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Jay Pasachoff memorium 2
Friends - I consider us so fortunate to have this forum to document our remembrances of Jay Pasachoff, so that future generations (who might otherwise know him only as a name in a by-line) might under
By Dan McGlaun · 3:26am

Prof. Jay Pasachoff - most eclipses?? 6
> It mentions that Jay observed 74 eclipses, quite an accomplishment, a lot more than me. > However, for numbers of eclipses, I think Paul Maley holds the record at 80 Both numbers are correct, accord
By Daniel Fischer · 3:26am

Solar eclipses in 1960 and 1963
Checking further, the eclipse on Sept. 20, 1960 was only a partial, with no central eclipse on Earth; I don't have a recollection of observing it, although I was in the region of visibility, in Berkel
By David Dunham · Nov 22

Today's New York Times hardcopy - Prof. Jay Pasachoff 6
Be sure to acquire hardcopy version of today's NYT, November 22, where Jay receives full honors on page B11.
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Thanks for this, and the link to the fine obituary for Jay; so sad that he is no longer with us. It mentions that Jay observed 74 eclipses, quite an accomplishment, a lot more than me. However, for nu
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Jay's Textbook 2
I never had the honor of meeting Jay Pasachoff, but I can tell you, in my opinion and others in my Dept. his textbook was one of the best written into astronomy textbooks around, IMHO it was the best.
By Francis Graham · Nov 22

S&T: "A Celebration of Jay Pasachoff"
Y'all, Sky & Telescope invited me to write a remembrance of Jay Pasachoff, and it's now posted on S&T's website: <https://skyandtelescope.org/astronomy-news/a-celebration-of-jay-pasachoff-1943-2022/> Ri
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Remembering Jay
I am privileged to have been friends with Jay. He was a remarkable human being and touched so many people. When you heard Jay giving a talk on solar eclipses, you were witnessing a master class in sci
By Michael Zeiler · Nov 22

Jay and Naomi in Copenhagen
Years ago while working as the information manager at the Tycho Brahe Planetarium in Copenhagen, I had the pleasure of having Jay and Naomi Pasachoff as guest for two days. They were shown the birthpl
By ego@... · Nov 22

Jay, RIP 3
Bette and I drove Jay and Naomi to Dana Farber in Oct of 2019 when his local doctor first caught a spot on his lung. We were elated when his doctors said he appeared to beat it. But not atypically, it
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Occultation of 10.0-mag. star by the large binary asteroid (90) Antiope tomorrow evening
All of the files about tomorrow evening's occultation by the large binary asteroid (90) Antiope have now been uploaded to an updated version of IOTA's special main-belt asteroids occultations page at
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By [Charles Fulco](#) · Nov 14

Tuesday night's lunar eclipse 2
Great night. Moon rose during penumbral phase. At my location, Canberra, the partial commenced 40 mins after moonrise, totality during mid-evening and partial ended just before midnight. Report and ph
By [Joe Cali](#) · Nov 12

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 Stephen Bedingfield Nov 20 #30611

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*"Though my soul may set in darkness, it will rise in perfect light;
I have loved the stars too fondly to be fearful of the night."*
- Sarah Williams, The Old Astronomer to His Pupil

Stephen
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.Life is not measured by the number of breaths we take,
but by the moments that take our breath away.
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- Anonymous
.Sent via electromagnetic transmission.

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Rick Fienberg Nov 20 #30615

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Nov 20 #30620

Joe Rao

Very sad news. Dr. Jay Pasachoff and I exchanged many emails over the years. We shared the microphone in February 1998 on NPR's Science Friday with Ira Flatow just prior to the total solar eclipse that occurred later that month. It was an honor to know him as he was a legend in the field of both solar eclipses as well as studies about the Sun. Our good friend, Glenn Schneider worked with Jay on a project to study the solar corona on Glenn's famous eclipse flight over the North Pole in August 2008.

We have lost a true giant in the field of astronomy. 😞

-- joe r.

NY Times Obituary: tinyurl.com/3c7hcejh

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Nov 20 #30622

Christopher Cerf

This is devastating news. Jay and I were classmates at Harvard in 1963, and remained dear friends ever after. Thanks to Jay, and as part of his merry band of eclipse fanatics who would happily follow him literally *anywhere*, I've traveled the world — to Kenya, to Australia, to Antarctica (well, at least over it), and to Easter Island, not to mention several more (relatively) mundane spots. Two days after we got married in 1972, my first wife Geneviève and I even spent part of our honeymoon with Jay in Prince Edward Island observing the July 10 total eclipse (I prefer to call it the "You're So Vain" eclipse) in northeastern Canada. (Donald.Menzel was part of that memorable expedition, as well.)

I consider myself incredibly fortunate that I got to have a warm, memory-filled drink with Jay just a few weeks ago when he last visited New York. We talked about the upcoming eclipses in Iberia (my current wife, Katherine, is Portuguese-American, and we frequently visit there), and I didn't have an inkling that this would be the last time Jay and I would get to spend time together. I'll miss him profoundly, and all my love and warm wishes go out to Naomi, and to Jay and Naomi's wonderful daughters, Deborah and Eloise.

— Chris Cerf

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Nov 20 #30602

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--govert

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Nov 20 #30603

Rick Fienberg

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 Sarah Marwick

Nov 20 #30604 

Sad news. RIP Jay.

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 David Baron

Nov 20 #30605 

I am heartbroken. Jay profoundly changed my life, and he was so inexplicably kind to me on many occasions. It's going to take some time for me to process this news. What a loss.

David

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 Joel Harris

Nov 20 #30606 

Really sad, sad news.

I knew Jay for the better part of 50 years, first from the 1973 eclipse that his mentor, Doc Mensel had a team observing (including myself) in Mauritania, and then a number of times thereafter, when our paths crossed in other places....

RIP Dr Pasachoff --- we've lost another shining beacon in our world of umbraaddicts.

Joel Harris
Newbury Park, CA



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Kidinvs Nov 20 #30607

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Mike Simmons Nov 20 #30608

I'm stunned and really sad to hear this. I wrote to Jay a while back to see if he'd be at Caltech any time soon so he, Naomi, and I could get together as we often did. I had no idea. Jay seemed to keep going no matter what. This is a big loss to a lot of people.

Mike

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Terry Moseley Nov 20 #30609

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Nov 20 #30610

Christiaan Klein Lebbink

Deeply saddening. A great loss.
My heartfelt condolences.

Christiaan

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Nov 20 #30612

Ralph Chou

I worked with Jay on the various IAU solar eclipse committees/groups for over 20 years and enjoyed his company at several solar eclipses, the latest being 2017 in Salem, OR. We were planning to get together at Williams to look at the collection of solar viewers that he had amassed over the years. We also shared the podium at most of the Solar Eclipse Conferences over the years and I recall the celebration of his birthday at the one in Belgium.
Condolences and best wishes to Naomi and the rest of the Pasachoff family.
Ralph Chou

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Nov 20 #30614

Toby Dittrich

ALL: What sad news-- let's all work to have a memorial session for Jay at the Seattle AAS meeting this summer.. More on this later.. RIP Mr. SUPER ECLIPSE CHASER and GREAT HISTORIAN of astronomy..
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William A.(Toby) Dittrich

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Juneau Icefield Research Program (www.juneaulcefield.com)

Carl Sagan Narrates: "WANDERERS" <https://apod.nasa.gov/apod/ap180429.html>

"Exploration is in our nature. We began as wanderers, and we are wanderers still. We have lingered long enough on the shores of the cosmic ocean. We are ready at last to set sail for the stars."
— Carl Sagan, *Cosmos*

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 Wright, Ernest T. (GSFC-606.4)[UNIVERSITIES SPACE RESEARCH ASSOCIATION]

Such sad news. Jay had mentioned to me just two months ago that he had started work on the latest revision of his field guide.

- Ernie

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 Tom Haeberle Nov 20 #30618 [Link](#)

So very sad to hear this, I was hoping to meet with Jay one more time. We last met in person back in 2012 with the Amateur Astronomer Association members in NYC at a Coffee Shop. We talked about Eclipses and the upcoming transit of Venus. He last gave a talk for our club back in April 2019 at the Museum of natural history in the Kaufman theater as he has done before. We communicated from time to time about various subjects but mostly eclipses. I recently wrote a piece about Jay in our club newsletter ending with: "Jay, the 2012 recipient of the Janssen Medal, Society of Astronomy in France and further recipient of the Royal Astronomy Society, grew up in New York City, where he was the gifted child of immigrant parents, and continues to claim a heart for the Amateur Astronomers Association. I trust we will be hearing more of the mysteries of Eclipses, as well as from Dr. Pasachoff." My condolences to Jay's family.

Tom H.

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 Mark Sood Nov 20 #30619 [Link](#)

I am in shock to hear to hear the passing of Prof. Jay Pasachoff. Jay, Naomi and I met for the first time in 1980 when I had the opportunity to manage the Solar Eclipse tour he was leading to Hyderabad India. As the luck would have it I moved to United States and connected with Jay and Naomi again in 1994. Since 1995 we organized Solar Eclipse trips together each time and were looking forward to trips in 2023, 2024 and beyond. I will miss him dearly and so will many of our tour participants. It will be hard to fill up his void on future tours. My condolences to Naomi, Eloise, Deborah, and family.

May his soul rest in Peace. May god give his family strength to bear the loss.

Sadly,

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 Terry Cuttle Nov 20 #30621 [Link](#)

Very, very sad indeed. He will be greatly missed. Always going out of his way to give any assistance he could to eclipse outreach activities. My eclipse education material draws much from his books and his advice. I have great memories of joint presentations and cooperation at multiple eclipses. Sincere condolences to Naomi and extended family.
Terry Cuttle

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 Dr Kate Russo Nov 20 #30623 [Link](#)

It's fair to say that we are all shocked and saddened by this news. We have lost a founding member of our eclipse-chaser community.

I first met Jay (and Naomi, along with many of you here too) in 2005 on board the Galapagos Legend as we rocked and rolled our way to get into the path for the hybrid eclipse. My impression of Jay right from day one was that he was someone who loved what he did, and carried on regardless without making a fuss despite his own personal discomfort. I mean this in a very literal sense - as the boat rocked and rolled, he would be mid-presentation to us all and would suddenly turn green, before running from the room for a few minutes. He would then return and pick up where he left off, pausing occasionally to make a judgment about whether he should again leave. Sometimes he did. He just got on with it.

Over the years, I would often be interviewed by a journalist who had just talked to him, and they had nothing but positive things to say, highlighting how he stood out in terms of his encouragement, patience, and kindness. He gave so much of his time to ensure they could write their stories that would convey his passion.

Jay would occasionally send emails with attachments and links to various articles, stories and resources he thought I may be interested in. Or else it would be a quick one-liner here and there, acknowledging something I had done or achieved. He seemed to be omnipresent, always there in the background whenever I was at a live or online event, and he would drop a quick personal line to let you know he was there. He was very thoughtful.


I never knew him well, but it seems he continued doing what he loved doing until the end, without wanting to make a fuss despite his own obvious personal discomforts.

I hope these personal messages here can be collated and passed on to Naomi and his family so they know how he touched the lives of so many of us.

May he rest forever in the Moon's shadow.

Kate

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Dr Kate Russo



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Dr Kate Russo
Author, Psychologist, Eclipse Chaser,
Founder, Being in the Shadow
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 mohamad soltanolkotabi Nov 21 #30625 [Link](#)



Such a shocking news. I can't believe he is not among us anymore. He supported Eclipse262728 since 2016 generously like a father. Last summer we talked about celebrating his 39th totality in Spain in 2026. Condolences to his family and the eclipse chasers community
Mohamad Sol
www.eclipse262728.com

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Nov 21 #30626

 Stefano Rosoni

I wrote to him last 18, driven partly by nostalgia and partly by planning for the next solar eclipse. Having heard the very sad news, I express my sincere condolences to his wife Noemi and to the whole family.

Stefano Rosoni
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Date: ven 18 nov 2022 alle ore 11:03
To: <stefano.rosoni@...>

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Da: **Stefano Rosoni** <stefano.rosoni@...>
Date: ven 18 nov 2022 alle ore 12:58
To: Jay Pasachoff <jmp@...>

Hi Jay,
How are you? I hope you well.
Watching into the Espenak site, I discovered several points with a good duration to go for the next Hybrid Solar Eclipse, that are (besides many little islands hardly to reach) Timor Est (Indonesia), Exmouth peninsula (Australia) and Antalisa (West Papua, Indonesia) where is a little School exactly on the centerline, whose location I send you in attach the google maps link.
I noticed that in your usual site the relative tour does not appear, and therefore I ask you if this time you will go to a place for this eclipse and if it may be a good idea to contact the Antalisa's School on your part in order to arrange a shipment right there.
Always remembering our meetings with great joy, the last one in Indonesia in Ternate, I greet you with great friendship.
Stefano

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Nov 20 #30613

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I was devastated to hear that Jay has died. I had just e-mailed him a few hours earlier. He and I frequently exchanged e-mails. I last heard from him on October 21.

I have known Jay since 1991. I have been posting about him on Facebook today, and I will consolidate my posts to share on SEML. I know I can't post photos here, and so I will upload photos to my web site and provide links so I can share them here.

-- EVAN

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Nov 21 #30624

Sheridan Williams
So sad, Jay was the one you could always rely on to speak at the Solar Eclipse Conferences. Jay and Naomi visited me a couple of times when he was in England. Conversations were always fascinating.
Condolences to his family.

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Sheridan
Email: sheridan@...

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Nov 21 #30627

Stefano Rosoni
Hi Sheridan,
I wrote to him last 18, driven partly by nostalgia and partly by planning for the next solar eclipse.
Having heard the very sad news, I express my sincere condolences to his wife Noemi and to the whole family.
I will always remember his great soul. Death does not eliminate but changes the aspect of our human relationships.
Stefano Rosoni

Hi Jay,

SEML@groups.io | Jay

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Stefano Rosoni

Hi Jay,
How are you? I hope you well.
Watching into the Espenak site, I discovered several points with a good duration to go for the next Hybrid Solar Eclipse, that are (besides many little islands hardly to reach) Timor Est (Indonesia), Exmouth peninsula (Australia) and Antalisa (West Papua, Indonesia) where is a little School exactly on the centerline, whose location I send you in attach the google maps link.
I noticed that in your usual site the relative tour does not appear, and therefore I ask you if this time you will go to a place for this eclipse and if it may be a good idea to contact the Antalisa's School on your part in order to arrange a shipment right there.
Always remembering our meetings with great joy, the last one in Indonesia in Ternate, I greet you with great friendship.
Stefano

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Mário Ramos Nov 21 #30628

I express my sincere condolences to the whole family.

Mário Ramos
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 Toby Dittrich

Message for All Jay's Friends and Associates:

We all mourn this huge loss and want to send the family our most sincere condolences. Most of you have had a long and enriching relationship with the Distinguished Professor Jay Pasachoff, much more so than I. However, my first thought is to have a Memorial Session at AAS Seattle as a last minute edition to the plans for the summer meeting in Seattle. I am not in the leadership of AAS so I cannot do much to create this, so I am asking others to help make this happen. If AAS cannot do this officially in the meeting program, perhaps through this email server group a Memorial can be organized outside of the meeting during the period when many astronomers will be in Seattle at the meeting.

Jay invited me to give an Invited Talk at the AAS Pasadena meeting this past summer, and that was one of the highlights of my career. I hope I can pay him back for this great honor by helping to create a Memorial Session for this giant in the area of Ellipse Science and Eclipse Chasing.

If you can help promote this idea, please give me a personal email at tdittrich@... if you want the discussion to be private.

With a sad heart for the passing of a great man, TOBY 503 516 2981

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William A.(Toby) Dittrich

Professor of Physics, PCC Sylvania Campus
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Carl Sagan Narrates: "WANDERERS" <https://apod.nasa.gov/apod/ap180429.html>

"Exploration is in our nature. We began as wanderers, and we are wanderers still. We have lingered long enough on the shores of the cosmic ocean. We are ready at last to set sail for the stars."
— Carl Sagan, *Cosmos*

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Jay, RIP

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Nov 21 #30629

 Charles Fulco

Bette and I drove Jay and Naomi to Dana Farber in Oct of 2019 when his local doctor first caught a spot on his lung. We were elated when his doctors said he appeared to beat it. But not atypically, it apparently metastasized to other areas. We obviously respected their wish for privacy with this. Even though I was anticipating this outcome for a short while, it still is very difficult to take.

I'm incredibly happy that he asked me to write the online question bank for what turned out to be his final college text. But I think my favorite memento is my original Aug 1970 Nat Geo (the issue that highlighted the Mar 70 TSE) that he signed for me.

I treasure his texts and emails, and will never delete them. I also count my blessings that Bette and I accompanied J & N to Patagonia for the 2017 annular eclipse (you can see all of us on the PBS Nova special about TSE2017).

I was hoping to finally share totality with him and his orange pants in Mazatlan in 2024. Alas.

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- Certified Google Educator/Science Literacy Specialist

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Nov 21 #30631

 jls4c@...

I first learned of Dr. Pasachoff during a live NBC telecast of the March 7, 1970 TSE from Mexico when he accompanied an expedition led by Don Menzel, and I still have my copy of the August, 1970 issue of National Geographic magazine which contains a report on that expedition. During the Fall of 1973, I reviewed a Sky & Telescope article on the solar corona authored by Dr. Pasachoff for an astronomy class I was taking at UCLA. It wasn't until July of 1991, though, that I had the pleasure of meeting Jay Pasachoff in person on the big island of Hawaii prior to the July 11 TSE when he was giving a lecture about the eclipse at the hotel at which I was staying. He was impressed that I knew the exact dates of the next total (May 3, 2106), annular (February 5, 2046), and partial (January 4, 1992) eclipses that would be visible from the Big Island. Unfortunately, we would be clouded out of that eclipse known as "The Big One" because of its long duration of totality.

It would be nearly 11 years before our paths crossed again in Puerto Vallarta, Mexico as he gave a lecture on a rocky boat ride off shore to view a sunset annular eclipse on June 10, 2002. Again, clouds interfered with our view, but through a slit in the clouds just above the horizon, both sides of the annulus were visible for about 20 seconds. I refer to this event as the double diamond ring annular eclipse. On the following day, we were on the same flight up to Los Angeles. Less than six months later, we saw each other in Ceduna, Australia and conversed prior to the December 4, 2002 TSE, which lasted all of 32 seconds at that location, but at least it was clear.

We flew on the same flight from New York to Athens in March of 2006 prior to the TSE that crossed the Mediterranean Sea, which I observed from aboard a cruise ship east of the Greek Isle of Rhodes.

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Following the July 2, 2019 TSE which I observed airborne on a flight out of and back into Easter Island, Jay and I crossed paths at the Santiago, Chile airport as he was getting ready to board a Los Angeles bound flight and I was getting ready to fly to Miami and connect on through Dallas back to my home north of Seattle.

The final time I spent with Jay Pasachoff was just under a year ago, when we again met in Santiago, had dinner together with a few other umbraphiles, then traveled down to Punta Arenas to take E-Flight 2021 to view the December 4 TSE over the extreme SW Atlantic Ocean. We were on separate planes, and after we returned to Punta Arenas, he spoke briefly at our celebration dinner. It was during this trip that I learned that Jay was dealing with a serious health issue, but no particular details were discussed. Even though, I've been aware that Dr. Pasachoff has been ill, I was shocked and deeply saddened to learn of his passing yesterday. My condolences to his wife Naomi and daughters Eloise and Deborah at this trying time. I will be thinking of Jay as I (hopefully and successfully) view the April 20, 2023 TSE from the Exmouth Peninsula in Western Australia, and know that somehow, from somewhere he will be watching the moon's shadow pass over the earth.


Jordan Sutton

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 Sheridan Williams

Nov 22 #30632 

I have a digitised copy of the August, 1970 issue of National Geographic magazine. If anyone would like a copy please let me know off list.

Best wishes

Sheridan
Email: [sheridan@...](#)

On 22/11/2022 05:32, [jls4c@...](#) wrote:

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Nov 22 #30633

ego@...

Years ago while working as the information manager at the Tycho Brahe Planetarium in Copenhagen, I had the pleasure of having Jay and Naomi Pasachoff as guest for two days. They were shown the birthplace of the Danish physicist Niels Bohr in Copenhagen (a special wish from Naomi) and later that day we had a meeting and a lunch with the director of the Ole Rømer Museum south of Copenhagen at the excavated site of Rømer's observatory Observatorium Tusculanum. The observatory opened in 1704, and operated until about 1716, when the remaining instruments were moved to Rundetårn (Round Tower) in Copenhagen.

The next day we took a boat from Copenhagen to the island of Hven to visit the Danish astronomer Tycho Brahe who constructed an underground observatory close to Uraniborg called Stjerneborg (Star Castle) in 1584. This consisted of several hemispherical crypts which contained the great equatorial armillary, large azimuth quadrant, zodiacal armillary, largest azimuth quadrant of steel and the trigonal sextant. We had two wonderful days together and during the years I have had the pleasure of meeting Jay several times at total solar eclipses around the world and at Solar Eclipse Conferences. Condolences to Naomi and the rest of the family.

Henrik Glintborg

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Remembering Jay

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Michael Zeiler Nov 22 #30634

I am privileged to have been friends with Jay. He was a remarkable human being and touched so many people. When you heard Jay giving a talk on solar eclipses, you were witnessing a master class in science communication.

I met Jay soon after I began making eclipse maps. He encouraged me and introduced me to many of his colleagues, including some of you. I was fortunate to accompany him to Gabon, Africa in 2013 and Svalbard, 2015. So many stories!

Above all, what I will miss most about Jay is his optimism, his gift for networking people, and his deep humanity.

We'll remember you during the coming eclipses, Michael

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Nov 22 #30637

 Rick Fienberg

Y'all,

Sky & Telescope invited me to write a remembrance of Jay Pasachoff, and it's now posted on S&T's website:
<https://skyandtelescope.org/astronomy-news/a-celebration-of-jay-pasachoff-1943-2022/>

Rick
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Francis Graham
Nov 22 #30635

I never had the honor of meeting Jay Pasachoff, but I can tell you, in my opinion and others in my Dept. his textbook was one of the best written into astronomy textbooks around, IMHO it was the best.

Francis Graham
Kent State

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Tom Haeberle
Nov 22 #30642

Agreed!
I have two of those Astronomy Textbooks, one with Mars on the cover and the other with Saturn on the cover. It's were I first learned the design of the Solar Coronagraph. And there is an enjoyable chapter on UFO's -- as I am sure it's known here that his mentor, Dr. Donald Menzel, was a frequent debunker of UFO's back in their hey day. I also have (2) Nat'l Geographic magazine from August, 1971 of Jay with Dr. Menzel on the March, 1970 expedition to Mexico. One magazine he autographed for me.

Tom H.

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David Dunham Nov 22 #30643

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David

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Nov 22 #30636

John Beattie

Be sure to acquire hardcopy version of today's NYT, November 22, where Jay receives full honors on page B11.

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Nov 22 #30638

Sarah Marwick

For those of us in the UK, is there a way to get this or see it at least?

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Nov 22 #30639

Padma Yanamandra-Fisher

For those of use outside of NYC we cannot get it ...and with Thanksgiving weekend here , it is rather difficult as I will be transit in travel -

Can somebody buy a few extra apers and I can easlity reminburse you for the purchase and mail...

Padma A. Yanamandra-Fisher
Senior Research Scientist
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Nov 22 #30641 

Here's a visual of the hardcopy version. Let me know if there are any technical problems with this.

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Also I have now acquired six of the hardcopies myself so any folks who would really like me to send them one, let me know.

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 Padma Yanamandra-Fisher

Nov 22 #30645 

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Nov 22 #30648

 David Dunham

Checking further, the eclipse on Sept. 20, 1960 was only a partial, with no central eclipse on Earth; I don't have a recollection of observing it, although I was in the region of visibility, in Berkeley, Calif., just starting my studies at the University of California that month. The partial eclipse I do remember observing from Griffith Observatory was the one on July 20, 1963, which was total in Alaska and Maine. Paul Maley observed that one from San Antonio, his second solar eclipse.

David

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Nov 22 #30644

Daniel Fischer

> It mentions that Jay observed 74 eclipses, quite an accomplishment, a lot more than me.
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Both numbers are correct, according to <https://www.eclipse-chaser-log.com/eclipse-log> - where we also learn that Jay led in the number of total eclipses with 36 and was second in the total time spent in the umbra (but the number one kinda cheated by using airplanes so often :-).

Daniel

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Nov 22 #30646

Terry Moseley

I may be in a minority, but I don't count partial eclipses! In fact, I don't even know exactly how many I've seen. I do count annulars, but separately from totals. And in the most important figure of all, I only count successful totals! For example, I don't count the eclipse of 20 March, 2015, where we were clouded out in the Faeroes.

As an analogy, if someone asked me if I had seen an FA Cup Final, I wouldn't say 'Yes' if I had gone to Wembley Stadium, but couldn't get a ticket and so couldn't get in.

Terry Moseley

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Nov 22 #30647

Thomas Hockey

Daniel,

At least in my conversations with him, Jay did not make claims about records. He left that for others to hash out.

Tom H.

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Interesting - I also don't know how many partials I've seen but I do definitely count the (thankfully only one) TSE that I saw that was clouded out. This was my first TSE in France in 1999 and was under thick clouds. While it was obviously disappointing not to see the corona, it was still a remarkable experience as we were on a hill and you could see the shadow rolling in across the clouds. It's still the only one I've ever seen where it went truly dark. I'm glad it was my first, and I wouldn't choose to be in that position again, but it was still definitely worth it.

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I don't count partials either.
Tora.

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Other people keep track of my solar eclipses, I'm not interested in minutes or hours in the shadow. However, I have laid out most of them on torasol.se
Tora.

2022-11-23 01:44 skrev Thomas Hockey:

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Nov 22 #30649

Dan McGlaun

Friends -

I consider us so fortunate to have this forum to document our remembrances of Jay Pasachoff, so that future generations (who might otherwise know him only as a name in a by-line) might understand the profound impact one gifted individual can have on so many lives.

I was fortunate to have had more than a couple conversations with Jay, and these will remain with me forever. Though certainly one of the more busy people I've ever met, he was always willing to offer an interview or discuss a topic of interest. My fondest memories of him are personal, and I will never forget three instances where his character shone brightly on me:

When my youngest daughter was contemplating a STEM career, he gave her a brief but profound counsel, encouraging her to study what she felt was right, and offering to mentor her at Williams. She did gain that STEM degree, and Jay's words were very powerful to her. I will always be grateful for that.

When I was working on items for my site, Jay's words of encouragement were heartfelt and sincere. Coupled with that were his suggestions (instructions?) for improvement, offered in a very helpful and inspiring way. I am very sorry he will not see the results of those insights, but I knew immediately that this mentoring way of his was what had inspired so many of his students to excel and seek meaningful results outside the bounds of their comfort zone. I felt invigorated to work harder, knowing that his suggestions were correct and complete. Never condescending, never negative, always supportive – this was Jay Pasachoff.

I have a favorite state park out west where I do astrophotography. The park manager there has made it her mission to vigorously protect those precious Bortle 1 skies, to the extent of posting signs banning lights after dark and hosting star parties and meteor shower watches for visitors and their children. When I told Jay of this, and mentioned that I'd be sending her a care package of astronomy books, posters, and other supportive items, he signed a copy of his Field Guide to the Stars and Planets to her, and it was in the mail the very next day. Needless to say, she was delighted beyond words at this recognition of her very valuable and worthwhile actions. I was impressed that such an esteemed scientist would take the time to do that, but in retrospect I'm not at all surprised; it was Jay Pasachoff.

Jay's dedication to research and education made him an absolute titan in the field, without peer. It is difficult to know who can take up the mantle of his research, but if anyone could nurture the right student or combination of students to test the boundaries of such a body of varied disciplines, it was him. Always pushing his students to excel in their research, and never failing to give them the professional credit they had earned, his reach and scope is truly incalculable as a mentor and guide to the next generation, and to all the generations who follow.

We speak of people who come along once in a generation, or once in a lifetime. People like Jay are called to walk with us a total of once. There is no mold to break, because through their vision and actions they define and create something previously unknown and unknowable. Dr. Menzel would have had no way of predicting that his protégé would completely revolutionize the way astronomy is taught and studied, and the 15-year-old me who devoured the Field Guide that still sits on my shelf had no way of knowing how much better we all would become for the benefit of having received Jay's tutelage.

As I reflect on my memories of Jay, and the loss that the astronomy world has suffered, I'm reminded at this time of Thanksgiving that I was very blessed to have known a man like Dr. Jay Pasachoff. I believe it would give him the greatest satisfaction to be defined by his constant, unflinching dedication to his family, his students, his colleagues, his work, his research, his craft, his art, his science, his friends, his passions, and his hobbies. His was a life truly well-lived, and his is now a rest truly well-earned. Please join me in remembering him, and in saying a word or two in his honor, the next time you have the occasion to look up.

Dan McGlaun

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I was so chocked to hear he was dead. We have been watching some totals together with Mark Sood. My last contact with Jay was in October when he told he was going to Finland to see the partial eclipse, which I saw at the Tycho Brahe Observatory outside Malmö.

Tora.

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