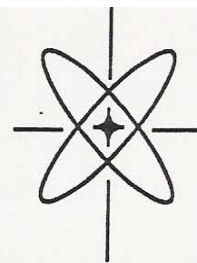


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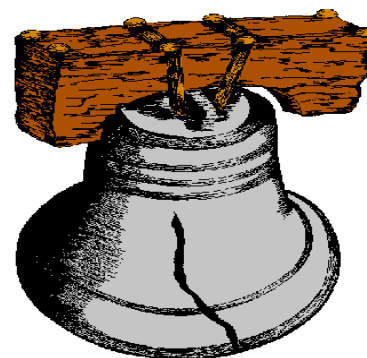
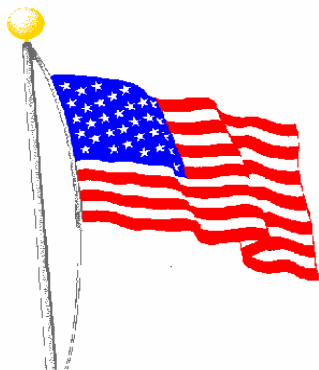
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HAPPY INDEPENDENCE DAY



JULY MEETING

The Memphis Astronomical Society will hold its regular monthly meeting at 8:00 P.M. on Friday, July 6th, 2007, in the Science Auditorium on the campus of Christian Brothers University at Parkway and Central. Members are urged to attend and to bring guests; the public is welcome.

PROGRAM

WELCOME * * President Moore will greet the members and guests and outline the evening's program.

BUSINESS * * The Treasurer's Report will be given by Treasurer Bill Wilson and the Minutes of the June Board of Directors Meeting will be read by Secretary Carrie Armus.

MEMBERSHIP DUES CHANGE * * Due to a change in Sky & Telescope's Billing Method, M.A.S. dues will no longer include the Sky & Telescope Subscription. Rather, going forward, each member will pay their subscription renewal directly to Sky & Telescope. Because of this change, the Board voted unanimously to lower the dues to an even \$25.00 per year, still due in October. When a new member joins they will still pay the \$55.00 for membership and the Sky & Telescope subscription and the pay only the \$25.00 thereafter. The membership must now vote on this at this next General Meeting at CBU.

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THE DAWN MISSION * *by Janet Howard

This is a most timely presentation. Due to blast off on Saturday, June 7th, the day following our General Meeting, The Dawn Mission will use ion propulsion to perform a flyby of the south polar region of Mars and then continue on to Ceres and Vesta.

BREAK * * Time to refresh and to mix and mingle.

ALTERNATE * * THE TWO DIPPERS * * by Lee Dunn.

We will have this if Janet doesn't need this time frame.

JULY OBSERVING SESSIONS * * The July Observing Sessions will be held on Saturday, July 14th at 8:45 P.M. and on Saturday, July 21st at 8:45 P.M. at our observing site near Lagrange, Tennessee. Maps and directions will be readily available at the General Meeting

PLANETS FOR JULY, 2007 * * by Richard Moore.

PLANET	DATE	R. A.		DEC		MAG.	RISE		SET	
		h	m	o	'		h	m	h	m
Venus	07/01	09	41	14	25	-5.3	09	27 AM	10	48 PM
	07/05	09	50	13	03	-5.4	09	24	10	37
	07/10	10	00	11	22	-5.4	09	20	10	23
	07/15	10	08	09	40	-5.4	09	12	10	06
	07/20	10	13	08	19	-5.3	09	02	09	47
	07/25	10	42	07	07	-5.2	08	47	09	25
	07/30	10	12	06	05	-4.9	08	28	09	00
Jupiter	07/01	16	41	-21	35	-2.6	06	12 PM	04	01 AM
	07/05	16	40	-21	32	-2.5	05	54	03	44
	07/10	16	38	-21	30	-2.5	05	33	03	22
	07/15	16	36	-21	28	-2.5	05	12	03	01
	07/20	16	35	-21	26	-2.4	04	51	02	41
	07/25	16	34	-21	25	-2.5	04	30	02	20
	07/30	16	33	-21	25	-2.5	04	10	02	00

COSMIC CHUCKLES * * by Richard Moore.

Musical Pain... Bach Pain.

MINUTES OF THE JUNE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

The June Board of Directors meeting was held at the annual picnic on June 9, 2007. President Moore opened the meeting at 8:36 P.M. Present were Richard Moore, Lee Dunn, Bill Wilson, Carrie Armus, Lee Cole, and Tom Lawrence. Tom Emens, Mark Matthews and Randy Roy, and Mark Thomas were absent.

The May minutes were approved with a correction to the date of the event at the Children's Museum of Memphis. The correct date is June 30.

The Treasurer's report was given. The previous balance was \$948.55. There was one deposit of \$55.00 and three disbursements totaling \$337.95, leaving a current balance of \$665.60.

Meteor Write Circulation will be 77.

In Old Business, a motion was made and seconded to reimburse Bill Wilson for flowers sent to Marguerite Cooper and passed unanimously.

In New Business, the agenda for July's general meeting was set. The observing session at Southaven Library was discussed. Lee Cole requested telescopes and assistance with a session for the Cub Scouts and families on June 21.

President Moore adjourned the meeting at 8:41 P.M.

Carrie Armus, Secretary