

Galilean Nights Event ID: gn608

Number of telescopes: 9

Number of organisers: 4

Number of attendees: 23

Event Report:

One of the organizers gave a brief presentation on light pollution. Another gave a brief presentation on Jupiter and LCROSS using some of the slides in the Galilean Nights Jupiter PowerPoint presentation. The sky was cloudy so we were not able to observe or participate in the Worldwide star count. So, instead of counting the stars in Cygnus to estimate the limiting magnitude at our location, we used the Worldwide star count template to estimate the limiting magnitude of the Sky and Telescope star map we had printed out. This allowed people to become familiar with a star map, learn about limiting magnitudes, and discuss interpolation. In the region of Cygnus, we learned the limiting magnitude of the chart was between 4 and 5.