

## Re: C8 donation

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On Fri, 28 Sep 2007 23:25:58 -0400, "Dennis Woos" <[dpwoos@xxxxxxxx](mailto:dpwoos@xxxxxxxx)> wrote:

I am not saying that your donation was a bad idea, as I have no info about this specific school/teacher. However, I always discourage folks from donating scopes to our local schools. The teachers don't know how to use a scope, and so it ends up stuck in a storage closet.

I tend to agree and have argued similarly with my local astro club. Most schools never have any presence at night by students and teachers to do any observing — about the only way the scope would get used is by some type of loaner program for students to take it home.

A youth club that does some camping or something that involves night activities as a group would make better use of the scope.

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Michael McCulloch

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