



Penobscot Valley Star Gazers

An Astronomical Society of Central Maine

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May 2009

Presidential Election Meeting

The May 2009 meeting of the PVSG will be on Monday the 11th at 6:30 p.m. in room 310 at John Bapst Memorial High School. We are not sure what the program will be, but watching the video about 400 years of telescopes was mentioned last month. Other entertainment will likely come from the attempts to convince people to run for president.

Thanks for last month's program go to Don for telling us about Twitter.

E-mail Excerpts

Club notes sent by e-mail since the last meeting
Simply for the record and for those for whom we have no e-mail addresses

Secretary's Report
Sorry, the minutes were unavailable.
April 2009

Come meet your president and vice-president at the May meeting of PVSG

And, you might ask - Just who might that be? Will it be Alan? Bob? Shirley? Ralph? Carolyn? The Brownies? Perhaps we could draw names from a hat - or better yet, send in your nominee to me so we

can have an election in May!:-) May you all have great viewing til then! Later, Wade

Camp Roosevelt Party

Hi all, Joe Alex contacted me last night and asked if it would be possible for a star party tonight. There will be 13 students and 3 or 4 councillors. I told him that at least I would be there about 8:00pm. If any would be available, please let me know! Later, Wade

Hi All, Friday night Don, Dave, and I went to Camp Roosevelt and had an unanticipated "rain date" star party for the group of 13 international students, some boy scouts, and assorted chaparones and scout leaders. Attached is the thank you note given me. Enjoy, Wade

Stella-Baloo by the Numbers

Thanks to all of you, many enjoyed Stella-Baloo. If you want to see the 'action' of Stella-Baloo, visit the web page on PVSG or GalaxyMaine where we posted 'yourselves' on YOUTUBE. Here are some of the statistics that show how well it was received: 42 balloons were distributed with signage, and only 6 survived the day. (Balloon nappers) About 50 stickers were awarded to AstroCat Prowlers by several activity

stations. 35 Science Lion Certificates were awarded! About 6 8th-grade students attended the evening talk and planetarium lessons. A surprising number of PVSG'ers managed to stay awake that late, too. 17 People had their pictures taken with the Alvan Clark refractor and emailed to

them 80 programs were left over of the 330 printed AND MANY ADULTS DID NOT TAKE ONE FOR THEMSELVES! I think we can safely estimate the crowd at over 300 visitors. There were 14 members of PVSG and 9 Jordan Planetarium staff members working the day plus spouses and friends who supported the project before and during Stella-Baloo. Despite the late hour (4pm) Dave had more than 30 attend his Astro-Science Demo show. Few if any participants were cross-overs from the other program taking place at the same time. (Destination Imagination) All of the cookies for the day events were consumed and most of the drinks. Thanks to all who brought in food to fuel our learning adventurers. No animals were harmed in the making of this IYA event. Respectfully submitted, Alan

On the Schedule

(Items Subject to Change)

PROGRAMS

?Bill, Hubble Upgrade

STAR PARTIES

?September 18 - 21: Night Sky Festival, Acadia National Park

First date is primary, second is rain date; ? Tentative; (rs) rain or shine; (co) clear only

MDI Festival

In addition to the attached message, who wishes to run for President and Vice President?

On May 6, 2009, at 8:07 AM, Wade wrote: Good morning Peter, Do you want the PVSG for just the one night on Cadillac or are there other nights and lo-

cations? Perhaps Dwight and or you would be able to firm this up at our next meeting 11 May, 2009 at 6:30pm held at John Bapts High School. The website looks great, and it appears as though there will be no shortage of activities! Thanks, Wade

From: Peter Wednesday, May 06, 2009 8:20 AM
Hi Wade, Nice to hear from you. Based on my talk

with Dwight, I'm hopeful that Cadillac is a only a minimum I know Dwight would like to have a viewing scheduled for every night (to up our odds we'll get a good night) and cover more of the Island. Its all a matter of lining up people and places then dodging the weather! Peter



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Wade and Stargazers of De Penobscot Valley
Thank you for taking time to
come out and share your passion
with us about the sky and universe.
We really appreciate you
showing our Northern Skies.
It will be remembered
by all of us!
Thank You
Jeanne, Staff + IYM Delegates
Dwight