

QCMUG Meeting Minutes
April 15, 2008
Norm Kelinson Room- Bettendorf Public Library

Attendance: There were 14 members and 2 guests present. Members: Keith Claussen, Joyce Erickson, Jim Hall, Wilma Hauser, Kevin Ketelsen, David Neese, Brett Neese, David Ochs, Don Patridge, Bill Rankin, Duke Roth, Don Schaefer, Kathy Schroeder. Cynthia Wieland,

Business Meeting

Old Business:

The web site is still not working. Solo Direct will no longer be hosting our site. We will continue to look for options.

New Business

Ridgecrest retirement center lab needs volunteers to help seniors with e-mail. They are using XP. If you volunteer four hours you will get a free noon meal. Contact Don Patridge and he will put you in contact with the volunteer coordinator there.

There was a short discussion about the CASI and help with the computers there. So far, there has not been much communication from CASI as to their exact needs.

Treasurers Report

There is a current balance of \$1,145.65 in the QCMug account, with another \$100 collected tonight for current and new memberships. We have a total of 57 members.

Program for April

Taking Astronomical Pictures then Digitizing Them
by Robert Custer

This was a fascinating, demonstration of how Robert converted his film photographs of the 2006 solar eclipse to digital images. As a secretary who's task it is to take notes on the program and write minutes so others can glean useful information from them, all I can say is "you had to be there to see it".

Robert began by showing the equipment he used. He explained that the eclipse lasted 3 minutes and 8 seconds (198 seconds) during which time he took 19 pictures. To get the film pictures to digital he added a slide copier to take a picture of a slide, used a strong light source, and took a digital picture of the slide.

Robert showed us the back of his shirt, which told of his trip to Turkey for the 2006 eclipse. The 40th latitude and 35th longitude line is close to where he visited. We watched a slideshow of the trip and he told us about the many interesting people and sights. The area where the group viewed the eclipse had amazing geological formations that were the result of volcanic activity followed by weathering. All I can say is that if you ever want to take pictures of an Eclipse, talk to Robert! It takes a great deal of patience and skill, but the results are spectacular. Thank you Robert, for sharing this wonderful experience.

The next meeting will be May 20th, and Duke will present about using your Mac when traveling.
Respectfully submitted,
Kathy Schroeder, secretary