

September Meeting Minutes – 09/06/2025 taken by Jeff Ratino

Attendance

No new members or guests

Image of the Month – Helix Nebula Steve Fishman

**President's Report:**

- Porta-Potties installed, Thanks Ian, Phil, Marty
  - With Ultra-Soft TP
  - Will eventually be locked and lighted
- July/Aug Events
  - Holden Arboretum: very happy with many attendees saying CVAS portion was their favorite part of the sleepover
  - Super Star Party: Great turnout by CVAS 10 scopes, poor turnout
  - St. Laurence: 45 people in attendance, Great feedback, discussed possibility of moving forward with an annual event
    - Tim: very happy, also expressed making it annual, Aug 15<sup>th</sup> 2026
    - Also discussed another event this year around the Orionids meteor shower. Possibly Oct 18<sup>th</sup>
  - Nassau: 67 visitors, Gus, Russ and another CVAS member.
    - Jeff suggested if two events the same night and one has more volunteers, some get shifted to Nassua
- 800 hits on our website, feel due to all of these events
- Upcoming Events:
  - Nature at Night: Sept 20<sup>th</sup>, North Chagrin Nature Center, at least 5 volunteers, need to setup between 6-6:30 so we have access with our vehicles
  - Nassau Nights: Sept 20<sup>th</sup>, 8PM
  - Sukkot Event: Oct 11<sup>th</sup>, South Euclid Park, Marty will let us know the exact location and time
  - Chagrin Valley Arts Council: Tues Oct 28<sup>th</sup>, Mtg/Tour of IHO
- Willie creating CVAS YouTube Channel. Suggestions for ideas welcome
- Work on a New Brochure over the Winter
- New website – Patrick, Russ, Willie
- GroupMe – Disseminate information,
- Change Post Office Box to Claridon, closer and cheaper. Need to vote to amend constitution. Tabled until Christmas Party/Mtg, more members in attendance.

- Nominated Willie for Vice President, also to be voted on at December mtg/Party

### **Laz Observation Report**

- Posted on website
- Titan transit of Saturn Sept 20<sup>th</sup>, beginning at 1AM, Saturn also in Opposition.
- 2 comets visible with binoculars or telescope:
  - Comet 24P/Schaumasse
  - Comet 3I/ATLAS – interstellar
  - Fall observation challenge: Quasar APM 08279+5255

### **Treasurer's Report**

- Received check from Marty for Super Star Party

### **Editor's Report**

- Deadline for next edition: November 30<sup>th</sup>
- Suggestion take pictures and small write up for events CVAS attends as article for upcoming issues

### **Park Liaison Report**

- County has had meetings and is serious about getting the 36" scope repaired

### **Historian Report**

- The most current version of the Constitution is in the Valley SkyWatcher
- Vote on changing the requirement to vote on new members at the Dec mtg
- Mahoning Valley member from PA said they are trying to band together similar to the OTA, ie organize PA clubs. Main goal is to preserve the degrading skies of Cherry Springs. Suggested that CVAS help

### **New Business**

- Willie suggested astrophotography club members collaborate on a chosen target. Suggestion were made to pick a couple of ranges of focal length. Pick a daet that the data needs to be completed by.
- Inventory list is already out of date
- CVAS member from New Hampshire told us that his club in NH received a \$25k donation from Fidelity for their general fund.

