

Re: Astromart vrs. Cloudy Nights vrs. S.A.A. vrs. yahoo groups TT, SCT-user ect.

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>Do you know the man are these just your impressions filtered by your being
>teed
>off that you were asked to follow the *_rules_* of the group you joined?
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>Phil is a gentleman, an accomplished writer, and one of the best and nicest
>people it is my pleasure to know.

Rod,

This post in its entirety is only my opinion, the facts may or may not correlate to this said opinion, it is only what I think.

I've never met him personally. He was not one of the nicest people I've had the pleasure to know (nor was he a gentleman) in the several emails that we exchanged. On the contrary, he was basically a dictatorial, over-reacting, insecure and defensive Nerd with a capital "N." (My opinion).

So, thanks but no thanks to his group(s) (I've not been banned, but the whole idea of being moderated for posting at least relatively on topic on a group is silly).

I'm not teed off for being asked to follow the rules, I am disappointed that he apparently singled me out took issue with me as a person (felt threatened apparently), and then decided to use his rules to fit his purpose of shutting me down.

That's fine, no problem. After all it's his group (sandbox), and he can do what he wants with it. It also happens to be the reason that I don't care for moderated newsgroups. It is all too easy for someone like Phil to arbitrarily label someone like myself "riff-raff" and decide to keep me out.

Just because my nickname is rat, doesn't imply that I am not qualified to make a contribution to a hobby that I have invested a great deal of personal resources (both time and money) in order to develop some personal expertise in the subject of equipment.

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His complaints were sophomoric and if he were more skilled socially, he would have simply let my equipment/observing report go, as it was just another post out of thousands.

Furthermore it contained a great deal of equipment review, as I was posting regarding a new telescope that I had acquired. I did give a list of objects that I observed and how they appeared as part of it both for reference and to make the report more interesting.

"Well, if you wanted to do a proper equipment review, you would have done this, and that, and this and that."

Poppycock!