

# Rose-Hulman Astronomy Club

## Meeting Minutes for 2008-05-01

### Astronomy Fact of the Week

If we could travel in a spaceship at a speed of 50,000 km/hr, it would take over 88,000 years to reach the star that is nearest of all to our sun, Proxima Centauri (the New Horizons space probe attained this speed escaping Earth's gravity).

- We discussed the party, for which our budget is \$200, and narrowed down the activities and food.
- Movies
  - Cosmos (Carl Sagan)
  - Contact
  - Serenity
  - Apollo 13
- Snacks
  - Eight Pizzas
  - Eclipse and Orbit Gum
  - Mars Bars
  - Starburst
  - Milky Way Midnight
- Beverages
  - Orange Crush
  - Mountain Dew
- Prizes
  - Three Posters
  - Candy
- We discussed the rest of the year activities:
  - Finishing the telescope (i.e. grinding)
  - Buying a new lock for the gate
  - T-shirt orders
  - Jackets (possibly next year)
- We hope to go on the trip next weekend, weather permitting, but we will postpone it until next year if necessary.