

# Re: SAA Drivel

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RMOLLISE wrote:

atm2020 wrote:

I have noticed that probably 90% of SAA discussion is about spending money on telescopes/equipment and various levels of telescope bashing. Nothing much about actual astronomy other than "I saw such and such" or "the weather is bad". Pretty lame ducks here.

Hi ATM, TMA, Mike...or whatever you're calling yourself today. :-)

There's a reason for that. s.a.a. is NOT about astronomy in general. While we'll occasionally discuss the latest Hubble shot, the doings of NASA, or news from the most recent AAS convention, that's not what we're here for.

We're here to discuss observational astronomy...that is, amateur astronomy. Including:

Equipment.  
Observing conditons.  
What we saw.

I'd guess that you're either:

A) Not an amateur astronomer and happened on this site and assumed that because "astronomy" is in the title we're a general interest astronomy group. Again, we're not. As above, this group is devoted to the PRACTICE of amateur astronomy.

You practice astrophotography and that does not constitute observational astronomy. Your sole purpose is making objects appear bigger hence that does not constitute observational astronomy never mind the perceptual astronomy of Kepler and Copernicus.

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Let me explicitly demote your hobby to astrophotography through the words of Kepler just so you can have a ball with your equipment in future without considering yourself an astronomer, amateur or otherwise

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"To set down in books the apparent paths of the planets [vias planetarum apparentes] and the record of their motions is especially the task of the practical and mechanical part of astronomy; to discover their true and genuine path [vias vero veras et genuinas] is . . . the task of contemplative astronomy; while to say by what circle and lines correct images of those true motions may be depicted on paper is the concern of the inferior tribunal of geometers" KEPLER

B) Just another troll in a long line of Nancys, Danny Mins, Oriels, and Shawn Grants. This would be indicated by the fact that you've changed your screenname at least once, which is usually done to defeat peoples' killfiles. Also by this post. S