

CVA Minutes  
 Member Meeting  
 Saturday, July 10, 2004  
 7:00 pm  
 By Deborah Lusk-Secretary

Topic	Person Responsible	Discussion
Opening and Welcome	Brian Bellis	Brian welcomed members and visitors.
Friday Night at The Discovery Center	Brian Bellis	Roni Weil is pleased that the Friday night star parties have been so successful and that many CVA 'ers have been there to provide scopes for the public. They could use more scopes and CVA'ers. Friday night brought a weird occurrence about 9:44 pm in the sky. Brian was puzzled as to what it was.
Possible new high elevation sight found	Brian Bellis	Brian has found a great new site up in Kings Canyon National Park. Everyone is invited to check it out this next Tuesday night at a star party we have been asked to do for Camp San Joaquin. Call Brian for directions.
Guest speaker for October meeting	Debi Lusk	Debi has been in e-mail dialog with the person responsible for booking John Dobson of Sidewalk Astronomy fame. He has a break in his schedule and we have him tentatively booked for our October 2nd meeting. Someone is needed to pick him up in San Francisco on Friday October 1 <sup>st</sup> . (Greg Morgan has agreed to have him as a house guest and Brian Bellis has agreed to return him back up to San Francisco on Sunday.)
Telescope Mirror Grinding Workshop tour	Louie Mendoza	Tom Scott has offered to provide club members with a tour of his mirror grinding workshop at his home on Saturday, July 31 <sup>st</sup> at 7:00 pm. Tom's address is 4628 Cornell.
In Search of the Little Black Dot	Greg Morgan	Greg presented an informative talk on his recent quest for "The Little Black Dot—The Venus Transit"
Mars/Mercury Conjunction tonight	Brian Bellis	Brian hoped that we might be able to observe the Mars/Mercury conjunction later on in the evening.
Friday Nights at The Discovery Center	Roni Weil	The Star Parties on Friday nights will be ending on August 21 <sup>st</sup> . Roni wanted to come and personally thank everyone for their participation and to extend an invitation to a thank you dinner to be given at some time in the near future. Roni will be cooking.
A 2005 Martian Ball fundraiser type event	Roni Weil	A date needs to be picked for a 2005 Martian Ball fundraiser type event. CVA has been asked to pick a date around a significant celestial event sometime next year.
Gemini Space Capsule at The Discovery Center	Roni Weil	The Gemini Space Capsule at the Discovery Center needs to be refurbished. NASA will donate official Gemini parts if an indoor location can be made available to house the capsule. Roni would like a group from CVA to forma team to be in charge of the refurbishment.
Campus Observatory	Randy Steiner	CVA has privileges to use the Campus Observatory as supporters of the Downing Planetarium. Randy would like to inquire as to whether it would be possible for CVA'ers to learn how to use the Campus Observatory. It was suggested that we contact Fred Ringwald.