

Cleveland and Darlington Astronomical Society
Minutes of The First Special Ordinary Meeting
Held on Wednesday, September 28th, 2010 at 1930hrs
in The Planetarium, Wynyard Woodland Park

Messier Bingo

A new format of CaDAS meeting, to supplement the monthly lecture series, had been suggested for some time. The general idea was to allow members to participate in the evening's activities, to make it as informal as possible and provide opportunities for members to become acquainted with one another. Ed Restall and Rob Peeling had devised and planned a session of "Messier Bingo". They had put a lot of effort, time and knowledge into providing a PowerPoint programme to project the pictures and the (random) bingo cards on which the numbers represented a Messier object. If that object was projected by the (random) PowerPoint, the card would be marked accordingly and, when complete, that person won the prize.

The other participation twist was that participants were asked to recognise the picture of the Messier object. Rob added interesting background information on each object, so we all learned about the objects, the history of the Messier Catalogue, where the objects were, as well as what they actually looked like.

Twelve members were present, as well as Ed and Rob running the whole thing. Barry Hetherington won the "bingo" and a prize. Ed had provided tea, coffee and biscuits to encourage some socialising. The evening closed at about 2100. It is hoped that a good time was had by all and that more members will attend the next informal meeting, to be held early in 2011. The format and general development of the "workshop" idea is continuing to be discussed by the Committee.

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