

## Re: Getting amateurs to visit DARK sites...

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rmollise@aol.com (Rod Mollise) wrote in  
news:20040821150846.29625.00003316@mb-m16.aol.com:  
>> *Any other folks have this kinda of experience? Or were our club  
>> members just more homebound than usual?*  
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> *I've belonged to a number of clubs over the last 40 years, and believe  
> me, this is quite typical. My experience is that you can usually  
> depend on maybe...\_maybe\_ 10% of the club members to be interested in  
> observing.*

Yes... that seems to be true. And even among those members who are active, they seem to divide into 3 groups (or combinations thereof):

1. Those who come for the fellowship and seldom actually observe... in fact seldom even set up their scopes.
2. Those who come for the observing. These people often have very elaborate observing "programs."
3. Those who come for the sharing of the night sky with others. These people seldom engage in solo observing.

Of course some people are AC or BC or some other combination. Personally, I consider myself a BC.