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12/12/08 Stephenson - Daytime Visit, To spread Tarps and take home Personal property, expect first Heavy Snow within next 24 Hrs.

1/9/10/09 W.G. Thomas died in. Thick icy & hard snow made for a tough trip along w/ bitterly cold wind. Full moon and a crescent Venus were highlights of observing. 40°F Not so bad for skys & night temps w/ no wind but clearing of eye piece was a problem.

For general info regarding leaks. I've been here during all kinds of weather both summer & winter. Since we redid the roof, there are no leaks from it. We do get some snow through the seams in the door if the wind is hard enough and there is little that can be done about it. The worst problem is by the computer where winds will drive snow up thru the dome ring and it will set & melt in the curve above the desk. The curved board w/ plastic will catch all of this and direct the water to the floor. Covering the computer has not shown effective. The curved board with plastic will work by itself.

We will always get some snow & summer rain through the shutter so covering the telescope & the drive is wise full. Currently we have a leak in the 2 upper shutter valves & using the rod & string w/ washers is very effective to locate the plastic trays to catch most of the water from pooling on the floor.

Covering other items hasn't been that effective but doesn't hurt. Except for the computer w/ the curved board & plastic, covering the computer will most often retain water over it & in it from the plastic.

3/18/09 JOHN STEVENSON, JEFF SCHROEDER & KATA SAAVA - ROAD STILL BLOCKED & SNOW ON N SIDE - HAD TO WALK IN. NO ELECTRICITY! => NO OBSERVING :( NO LEAKS :) 2 DEAD + TRAPPED MICE REMOVED.

APRIL G. Thomas, D. Thomas & Jessie Paul here March overnight. Cloudy but did manage a tiny amount of observing. Skied in half way due to snow

Met w/ American Tower Rep who picked in to check out the old microwave tower. They have some plans he wasn't able to show to lease out the facility & he was taking inventory of the bldg's status. I shared with him that we have started using the combination for their lock for our own since there has been trouble maintaining access thru locked gate. Also that I have supplied quite a few locks on their facility & repaired doors, etc to minimize trouble w/ vandals. He offered but I declined reimbursement.

4/25/09 G. Thomas here to check out observatory. Power is still out. Called SCE and asked to have it restored by next Friday. Agreed to have first back by Sat on Monday. Lock on gate is missing per lock and I gave them the combination to our lock. Snow on road prevents other than 4 wheel drive access & even that is difficult

5/9/09 G. Thomas here. Stars twinkle @ & near horizon and Z. Boo overhead is steady. Scanned this leg for Rayer & will email tomorrow. Power is back on and everything seems fine. Despite the full moon it is a great night for observing from inside the dome. A slight wind make jeans not warm enough outside.