

Re: Apple Astronomy Software

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Jon Isaacs wrote:

> *No. But you got tangled up in the troll simply because you did not respond to
> what Rod had to say about the MAC software but rather "Knee Jerked" yourself
> into the MAC-PC thing.*

I didn't directly respond to Rod's comments because they amounted to little more than the "MAC-PC thing." Long on rhetoric, short on fact. Largely irrelevant to the question posed.

What I did do was provide links to Mac software that was directly and indirectly relevant to the original question posed and some of the follow-up noise.

Sorry, it was Rod who picked up the cudgel that the troll inserted, not me.

> *You might note that it was me who pointed out that "Al Wilson" is most likely
> one of S.G. aliases.*

Noted. Although the caveat is not needed.

> *Because I think Rod has seen the MAC and PC software that he discussed.*

FYI, I've seen them all as well. Thus by your logic I'm at least equally qualified.

So, what you're also saying, in effect, is that you're more inclined and/or comfortable shaping the discussion as a Mac vs. PC debate and, that you're more inclined to accept Rod's comments over my evidence. Your prerogative, of course.

> *Bottomline: if you want to avoid feeding the troll, then address the issues
> that Rod posted, he discusses the various programs available for the MAC and
> suggests that a PC emulator is the best way to go.*

A). Bottom line is two words. (Sorry, but even AOL has a spell check.)

- B). Feeding the troll was turning the discussion to the PC v. Mac issue. That was not my work. That was the trolls with a nice assist from Rod, and now you.
- C). Had you bothered to follow the links provided, and were you in a position to evaluate the Mac software packages listed, you might appreciate that much of what Rod was pontificating about was rubbish. I addressed Rod's comments indirectly by demonstrating they were incomplete, subjective and to be candid, dated. Sucks to be proven wrong, but the adult thing to do is acknowledge as much, not turn the discussion around.
- D). As both a Mac and PC owner and user (as well NeXT and UNIX) I've been known to also recommend emulation, but it's not the best way to go, and in this precise example, not even a good way to go given the original poster's requirements. Re-read that post and then we can talk.

> *As I said, personally I have not seen the MAC software, apparently Rod has, and*
> *as usual, it looks to me that he has given a reasonable evaluation of the*
> *options.*

I'm not sure how you reconcile the fact that you acknowledge that you're not in position to judge the issue personally, but are in a position to evaluate the assorted commentary and provided packages. Seems to me you're evaluating personalities over facts, but that's your right.

However, in the interest of domestic tranquility I'll close by saying you're absolutely entitled to your opinions. It would probably be in your best interest to insert your opinions into topics which you have some first-hand experience and knowledge of, but then again, this is Usenet, you often get far more noise than signal.

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