



GAVRT Telecon with students & JPL Scientist Dr. Steven Levin

GAVRT held two Jupiter telecon's in March!

On March 5, students at Hohenfels High School in Germany asked many questions of Dr. Steven Levin during their *"Math, Science, & Technology Night"*. About 100 parents and school board members watched as their students operated the GAVRT telescope and conversed with Dr. Levin. Their experience was written up in DoDEA's *'Stars & Stripes'* daily newspaper.

On March 13, high school students from Clear Creek High School in Texas, and junior high school students from our own AAE Space Science class had the same opportunity as students in Germany when they called in to the Jet Propulsion Laboratory (JPL) in Pasadena and spoke with Dr. Levin.

The students from all three schools have been studying Jupiter and have had the opportunity to track the giant planet during online antenna sessions. They had many questions for Dr. Levin about our solar systems largest planet, including the impact comet Shumaker-Levy made when it collided into Jupiter, the composition of Jupiter's outer atmosphere, and even questions about Jupiter's many moons (including if any of them were habitable by humans!).

During the telecon, Dr. Levin shared with the students his experience in the SETI (the search for extraterrestrial intelligence) program and what led him to become a scientist.

The AAE Space Science class listens to Dr. Levin speak about the latest news concerning the JUNO mission to Jupiter.



Students from California and Texas converse with JPL scientists and learn about space together over the phone.

Upcoming Telecon's

GAVRT will be scheduling multiple tele-conferences in the coming months. Participation is open to all schools who have recently operated the antenna. If you would like to have your students play a part in an exciting and thought-provoking discussion with a real space scientist, please contact Mission Control.