

CADAS August 2019 meeting notes.

We were joined by visitors Evie and her dad Clarke and also by Richie Morgan. Nice to meet you.

Bob Mizon's 'objects of the month' were the more notable galaxies in Leo. He was followed by Gordon MacKenzie who shared images including the Veil and North American nebulae he'd captured using a remote telescope in New Mexico run by the organization itelescope..

Jan Wrightson entertained us a series of brilliant sketches she'd made of the comet Hale Bopp as it developed over time. This vividly showed the benefits of making sketches at the eyepiece. And she's very good at it!

Inspired by Bill Reed's images last month, Terry Evans had a go at narrowband images of the Veil Nebula and Ron showed these for Terry who couldn't be there. 'Had a go' doesn't quite do them justice!

Ron Westmaas had a few solar images and a movie of the ISS transiting the sun. Blink and you missed it!

Bud Budzinski then shared some of his top class lunar images.

At the interval we were treated to delicious home made cakes baked by the fair hand of Pete Adshead. Versatile chap that Pete! And many thanks.

Gadgets and gizmos was the theme and gadgets and gizmos there were in abundance. Here is a flavor of the variety.

A unique home made electric collimator for an SCT by Bud.

A artists' light box adapted for use as a flats panel by Pete who was inspired by Bill Reed.

A home made mount and brass counterweights by Martyn Spice.

Use of the Eagle3, Ecco and Sesto Senzo controllers described by Gordon. (He can now stay in the warm whilst imaging).

A home made Duncan collimation mask was described by Ken Honor who also shared some narrowband images.

Ron brought his trusty £5 home made binocular parallelogram mount and compared this with a recent advertisement for one costing £1995 which does the same job.

It was a full and lively evening!

Thanks to everyone who pitched in with the serving and washing up. Great teamwork!

At our next meeting on 18 September Alan Dowdwell's talk will be on the Herschels of Berkshire.