

Minutes of the ordinary meeting of the Cape circle of the ASSA.  
held at the SAO on Wednesday, 12 October 1983.

The meeting opened late with an apology from the Chairman Mr Soltyski explaining that a little trouble had been experienced in finding keys to the lecture room.

He then welcomed members & visitors among whom were Mr John Lewis from Manchester and Mr Peter Bullock from Oxford.

Apologies for absence were received from Mrs. Sessions and Mr & Mrs. Kramer.

The minutes of the previous meeting held on the 14<sup>th</sup> September were read by Mrs. P. Booth acting as meeting secretary. These were accepted and signed by the chairman as correct.

The chairman then announced the following forthcoming activities:

- 26<sup>th</sup> October - an informal meeting at which a film on the Crab Nebula would be shown.
- 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> November - a weekend camping expedition to Algeria was being arranged.
- 9<sup>th</sup> November - Mr Cliff Twork would talk on amateur Variable Star observations
- 21<sup>st</sup> November - Mr Danie Overbeek from the Transvaal would discuss minor Planetary occultations at an informal meeting.

The chairman then welcomed Mr. Alan Dyer onto the committee as a co-opted member.

He announced that Mr. Peter van Rensburg was actively engaged in taking the Ron Atkins Telescope apart & soon hoped to be ready to invite members help in putting it together again.

The chairman also announced that Mr. Churns had in his keeping a 3" old brass telescope for sale and would be available at tea to discuss the matter.

The chairman then reported some preliminary results of the survey of members.

The chairman then called upon Dr Mack to say a few words on observing. Dr Mack then repeated the relevant sections of the Cape Observer Observational Notes and reminded members of his interest in naked eye observations of the phases of Venus. He also mentioned that comet Kohff was a very good photographic object. He then drew members' attention to the photographic competition of the moon either against an interesting background or as viewed through a telescope. He then asked members intending to visit Algeria to bring along 35 mm cameras and telescopes.

Dr. Fuhr then asked how soon would it be time to prepare for the return of Halley's comet. Dr. Mack replied that there was plenty of time as this event was only due in mid 1985.

The chairman then introduced the speaker Dr. Tom Lloyd Evans of the SAO who was to speak on Carbon stars.