

Re: New 10" Newtonian Telescope Being Created

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On 1 Jan 2005 14:01:19 -0800, chris.b@mail.dk wrote:

>a) *If you have patentable ideas then the last thing you want to do is disclose them.*

And the last thing you want is to follow advice given on Usenet...

>d) *If your ideas are so inspiring I can assure you that once your patents are granted "they" will come to you.*

As Don Lancaster explains on tinaja.com, you need a patent to make a LOT of money (he says at least 12 million dollars) for it to be worth doing (not for getting a patent passed, that's a pittance – this is for attorney money to defend it).

Patents are only profitable for larger companies. I used to work for a large company. Patents # 5,815,558, # 5,982,862 and \$3.75 (or is it \$4.50 now?) will get me a fancy cup of coffee at Starbucks.

>h) *Have you read all the books on telescopes in all the common languages, studied all the relevant magazines from (say) the last 150 years and studied all the telescope designs in and out of existence? (From roughly the 17th century to the present day)*

I only have the three-book set "Amateur Telescope Making", another book or two titled "How to make your own Telescope" and the CD with all the Scientific American "Amateur Scientist" columns. I figure I might grind my own mirror someday.

>i) *Have you studied all the patents (granted and applied for) related to telescope design in all the major centres across (at least) Europe (E & W) Asia and the American continent?*
>j) *Are you qualified in any area of engineering, mathematics, optical design or fabrication which would convince investors of your abilities?*
>j) *What track record do you have for inventive ideas?*

>k) *Having a patent doesn't mean you can make money from it. Unless someone wants what it does, at a price they can sell a desirable product for, without massive investment in R&D.(or paying an exorbitant*

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>sum to get the patent rights from you)

Again, check out Lancaster's site. They'll check how much you've got to back your patent, and if it's not eight-digit money and THEY can make big bucks on it, they'll just infringe and fight any lawsuits you start.

>n) *Have you read the book: "Unusual Telescopes" By Peter.L Manly?*

There's an interesting description under Editorial Reviews here:
<http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/tg/detail/-/052148393X>

>o) *I'm a terrible cynic. Convince me that your post isn't simply a troll.*

Ouch, I'm not even that bad, at least not on this newsgroup, at least not yet...

>*Best of Luck in 2005*
>*Chris.B*

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