Galilean Nights Event ID: gn1,106

Number of telescopes: 2 Number of organisers: 2 Number of attendees: 50+

Event photos: My photographs were previously sent to Mahoney, and I am NOT joining flicker; enough,

already.

Event Report:

Promptly at 6:08PM Jupiter jumped out of the twilight over 5th Ave. directly over the building where our famous redtail hawks, Pale Male and Lola have their nest. The crescent moon was shining brightly over the glow of Times Square in the southwest. We had a very enthusiastic parade of viewers seeing the wonders of the night sky, many of them for the first time. Some had seen the listing on the Galilean Nights website.

People were fascinated by the view of the "old moon in the new moon's arms" and the fact that the illumination of the dark side was the result of earthshine from the clouds over asia.

We challenged people to name Jupiter's lovers and remined them that one of them was so famous that a continent was named after her.

Jupiter's moons did a wonderful ballet of crossing each other and moving quite a bit during the evening.

Clouds arrived shortly after 9:00PM and ended our session.