

Re: Off-topic posts

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"Chris L Peterson" <clp@alumni.caltech.edu> wrote in message
news:3n2a21puuveglmatjhi8concv3k73orh@4ax.com...
> *On Tue, 1 Mar 2005 16:12:01 -0700, "Jan Owen" <janowen1z@cox.net> wrote:*
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> *>Reminder.*
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> *>This is an Astronomy forum, NOT a Mac versus Windows/PC forum...*
> *>...This is SAA. Not ANY of those things.*
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> *>STOP IT.*
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> *On that subject, no.*
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> *The computer is as much a tool of amateur astronomy as the telescope*
> *these days. Discussions about computer technology ARE topical. Yes, they*
> *sometimes get a bit out of hand, but so do discussions along the lines*
> *of refractor vs. reflector or goto vs. starhopping.*
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> *The ongoing Mac discussion is contained in one thread (with a near miss*
> *on another). How hard can it be to avoid the discussion if you aren't*
> *interested?*

They often start out as an astronomical tool discussion, but within one or two responses they invariably deteriorate into nothing more than squabbles about which is the better operating system, and/or which offers better protection against predators, and in that context, they almost NEVER stay true to their subject headers...

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