

# Re: The Dumbing Down of Astronomers

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RMOLLISE wrote:

Do you belong to your local club and support projects such as these?

Hi Rod:

The problem: they won't let you introduce you new techniques and methods. Every club is run by some few old pig-headed members.

When I was young 10 years ago at age around 20 I was repsonsible for the world wide network of the "Pettis number" (sun observing). The Pettis number is related to the "Wolf number". I also had to make a circulated journal (my Englisch is still mangled but at that time it was a lot harder for me) and always gave the observers the feeling that their observations with small scopes are valuable.

At our astrophysics departement at the university we often conduct meetings and we also invited amateur astronomers. From all the talks and members of that community I know: they have one problem: will my refractor show false color. Not to speak of all the amateurs who believe they are better and much more experienced than the professionals.

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