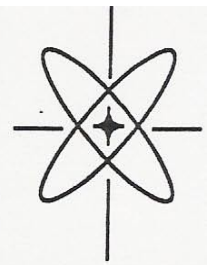


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## NO JUNE MEETING

The Memphis Astronomical Society will instead hold its annual picnic on Saturday, June 20<sup>th</sup>, 2009 near our observing site near LaGrange, Tennessee. Food will be served from 6:30 to 8:00 P.M. Each family is requested to bring a salad or desert and lawn chairs for their family. Anyone who can please bring a folding table and some folding chairs. Donations are \$5.00 for adults and children under 12 years of age are free. Also, please be sure to bring your telescopes, as we will endeavor to hold an observing session when the sky darkens.

RSVP You MUST make reservations by Thursday, June 18<sup>th</sup>, so we will know for how many to buy food. You may make your reservations by calling Richard Moore at 737-3278 or via e-mail at [wrhgmooore@aol.com](mailto:wrhgmooore@aol.com).

**JUNE OBSERVING SESSION** \* \* The June Observing Sesion will be held at the picnic.

**WELCOME TO NEW MEMBER** \* \* The M.A.S. welcomes its newest member: Terry Dowdle; 3325 Bonner Drive; Olive Branch, Mississippi 38654; 359-9611; [FDXAIRBUS@gmail.com](mailto:FDXAIRBUS@gmail.com).

Please help welcome Terry to the Society and add him to your membership listing.

**MAS E-MAIL ADDRESS:** [info@MemphisAstro.org](mailto:info@MemphisAstro.org)

**MAS WEB SITE URL:** <http://www.MEMPHISASTRO.ORG>

**THE PLANETS FOR JUNE, 2009\* \* by Richard Moore.**

PLANET	DATE	R. A.		DEC		MAG.	RISE		SET	
		h	m	o	'		h	m	h	m
Jupiter	06/01	21	57	-13	21	-2.5	12	56 AM	12	04 PM
	06/05	21	57	-13	19	-2.5	12	41	11	26
	06/10	21	58	-13	18	-2.6	12	22	11	07
	0615	21	58	-13	19	-2.6	12	02	10	48
	06/20	21	58	-13	21	-2.6	11	43 PM	10	28
	06/25	21	57	-13	25	-2.7	11	23	10	07
	06/30	21	57	-13	31	-2.7	11	02	09	47
Saturn	06/01	11	08	07	49	0.8	01	09 AM	01	51 AM
	06/05	11	09	07	46	0.8	12	54	01	36
	06/10	11	09	07	40	0.9	12	35	01	17
	0615	11	10	07	34	0.9	12	17	12	58
	06/20	11	11	07	27	0.9	11	58 PM	12	39
	06/25	11	12	07	19	0.9	11	40	12	20
	06/30	11	13	07	11	0.9	11	22	12	01

**WHAT's UP \* \* by Richard Moore.**

**JUNE, 2009**

**Visible Constellations**

Bootes      Corona Borealis      Libra      Serpens      Virgo

**Visible Planets**

Mars...      in the evening sky.  
 Saturn...      sets in late evening.

**Good Objects to Observe**

C52	elliptical galaxy in Virgo	NGC4565	galaxy
C45	spiral galaxy in Bootes	cm Librae	green star

***MINUTES OF THE MAY BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING***

May's Board meeting was held at the home of Carrie Armus on May 15, 2009. President Moore opened the meeting at 8:21 P.M. Present were Richard Moore, Bill Busler, Brenda Harris, Bill Wilson, Carrie Armus, Freddy Diaz, and Mark Matthews. Lee Cole, Tom Emens and Ric Honey were absent. April's minutes were read and approved.

Bill Wilson gave the treasurer's report. The previous reported balance was \$1942.38. There was one deposit of \$110.00 and four disbursements totaling \$227.57, leaving a new balance of \$1824.31.

Meteor Write circulation will be 94.

In Old Business, the exhibit at the main library was reviewed. Bill Wilson reported on the takedown and shipping of the exhibit and the submission of the visitor feedback forms collected. Village Creek's Spring Star Party was discussed, and Brenda Harris passed out observing lists and information. Brenda Harris gave an update on communication with Donna Thomas of the Craigmont Planetarium and reported on observings and events since the last board meeting and coming up in the near future. Bill Busler reported receipt of a thank you sent by Phil Mahon for the award given to his daughter, Madeline, for her science fair project. This also included a \$25.00 donation to the MAS.

In New Business, the list of board member responsibilities for June's annual picnic was set. A new member application from Terry Dowdle was read and discussed. Bill Wilson moved to accept the application. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously. Welcome Terry!

Brenda Harris suggested that the MAS join the Night Sky Network, a partnership made up of amateur astronomy clubs, NASA, Astronomical Society of the Pacific, and the Astronomical League, that could help the MAS obtain materials and training to be used for public outreach events. Brenda will apply as MAS's Night Sky Network Club Coordinator. Bill Busler suggested reviving a speakers exchange with other astronomy clubs within a reasonable distance. Possible partners and terms for the exchange were discussed, including a suggestion that the host club pay for lodging for the guest speakers. Bill Busler will start making contacts to find other clubs who are interested in such an exchange at this time.

President Moore adjourned the meeting at 9:20 P.M.

~Respectfully Submitted, Carrie Armus, Secretary