilitate viewing by large numbers of people. A small camera that might be used for this application was displayed. The Lumenera is a great camera and should be considered. Charles plans to try out a number of combinations before selecting the system. A copy of the story of the Stamford Observatory video is available should anyone want one.

A population explosion has taken place on the farm and the many young animals present a great family viewing event.

**Main Program:**

A video on the use of telescopes to explore space was presented. Dark energy was introduced. This video presented a grand tour of the universe

Refreshments were served following the meeting.

**Bill Bambrick**

Secretary, FCAS