

Re: A Polling Place (Moderated sci.astro.amateur update)

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martinhowell@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx wrote:

On Jun 23, 5:54 pm, Prolegamina <Tracta...@xxxxxxxx> wrote:

martinhow...@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx wrote:

The newest Moderated sci.astro.amateur board allows members to create their own polls. There are now five up and running. Members can vote and guests can view the results.

Polls appearing now:

1. MOTIVATION (10 straight clear and moonless nights. .on how many will you do some observing?)
2. WEIGH IN (If you could only observe one of the following for a year, it would be:)
3. HOW LONG HAS THIS BEEN GOIN' ON? (How long have you been an amateur astronomer?)
4. THE COST OF AMATEUR ASTRONOMY (About how much money do you have invested in amateur astronomy?)
5. NAKED EYE OBSERVING (How much of it do you do and how satisfying do you find it?)

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Go to: www.moderatedsciastroamateur.org

There is a new church every day. Maybe we should just clean up the old one?

A good place to start would be for you to use your real name on your posts but that isn't going to happen. For the many years I have been taking from and contributing to sci.astro.amateur, there has always been a constant desire expressed for a moderated version of the group. That ain't gonna happen usenet-wise so I am spending my money and my time (lots of it) to offer that alternative to those who want it, WHEN THEY WANT IT. I make no apologies to anyone that this had to be done in a web based forum. . .but a forum nonetheless composed of your fellow sci.astro.amateur members. Have you visited the site? If you did, you would surely recognize some of our contributors and members names from the usenet sci.astro.amateur.

I have lit a candle in an effort to stop some from cursing the darkness. A visit to Moderated sci.astro.amateur will reveal what I bet is what you and others would like to see sci.astro.amateur become. Say what you want, but nothing anyone can assert will diminish the good intent I had in creating and have in maintaining the site.

As for my updates for goings on over there, if you don't want to read them, then don't. They have been, and will continue to be, clearly marked as such.

--Martin

Of all the moderated versions I can imagine, I would think yours fair but I visited your site and I did not like the way topics were parsed into a small number of categories. That seems to defeat the free flow and natural diversity of a ng where all kinds of things come up, and overlap at times.

I realise some people prefer just that – narrow boxes (the way our ancestors liked caves?).

But Martin dont wear yourself out with this and get disappointed or upset if it doesnt live up to expectations. Maybe it will. There are pros and cons and potential in many directions depending on what people do.... but I understand your motivation (time honored).

Good luck.
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