

## Re: Observer's handbook comments

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rat ~();> wrote:

I don't bother my local club any more, it's hardly worth the hassle to save five dollars here and five dollars there and go through all the club BS. I enjoy getting the package in the mail from Canada and dealing directly with the Astronomy Mag publishers. I still go to club star parties about once a year and set up a telescope. So far nobody has stopped me from setting up because my dues are not up to date. Most of my observing happens in the backyard anyway, and this here is my real "club." Sorry 'bout that...

rat  
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I do like our club, with over 800 members, I am almost always meeting someone new when out observing.

Ya get a few cranks here and there, but they get lost in the masses which on the whole, are interested, and motivated. Made a bunch of nice friends this way. And after almost nine years a member, it's nice to keep hearing the same familiar voices in the dark year after year, with the new one's added on. Have to put up with the noise of GOTO all the time now, but it just means more new people getting into the hobby.

Also... people in our club seem to sell stuff like crazy at times, some of the deals were/are fantastic at times. Lot's of old gear pop's up from time to time, I go crazy over it for some reason...

The flip side is that now I am into the Herschel 400, I do preffer to observe alone more often. Going to be earning

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some ironman points this winter if it keeps getting cold here. (supposed to have warm winter lol...)

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AM

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