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Hi Jan,

Thanks for the detailed reply. If the folks in this newsgroup could just stick to the topic of amateur astronomy, this newsgroup would be a great place. I advocate posting using a real email address, however I personally would never use a real email address because of all of the software bots that crawl Usenet collecting email addresses to sell to spammers. Many years ago, I posted to this newsgroup using a real email address and within several months my email address was ruined with spam. I was receiving over 100 spam emails per day. I guess that it would be possible for me to use the yahoo email "address guard" feature in order to generate special temporary email addresses that I can delete at anytime if they become spam buckets. I am aware of the trick of adding extra characters to the end of my email address, however some of the software bots that crawl usenet sell different variants of your email address and therefore your email address is not really safe.

You are correct that folks seem to defend the trolls and that is exactly what perpetuates the problem. For example, there always been an ongoing flame war between the liberals and the conservatives that gets rekindled several times a month. The problem is that regular contributing members of this group get involved in these off-topic discussions and sometimes perpetuate them until they become flame-wars. In a moderated newsgroup, off-topic posts will cause them to get banned from the newsgroup by a moderator and therefore they will not be tempted to reply and perpetuate off-topic posts. Why do some folks feel that it is necessary to challenge the political alliance of other members of this group? If everyone could just stick to the topic of amateur astronomy, this would be an excellent forum

Regards,

-mij

"Jan Owen" <janowen1z@xxxxxxx> wrote in message
[news:R7fbe.31274\\$1v1.16178@xxxxxxxxxxxxxx](mailto:news:R7fbe.31274$1v1.16178@xxxxxxxxxxxxxx)

>I like the real names and real e-mail address part, and have said so over
> time. It SHOULD be a requirement, with NO exceptions. If you're not real

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- > and directly accountable and traceable, you are banned.
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- > But I DO like SAA where it is. I just wish more folks would exercise
- > common sense in dealing with the trolls and ego trippers.
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- > Ignore them, or killfile them, but DON'T respond to them, because EVERY
- > time you do, YOU are encouraging them to do more of the same.
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- > I've certainly been guilty of this myself.
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- > But what I find interesting, is when you point out that someone is a troll
- > that should be avoided, there are ALWAYS folks who will defend them on
- > SOME pretext (Oh, he owns a telescope AND an observatory, so even though
- > he is a total jerk, and off topic, or on an anti American/anti
- > Democrat/anti Republican/anti anything you can think of rant, I still find
- > him intellectually stimulating, so even though he almost NEVER abides by
- > the SAA charter, I still think we should make an exception in his/her/it's
- > case). And as long as this goes on, there will never be any real control
- > exercised over these folks, and SAA will continue to be a garbage dump...
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- > Jan Owen
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- > To reach me directly, remove the Z, if one appears in my e-mail address...
- > Latitude: 33.662
- > Longitude: -112.3272
- >
- > "Mij Adyaw" <mijadyaw@xxxxxxxxxx> wrote in message
- > [news:eWebe.82300\\$A31.9856@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx](mailto:news:eWebe.82300$A31.9856@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx)
- >> I would like to respectfully ask why so many of you tolerate this
- > newsgroup.
- >> It seems to be full of trolls and other types of folks that get their
- >> jollies by antagonizing other members of the group. There are some very
- >> knowledgeable members of this group and I have learned much from being a
- >> member of this group. Year after year the problems in this newsgroup
- > worsen.
- >> That is just the nature of Usenet and it will only get worse with time.
- >> Have you ever considered moving this forum (essentially all of the good
- >> folks in this forum) to another location such as groups on Astromart or
- > some
- >> other location where folks will have to post using their real names and
- > real
- >> email addresses? It seems that this solution would eliminate all of the
- >> trolls and other annoyances and we could have astronomy discussions
- > without
- >> all of the flame wars. It seems that if a new home could be found, the
- > group
- >> could be vacated rather quickly.
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- >> Regards,
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