Astrophotography

Editorial:
Astro-imaging in amateur astronomy continues to evolve as manufacturers develop photographic systems that are easier to use, less expensive, and amenable to use under low light conditions. Many of the Astro-imaging systems and formats are manufactured specifically for astronomy. Others, such as web cams, are adapted through the ingenious development of software capable of prolonging exposures, stacking, and enhancing of faint images, development of adapters and other hardware, to produce images of deep sky objects.

In the following editions of The Meteor, club members that have developed, successfully, astro-images of planetary, solar and deep sky objects using various astro-imaging systems and formats, will present their experiences astro-imaging. The editor of The Meteor invites members of the Greenbelt Astronomy Club and persons interested in astro-photography to submit articles describing their experiences. The articles should be written to encourage, enhance and broaden the experiences of the amateur astronomy.
Dear Editor,

In reading the article ‘Musings While Digging Footings’ (The Meteor, Volume 10; Issues 118 July 2003) I was confused that the author chose not to reference the independent, professional geo-technical study of the proposed observatory location commissioned by the G.A.C. organization. While the intentions of the author were certainly well intentioned and seemed to have re-assuring the membership that the chosen location is viable as the reason for the article, I feel the membership and public would be better served by facts and conclusions dealing with the actual site and reported by objective professionals following accepted industry standards as opposed to relying on an analogy drawn with a site that may or may not be representative of the chosen location by an individual with no professional certification or expertise.

To my knowledge, the full content of the geo-technical analysis has not been made available to the membership or the public; so a reasonable person may have questions as to the validity of conclusions as to the appropriateness of the chosen location or structure design. After all, should not an organization that professes to encourage an interest in the scientific method and science education not make decisions on objective facts in an open manner subject to peer review?

Best Regards,
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