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Dec. 15  
16 Marconi + Poyer. Clear night - some gusts of East  
Wind 36-30°F 45% humidity  
Did tri-color plates 18" and 4" of  
Bubble Neb. NGC 7635 with autoguider. No  
problems! Seeing only fair.

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1976 Poyer and Tattler Frank Ribotta. Redid red plates  
on Bubble Nebula due to dec. drift on  
previous plates. I think dec. relay got hung up  
on previous long exposure. Seemed to be OK now  
after adjustment. Went 100 min. Slight E wind  
50% humidity 30° to 24°F No clouds. Seeing fair.  
Bubble Neb. r.a. 23:25 dec. 60:55'  
Blue = 48 min. Yellow = 54 min. Red = 100 min.  
focus 45 focus 48 focus 6  
long exposure shifted due to loose cables hitting sensor!

Dec. 27  
28 Poyer, Mc Hale box, Jerry Zimmer. Tricolor of Orion Neb.  
r.a. 5:33 dec. -3:30  
blue = 40 min focus 46 Temp. 30°F  
yellow = 46 min focus 49 45% hum.  
Red = 75 min focus 8 some E. wind

Dec. 28  
29 Poyer + Padilla - Clouded out - Had set up  
to do Monoceros tri-color as Orion  
r.a. 6:28 dec. +9:40

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Feb. 9  
10 Poyer + Padilla. Happy New Year! Walked and skied  
in over patchy snow cover - took 1 hour. Building  
high-cirrus clouds allowed no work tonight.  
Everything in good shape - no leaks!

Feb. 16  
17 Poyer + guests - cloma Kertz, Steve Somerville,  
Jerry Hill, Robert Metzger, Lisa Morcette

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Hiked in over melting snow packs - 1 hour. Warm - clear night with no high cirrus, but sky seemed very bright. Did tricolor with 18" + 4" astrograph of AE Aurigae and associated IC 405 emission nebulae. Took from 8:30 to 12:45. All systems worked perfectly. Used balow. 50° F 45% humidity.

March 17  
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Father Poyer, Jeff Masse, DAVE DOMENICI  
Chris Krustoff  
Vera DiBenedetto  
Jerry Zell  
Lorna Kemp

Stayed at W/W house last night due to snow-storm. Hiked in today over several inches of powder. Cloudless day.

Did tricolor on Monoceros nebulosity right at end of twilight. Clear - breezy 28° to 15° F. 60% to 90% humidity.

Did shot tricolor of Saturn + Beehive Cluster. Set to do P Oph area at 1:30 A.M., but rising humidity reduced transparency toward horizon drastically. Scratched that.

Things to be done. Prime focus blue plate unfiltered 1 hour of AE Aur. Center on photograph in Burnhams book R.A. 5:12' + 34:20 Other blue plate ruined due to primary mirror shifting - I corrected that with more gasket material in cell.

P Oph should be centered on R.A. 16:22 - 23:20' Orient camera E-W.

- 098 + 29 75 min.
- IIaD + w8 50 min.
- IIaO + w8 2B 40 min.

April 13  
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Poyer and crew, Mike Pater, Ron and Rick Michaelis. Road is open! Snow mostly gone. Windy and partly cloudy night - seeing 0. Looked at Jupiter and Saturn - belts hardly visible.

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April 14 Royer and same crew. Clear + steady + no wind all  
15 night. Photographed:  
Beehive + Saturn 4" f5  
40° F  
50% humidity AE Aurigae 4" and 18"  
RZ Leonis photovisual 18" + 4" 50 min. exposures.  
P Oph in yellow 4" f5 - also red exposure, but had  
to cut exposure short due to pier.

April 16 Royer + Crew + Steve Padilla. Clear + no wind  
46° F Photographed RR Cancri field, and completed P Oph  
50% tricolor set. All systems OK.

April 19-20 Royer + Crew - Marty + Roger Poissant, Allen Krupskij  
Clear - no wind - 40 - 32° F, 45% relative humidity  
Redid blue plates of AE Aur. + nebulosity. - one hour.  
Looked at Jupiter + Saturn - seeing average.  
Did tri-color of whole tail of Scorpio. All systems OK

April 20 Royer + Crew as above. Josh Child of Orange Co. Astronomers  
21 joined us for prime focus photography for supernova  
40° F search atlas.  
45% hum Royer did tricolor on Great Sagittarius Sta. Cloud  
some wind in morning. High lines objectionable at red exposure.  
very light Child did NGC 4826, 4725, 4736  
transparents 10 min - 103 a0 unfiltered  
poor Astrograph of NGC 4725 region, blue plate - 20 min.  
All systems + autoguider performed OK. Guider would  
not guide on NGC 4725 - 10<sup>th</sup> mag. We tried!

May 18 Royer + Josh Child. Hiked in over 2 ft.  
19 snow drifts. Partly cloudy 70% humidity  
32° F. Moderate W wind. Started galaxy  
photos - autoguider high voltage failed -  
pilot lights go out with each 100V increase.  
Helped Charlie. Finished manually. Increasing  
clouds to dawn. One color shot of Venus + Mars

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through the clouds. Jack improved TV aerial, so got something done.

June 9. Ford, Carpenter. Converted from photographic to visual set-up (removed guide refr. + Royer astrophot camera, balanced telescope for visual).

June 11-12 Ford, Bilodeau. Sky transparency good, seeing poor. Opened dome 10:40 PM PDST. Temp. 57°-51°. Light wind. Worked exclusively on sky-checks of new charts, and identification confirmations, using prelim. sketches + photographs. Obsns:  
FD = 11 fields, including 8 sanctum vars.;  
Bilodeau = 12, including FD's + binocular est. on  $\delta$  Cep. Closed dome, 2:12 AM PDST June 12.

June 13-14 Ford, alone. Transparency good, seeing fair. Temp. 52°-48°. Opened dome 9:30 PM PDST. Moderately high wind, from W.; could work only in sky E. of meridian. Obs'd 7 newly plotted fields for sky-chk and ID of vars.; then 11 vars listed as ft. currently. Total est's = 18, including 12 sanctums. Closed dome 01:40 AM PDST June 14. All equipment OK.

June 14-15 Ford, Carpenter. Opened dome 9:45 PM PDST. Good transp'y, fair seeing. Temp 54°-50°. No wind at first, but increasing to troublesome by time of stopping obs'g 01:05 AM PDST June 15. Var. star est's: FD = 8, including 7 sanctums; CE = 4, all sanctum. All equipment working OK.

June 15 Royer, Padilla. Opened dome, converted telescope to photographic setup, prepared for night's work (all photography).

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June 15-16 Royer, Padilla, Ford, Carpenter assisting. Took following photos w/ Royer astrographic camera + 18" focal plane camera + 35mm. wide-angle camera (color film):  
Var. x fields for: UZ Her; SV Sco;  
TW Sgr; HT Cyg. All hand-guided; - (Koual auto-guider temporarily not working). Royer, Padilla stopped by dawn late ca 4:00 AM PDST June 16<sup>th</sup>. Sky good, seeing good, temp's 58°-52°, wind up toward dawn.

June 16-17 Ford, alone. Opened dome, 12 midnite PDST. Troublesome wind, could work only E + S.E. sky. Temp. 60°-54°. Seeing poor, transp'y fair. Obs'd 4 new fields for chart-check + 9 schedules faint vars, for total = 13 estimates, including 9 sanctums. Closed dome 3:15 AM PDST June 17<sup>th</sup>. All equipment OK.

June 17-18 Ford, Bibodeau. Opened dome 10:40 AM PDST, light wind, increasing. Temp 60°-52°. Seeing poor to fair, transp'y fair. Obs'ns: 7 new chart ID checks; 7 ft. list vars, including (over-all) 8 sanctums. Closed dome 2:00 AM PDST June 18. At 1:50 AM (±) whole sky lit up momentarily by light from apparent fireball, to W. Did not see the fireball, since we were in the dome at the time.

July 18-19 Ford, alone. Opened dome 11:30 PM PDST. Good sky, light wind, not troublesome W. Seeing + transp'y fair. Temp 50°-48°. Obs'd total of 13 ft. list vars, including 8 sanctums. Closed dome 2:45 AM PDST June 19. All equipment working OK.

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~~July~~  
 June 20-21 Ford, Annal. By all counts, one of the best nights on record, after a day (June 20) which was mostly cloudy and looked as tho the ensuing night would be likewise. No wind, temp. 61°-54°, seeing excellent even w/ high-power eyepieces, transparency very good; crescent moon, setting. OBSN/S: FD total = 27 est's including 13 sanctums; Annal total = 19, w/ 11 sanctums. Good views of ~~Jupiter~~<sup>Venus</sup> in AM sky, just before closing dome 03:35 PDST June 21. A truly gorgeous night!

June 24-25 Ford, w/ visitor Robert Herrup from L.A. Opened up ca. 10 PM PDST, viewed M13 + R Set + T Del fields, "demo" only for Herrup's benefit. Made est's on W Her (M13 field) + R Set + T Del. ~~Green~~ First star worn in sky. Temp. 58°. Light wind. Closed dome 00:30 AM PDST June 25.

June 25  
 10-12 AM Ford, w/ workman to cut weeds around bldg. Job completed ca. noon. June 25<sup>th</sup>. Brought trash can down to W/W house, emptied it.

June 25-26 Ford, Bilodeau. Opened dome 00:45 AM PDST June 26; gibbous moon, setting. OBSN/S: FD total = 12 estimates including 6 sanctums; Bilodeau total 13 est's, 6 sanctums. Temp. 64°-60°; light wind no problem; seeing fair, transparency poor. A very comfortable site for obs'g. Closed dome at dawn late, 04:20 AM PDST June 26.

June 27  
 7-8 PM PDST Ford, alone. Secured telescope + obs'y for "long term leaving". All power off except for elec. clock.

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July 13  
14 Royer and assistants, Chuck + Bill McHale, Hector Avellan, Larry Mayer, and John Godin. Perfect evening, some SW wind, 60°F 42% humidity. Opened with visitors from Santa Teresita Pines Camp - cf. guest book entries. Explained programs, and viewed  $\beta$  Sco and M8.  
Did blue and green plates of Mid-Scorpio and Cygnus loop area. Plan to do reds next night. Autogunder still under repair - so assistants spelled Talka Royer guiding. Tracking was as good as ever seen.  
Did R P.S.A. for better chart - photovisual prime focus plate only.

July 14  
15 Repeat of last night - same clear conditions, etc. SW wind stronger. Hosted another group of girls from Camp Teresita Pines. Saw Saturn in evening twilight, M13, M8.  
Finished red plates of Mid-Scorpio, and Cygnus Loop. Scope tracking very good.

July 17 Bilodeau & Jones - 12:30 - 1:00 P.M. P.D.T.  
Inspected bldg. all equipment OK.

July 17  
18 Bilodeau - 7:30 P.M. to 3:28 A.M. (PST); No moon; Temp: 74°-62°; wind out of the S.W. until 12:30, then tapered off to nothing; Clouds melted on and off most of the night, had to look thru the "holes"; Seeing: Poor. Had some trouble with the circles, and wind, and clouds, etc. until 1:00 and then had two hours (approx.) of easy observing. Totals 23 estimates with 9 sanctums - faintest for night ~16.2 [184243 Zw Lvr].

July 20  
21 Royer, Chris McHale, Scott Craig, Andy Toth Hosted Camp Teresita early evening - looked at waxing crescent moon. Signed many autographs.  
60°F Did trailer of Bernard's S in Aph. and  
45% Durbell area in Vulpecula. Andy Toth tried out 7" f4 Leo-Ektar. Some SW wind.  
Seeing better as night went on. Much glare to south.

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Nice tame rattlesnake was sitting next to <sup>the</sup> John - much trouble getting her to move off!

July 21

Royer, Mc Hale, Craig, and Jack Child.

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Hated again another group from Camp. Toded at moon, timed 2 occultations.

60°F

45%

very little wind

Still much haze + glare to south. Photographed all night till dawn after moon-set. Jack Child did some hyper-sensitized color emulsions at pin focus + on astrograph. - Good night.

July 22-23

Very nice night - no haze, dark sky 60°F 45% R.H.  
Finished Tri-color for Royer; shot M57 and M31 with hydrogen-sensitized Fujichrome. Also shot M31 with astrograph. J. Child Telescope tracking very well.

August 2

Royer and guests for visual observing. Moon + other objects

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Much high-cirrus, poor seeing. Made adjustments on astrograph lens spacing. Left astrograph at best possible focus. Left photo set-up - not knowing future use. Pleasant stay.

65°F

55% Hum.

Aug 6

J Child for vis. observ. &amp; photography. Very

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Windy, early moonrise. Photo vic. Nova Cygnus for astrograph test.

63°

45%

August 12

Marcario, Pieroth, Grover: Arrived 7:00 P.D.S.T. opened dome temp 76°F. Visual observing all night. Seeing 3-4 Bright sky, no wind. closed dome at 5:30. temp 70°

August 13

Marcario, Pieroth, Grover: Visual Observing all night. Seeing 1. S.W. Wind. good night!!



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CB Carpenter + W<sup>A</sup> Engen were here July 18.  
Excellent nite. Observed Galaxies + Diffuse nebulae,  
mostly - Left 2:30 A

Aug. 31  
Sept. 1 Macario, Frank Ribotta, Royer. Moonrise at  
end of astron. twilight - photographed same.  
Visual estimates of R G B 13.5 and R Y 8.1  
to bed at 11:30 to do Boden-Powell in  
A.M. - Clear - some SW wind 55% 56°F.

Sept 7 Macario; Arrived at 1:00 am opened dome @ 1:15  
temp 68°, 52% worked variables till morning;  
seeing 3-1, no wind, transparency very good,  
made 14 estimates, no clouds, closed dome  
at 5:00 am temp 60°, 56%. Everything working fine.

Sept 7/8 Macario, Opened dome at 7:00 temp 80° - 52%  
some SW wind, seeing 2-3, no clouds, brighter  
sky than last night, transparency was down  
a little bit from last nite too, Made 26  
estimates 10 were sanctums. Closed dome at 5:15 P.M.  
temp 60° - 57%.

Sept 8/9 Macario, Opened dome at 5:15 temp 78° - 48%.  
Closed dome @ 6:45 No Observations.  
Everything in good working order.

Sept. 14 Royer, Macario, MacLween and Poissant, Royer  
15 Taicolor of Veil nebula, and Calif. nebula.  
Between sets looked at show objects for Gene Segal and  
quests. 50°F 45% - normal SW wind  
seeing fair, transparency fair.

Note - Mounted Macario solar filter into scope  
cover. Take care in uncovering scope.  
Magnificent view of very extensive sunspot group

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on solar meridian. Naked eye group. Excellent resolution

Sept 15/16 Maricao, Brines arrived 9.00 P.M. Very strong wind from S.W. + high clouds. Opened dome at 11:30, 48°, 46% visual observing till 1:00 closed dome because of -0 seeing and wind just too strong to work. 42°, 46%

Sept 16 Maricao, Brines. Solar observing with filter took five exposures <sup>with KLA</sup> at 1/250" seeing with S.W. wind. Everything ran OK.

Sept 17/18 Jack Child, John Sanford. Beautiful night! Low 42°, 60% RH. Most of night devoted to photography at prime focus of 18". Shot NGC 6888, 253 and M31. Sky clear all night, no wind. Telescope and equip. working very well. Photographed Comet Kohler, 1977m in Corona Borealis with Astroglyph, (12 min 0.98) and at prime focus. Searched for 1977L, (Chernykh) but could not find. jr.s.

Sept. 21  
22 Royer and Maricao. Comet Kohler - photographed poorly - no stellar nucleus. Finished tricolor of Calif. Neb. in Perseus. Maricao suspected supernova in NGC 1275 60" NE of nucleus 13.7 mag. Took photo - will verify. All OK (No Results!!)

Sept 24-25 Padilla and Sorenson. Visual observing until 2 am. Strong southwest wind + poor seeing. Used solar filter to observe sun.

Oct. 5-6 Royer, <sup>Brian</sup> Maloney, Skinner broz. Warm, cloudy, windy. Did photos, 35 mm, of sunset and midnight moonrise through the clouds. Tweaked in polar axis alignment a couple of minutes of arc, did shot test photo through

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break in clouds. All OK.

~~Oct 7-8~~

Oct 7-8

50° RH 50% @ 2am

J. Child, Dick Nordstrom

High clouds all night

Did get good view of Comet KOHLER earlier:

No Tail visible, difficult to estimate magnitude due to high clouds & sky brightness in west but probably about 7-8<sup>th</sup> magnitude. Visible in 10x80 Finder.

3:30 - Jupiter superb! (For about 10 minutes)

Oct 8-9

48° RH 80%

J. Child

Great night - Dark & Clear light wind towards moon

Viewed Comet KOHLER again. Fairly bright, no tail

but nucleus seemed off-center. Took photo w/098

Seeing fair to good, transparency very good.

Photographed NGC 1275, Jupiter, Moon, and M31

Oct 9-10

Another SPLENDID night! Not quite as dark.

48° RH 50%: Took another plate of Comet KOHLER, then spent rest of night taking photos of objects for supernovae atlas. Got 99 objects, so night was very productive.

And, after a weekend as nice as this, I'd like to thank those who have so graciously allowed me to use this Facility!

Everything A-OK 2:30 PM 10/10/77

Did notice some rust on top of Dome door when dome was open.

Oct. 12

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Macario and guests to observe partial solar eclipse. Photographed one frame per 5 min through solar filter on 18" ED 200 500 and 1000/sec. and 250/sec. near 11:45. Painted 18" cap + filter cover. — Roger arrived

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- in P.M. - worked through night on tricolor sets:  
 50°F 1. Astrophot 21:37 hr. and +57:15 sec.  
 45% 2. M33 at prime focus. ~~Star~~ Guided well  
 No wind, transparency + seeing both good  
 R CRB 154428 @ 12.3, RY Sgr A1033 @ 10.3
- Oct 14/15 Beautiful night - LA fogged in Jack Child  
 50° 45% Took photographs with WR2B & WR8 at prime focus  
 of 18" to determine effect on exposure time.
- Oct 15/16 Jack Child/John Sanford  
 Photographed 11 NGC objects for supernovae atlas  
 with 18". Also photographed Stephan's Quintet.  
 Another beautiful night - no wind, very steady about 5am  
 observed Jupiter, Saturn, Mars - good detail on Jupiter  
 Slow motion dec intermittent. (south?) - Finally stopped.  
 wire loose in control box. RA intermittent also (slow-motion).  
 cleaned & painted some rusty areas on dome door
- Oct. 19 Marcaro, Poye, Padilla, and guests Chris Mitalak and Randy Galinski  
 20 1<sup>st</sup> snow early evening, turning to rain. Cleared suddenly  
 40°F about 1:00 A.M. Did tricolor 18" p7 of Orion nebula.  
 90% hum. Marcaro did 6 variables. No wind - seeing improved  
 markedly during night - dawn light view of planets  
 Jup. + Sat superb.
- Oct 20/21 Marcaro, Padilla observed variables through  
 high cirrus 15 observations. Some S.W. wind, seeing  
 2-3 temp 45° closed dome @ 1:00 P.D.T. heading  
 for home. "Good Night all."
- Nov. 5 Ford, Jack Child. High winds, no obs'g. Worked on  
 testing auto-guider for phot'y. Left obs'y ca. 11 PM  
 PST.

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Nov. 6-7 Ford, Carpenter. Sky OK, seeing fair. Obs'd (FD) total = 17 vars., including 10 sanctums. Temp. 34°, no wind. Stopped, 01:15 AM PST Nov. 7.

Nov. 7-8 Ford, Carpenter. Good sky no wind, seeing fair. Temp. 43°-41°. Opened up ca. 9:30 PM PST. Obs'd total (FD) of 19 vars., including 12 sanctums. All equipment working OK for visual work. Closed dome 2:45 AM PST Nov. 8, hazy spots in sky.

Nov. 9-10 Ford, Royer, Carpenter, Padilla. First half of night, all visual work. Sky very good, seeing fair. Temp. 43°-38°, some wind toward end of obs'g (visual). Total vars. obs'd (FD) = 18 including 7 sanctums + 3 new chart checks. Second half of night = all photographic, Royer alone. Photo'd second part of <sup>the</sup> color neg. for Orion Nebula + new chart field = 1 QS Ori for chart program. Royer worked thru till dawn lit, ca. 5:15 AM PST Nov. 10.

Nov. 11-12 Ford, Bilodeau. Good sky, fair seeing, light wind, comfortable obs'g at temp. 48°-44°. Obs'd total (FD) of 22 vars. including 14 sanctums + 5 chart checks. Stopped obs'g at 04:30 AM PST Nov. 12.

Nov. 12-13 Ford, Bilodeau. Opened dome 10:20 PM PST. Total vars. obs'd (FD) = 17 including 9 sanctums + 2 chart chs. Temp. 52°-48° (mild!), no wind. Closed dome 01:30 AM PST Nov. 13 after looks at Jupiter w/ only fair seeing.

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- Nov. 13-14 Bilodeau, alone. 7:45 P.M. - 3:45 A.M. (P.S.T.)  
Temp:  $47^{\circ}$  -  $34^{\circ}$ ; No wind; Transparency good,  
Seeing fair. No moon. 23 estimates, including  
18 sanctums. 2 chart checks.
- Nov. 14-15 Ford, Annal, Bilodeau. Hazy sky slowly clearing,  
OK by midnite PST. Obs'd total of 24 var. stars (FD),  
including 11 sanctums. Chart check on 3 stars. Temp.  
 $50^{\circ}$  -  $46^{\circ}$ , no wind. Seeing fair, transparency good.  
Closed dome 03:00 AM PST Nov. 15.
- Nov. ~~14~~<sup>15</sup>-16 Ford, alone. Very good sky, Temp.  $52^{\circ}$ , no wind.  
Crescent moon, already set. Total var. stars obs'd = 15  
including 5 sanctums. Seeing fair. Closed dome  
05:15 AM, dawn lite, Nov. 16 PST.
- Nov. 16-17 Ford, Bilodeau, Child, Royer, Marcario. Fair  
sky, poor seeing, haze clearing completely by 11 PM  
PST. Visual obs.: 11 total (FD), including 5  
sanctums, 3 chart chks. Crescent moon, setting during  
obs'g. Temp  $50^{\circ}$  -  $46^{\circ}$ . Photographic work:  
(Royer, Child, Marcario), second half of night,  
starting ca. 1:30 AM Nov. 17. New photos at  
18" prime focus, for new charts: BS Aur; QS Ori;  
also tri-color photos w/ Royer astrograph camera.  
Closed dome ca 5:30 AM PST Nov. 17, after  
repairs made to obs'g ladder including installation  
of new set of casters for same.
- Nov. 18. Ford, Bilodeau. 2:30 - 3:45 AM PST. Further  
work on ladder, installed ca. 40 new var. star  
charts in file cabinet, viewed the sun thru  
Marcario's filter on "pie plate" of telescope  
tube cover. Only 3 spots visible, hazy sky.

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Nov. 28 Ford. Closed up dome, telescope, + obs by  
for long-term leaving. 1:30 PM.

Dec. 7 Royer, Marty Poissant, Randy Galowski, Tina Piskey  
8 18" and 4" tricolor of Crab Nebula.

Auto-guider did not work - stuck closed in dec.  
Guided manually. 48°F 45% SW strong wind  
easing toward morning. Seeing poor. Transparency good.  
Tina vacuumed all downstairs. Thanks!

Dec 10/11 Jack Child 38° 45%

Replaced burned out component in autoguider. It worked  
until it was physically connected to telescope, then  
burned out again. I suspect a grounding problem.  
Pretty good night - some occasional ~~scattered~~ high clouds  
but seeing was not bad. Photographed NCC objects  
for supernovae atlas

Dec. 14 Royer and Marcario. Began eyepiece projection all  
15 night sequence of Jupiter. Gave up after 2 hours  
42°F because of very poor seeing. Did one astrograph  
55% plate of upper-Orion.

windy, <sup>3.W.</sup> strong

JAN 1-2 1978! HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Jack Child - 32° 70% RH

scattered high clouds - but clear and  
steady for about 1/2 of night. Took  
some pictures with Auto-guider. It  
sounds like it's working ok - pictures will tell.  
Discovered that POLARITY is wrong on most  
of upstairs wall sockets - could be dangerous  
lights from Holiday Bell ON ALL NIGHT. Bright  
and very noticeable from here.

DEW'S TAIL \*3