

20051120 UT Greg, PJG<sup>2</sup>, MR. Young. Clear, Medium Cold Degrees  
 RD 5-7cm, OBJECTS R<sub>U</sub>-peg, <sup>Attempted</sup> Q<sub>2</sub>, Ag<sup>2</sup>, O+.  
 Mini OBS Night a Just Swell! MASS  
 Hysteria ANOMLY... Bird flu, THANKS, Nightly Night  
 RH 65%, 50 or 50°.

20051230 UT Greg, PJ<sup>2</sup> = Pam + PJ, Partly Cloudy Early  
 IN S.W, then clear, 33°, RH 70%, Freezing  
 cold Degrees, Seeing + or - 1", RD 5-7cm,  
 Breezy, Trans - Good, TARGETS U-ERI<sup>\*</sup>  
 orion NEBULA, Eskimo Nebula, Attempted  
 other Variables, Diant have winter  
 target list together, Ski Resort, open  
 We are ENJOYING the Silly Season\*

2-4-06 Greg, Pam and Chris came for variables  
 40° 62% but saw clouds instead. Talked politics  
 instead.

2-11-06 JEFF SCHROEDER, JOHN STEPHENSON, BILL WEBB,  
 DENISE LONGRJE, KATA SLAMA. FULL MOON  
 NIGHT, CAME UP TO HANG OUT. COLD, LIGHT WIND.

4/24/06 W Thomas here to check power. One phase down  
 & getting 61 Wts back feed thru 30 to microwave.  
 Will call SCE to have ready for next week

4/29/06 W Thomas & R Gonzales here. Calm Clear night  
 & SCE has power back on. Did variable stars. Productive  
 night.

5-27-06 JEFF SCHROEDER, JOHN STEPHENSON VERY WINDY, POOR  
 31° 66% SEEING, GOOD TRANSPARENCY. M3, M13, M51 SEEING  
 TOO PUFFBALL FOR ANYTHING FAINTER.

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6/3/06  
72°/65%

Pamela, Greg, Kate and Chris here doing variables. Nice run had a good time.

6/10/06

Pamela, PJ, Kate and Greg here doing variables moon in the way! Worked around it, had a productive evening, lost the Z Vir chart somehow blamed Chris because he wasn't here. Waiting for Z Boo to get bright again...

7/1/06

Pamela, PJ, Kate & Greg observing variable stars. Bill Webb & Denise, Jeff Schroder & Katta, John Stevenson also here. Tony Heinzman & 2 students (representing Victor Valley College here to discuss needs of college if Ford is transferred).



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7/8/2006

Greg, Pamela, PJ OBSERVING variables. High clouds came IN, allowing for NOT MANY estimates. TFF - THANKS, US

7-15-2006

Dave Meyer, Gary Witt, Sue Allen, High Desert Astronomic Society (of Victor Valley College - Meyer)  
↑ VISITING Ford at 1PM ↑

7-15-2006 Greg, Pam, Kate, PJ, Mostly Clear, 80°C  
 Hot Degrees 90' high, SAWTOOTH complex  
 fire & MT MILLARD fires BURNING.  
 Greg cut BRUSH 100yds out from OBS.  
 Night OBSERVATIONS of variables.  
 Greg leaves GALS to close up. We  
 noticed loose belt or <sup>optical</sup> ring between  
~~beta~~ declination & telescope, PJ  
 will email Greg about it. A  
 GREAT NIGHT & DAY! Thanks.

7/16-17/06 Greg, Patti, & David. Observed variable star.  
 Good times had by all. Have a whimsical day!  
 (Clouds came in, but still managed to see many things)

7-22-06 JEFF SCROEDER, JOHN STEPHENSON.  
 CAME UP TO BEAT THE HEAT IN THE BASIN. (110+)  
 WATCHED THUNDERSTORM ALL AFTERNOON. NO OBSERVING,  
 SKY OVERCAST. 2.5' RATTLES IN BUSHES DIRECTLY SOUTH OF  
 OBS.  
 Pam Gonzales, Chris Young & Kate Hutton  
 here until 11 pm, but still cloudy so we  
 are going home.

7-29-06 Pam, Chris, and Kate here doing variable - clouds  
 and rain coming up but we sure had a beautiful  
 sky here. Mikely way all the way down to  
 the horizon. Did 7 variables added RU Tel  
 to the list. Cool and Breezy

8/5/06 Pam Gonzales, Kate Hutton & Greg  
 Thomas did variable stars. SS Cys  
 is bright again so soon! Nice night.

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- 8-18-06 Pam Gonzales, Chris Young & Kate Hutton cleaned the observatory & selected charts for tonight's observing run.  
We replaced the Telrad & aligned the new one. Old one is on computer desk.  
Then we estimated 7 variables, including 3 new ones.  
Sky very nice - can see Andromeda & Diast in the Milky Way.
- 8/26/06 Batteries need to be replaced in the smoke alarm. Old batteries on the shelf were also dead.  
We can see daylight through a tiny hole in the dome.  
Pam Gonzales, PJ Goldfinger, Chris Young & Kate Hutton did 7 variables.  
Sky almost as good as last weekend.
- 9/3/06 Pam Gonzales and Kate Hutton here doing variables. Greg came up for a while and left early. Cloudy night & had to work around the moon - at the end of the evening, a board from the observing platform fell and hit the RA wheel. Seems to be OK but the light cover is bent. Best to check out before using.
- 9/9/06 Pam Gonzales, Kate Hutton & Greg Thomas doing variable stars. Greg fixed the bump housing on the RA dial & adjusted indicator. PG & KH showed him a small hole in the dome apparently made by a rock someone threw - paint on the rock. Cord to turret caught on a gear & broke. Greg fixed it.

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Dome seems squeakier than normal - we will ask Greg (he left early).

- 9/23/  
2006 Pam Gonzales, Greg Thomas, Kate Hutton & Chris Young & Greg observed variable stars. Greg patched the hole in the dome w/ duct tape. Dome is very squeaky.
- 9/29 W Thomas here. Cloudy
- 10/7/  
2006 Pam Gonzales & Kate Hutton did VS. Kate did the entire startup & shut down.
- 10/21  
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45° Pamela Gonzales, Kate Hutton here doing variables - nice night no moon but lots of city lights. The Milky Way is visible but no great detail and only above 45°. Kate is starting a program of double stars to help quantify the seeing at Ford. Can't stay up late enough to see U Eri - You the River.  
Split epsilon 1 & 2 Lyrae - sep 2.5"
- 11/4 Pamela Gonzales and Chris Young doing variables around a huge moon. Had a great time anyway.
- 11/18  
2006 Pam Gonzales, PJ Goldfinger, Alanna Branson & Kate Hutton did variable stars. The traffic sucked on the way up due to road construction. There was a fire earlier in the day on the Crest somewhere but we could see no sign of it & there was no ash in the flashlight beam. Sorry Greg - I broke the gliss cover on your oil lamp. We took photos of the dome rotation motors to send to Ash.

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11/25/  
2006 Kate Hutton & Chris Young did variable stars. Excellent night & we did 7 stars before 10 pm - R Eri was too low. We need new "rising" stars. Demo only squeakers going counterclockwise. 32°F when we started, 27°F when we finished.

1/1/07 W.S. Thomas here for day trip. Made 2 small repairs to roof. Everything else seems ok. Came with skis but was able to drive all the way. Leaving at night will be a problem due to the amount of snow & ice still on road. Microwave facility has had all copper on the outside removed to prevent further theft. Bath room door is now locked but with same combo. All ~~etc~~ openings to building are now closed using plate and strongbacks (sim to what I did to our east window ~~which~~ <sup>plate</sup> thieves used it). Some of the plates already show signs of forced entry but they were unsuccessful. All this should also help deter future break-ins at Ford.