

DR. DON PARKER – Miami, Florida

Say the words *global warming* and you are sure to initiate a *heated* debate. Opinions range from that of ex-vice pres Al Gore who has parlayed the global warming agenda into a multimillion dollar “green industry” to hurricane expert Dr. William Gray who recently wrote “Global warming is a hoax and we are going to put restrictions on CO2 and change lifestyles. We can’t alter the weather”. Speaker Dr. Don Parker’s (aka “Mongo”) fifty year study of the solar system as an amateur astronomer examines very important but forgotten aspects of the climate change discussion. Don has taken over 25,000 photographs and electronic images of Mars and Jupiter as support for professional astronomers at NASA, Jet Propulsion Labs and various observatories. He is a member of the Hubble Space Telescope Mars Imaging Team and is Mars Recorder for the Association of Lunar and Planetary Observers doing extensive research on the climate and meteorology of the planet Mars. In 1994, he was honored by the International Astronomy Union when an asteroid was given the name “5392 Parker”. He has authored and co-authored over one-hundred papers on the solar system and co-authored the book “Introduction to Observing and Photographing the Solar System”. In 2001, Don was a member of the distinguished group, including Tippy D’Auria, that recorded the only existing video of a predicted flash phenomenon on Mars. More recently, Don was one of the first to record an impact on Jupiter in July 2009 from his home observatory. Don will share with us his take on Earth’s and other planets’ climate change in his lecture “Solar System Warming: A Broader Perspective on Climate Change”.

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