Astronomy Picture of the Day in Meetings



The apod.nasa.gov website has shown an astronomy related picture each day since 1995 such as the Cat's Eye Nebula shown. There's a short description of the photo by an astronomer.

Often they are about a special event such a solar eclipse - https://apod.nasa.gov/apod/ap211205.html

Or a video such as from the ISS of a rocket launch - https://apod.nasa.gov/apod/ap200401.html

Or whimsical - https://apod.nasa.gov/apod/ap200401.html.

Perhaps each meeting a different member could be asked to pick an APOD, hopefully since the last meeting. They could either talk about it or read the commentary. If the club has a computer and projector, they just have to search such as "APOD DEC. 3, 2017" to get a wonderful video of the moon rising on that date.

The main website https://apod.nasa.gov/apod/ gives today's image.

At the bottom just left of Archive, the arrow lets a student go back through the days to pick a suitable image since the last meeting.

Tomorrow's picture: pixels in space

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It is possible to make APOD the wall paper for a computer: https://apps.microsoft.com/detail/9wzdncrfj1xh?hl=en-us&gl=US.

If a guest speaker is coming to a meeting, an image related to her/his talk can be found using the search function.

PS The Cat's Eye Nebula can be seen with a telescope in a dark sky location during summer evenings. A club at a school having a predator cat as their sport mascot picked "Cat's Eye" as their club name.