

VAAS Special Edition

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Since we are on a break till September I thought it would be nice to do a special edition in pictorial. The photos contained herein exhibit some of the activities of our VAAS loosely referred to as "The Club" for the past operating year. Photos are annotated where applicable and are grouped in categories but in no particular order. *(Don't forget to check the 2012 star party schedule during the summer break).* The next Meeting will be 14 September 2012. ***Hope you enjoy this trip down memory lane...Cheers and clear skies....The Editor.***

Star Parties





Setting up

Craig Checking alignment





Site 1.5



Narrative of a Star Party by Dave Covey:

The 6 pictures on page 5 below are from the 16 June star party on Figueroa Mt. site 1.5

Weather was good, mostly clear skies, light wind and warm. There was some smoke/clouds in the sky but luckily mostly low to the South and West.

On the way to site 1.5 Vahan and Dave Covey came across John Law who was just starting to setup his telescope at site 1.0. He followed us to site 1.5.

We arrived at site 1.5 about 8PM. Morrie and Steve Cobb were already there and setup for the night's viewing session.

Dave McNally joined us at about 9PM to complete the party.

John Law is a former VAAS member from about 1997. He had a Celestron NextStar 8" scope.

Vahan had his 4" Celestron Omni XLT 102ED refractor. Dave Covey had his Meade LX90 8" SCT. Morrie had his Orion 12" Dob.

Vahan captured some images of M13 and M92 with his setup.

John Law was working his scope visually.

Morrie and Steve were working their scope visually.

Dave was working his scope visually at first and then later captured some images of M13.

Most of us didn't need a jacket well past midnight with the only complaints were from Dave and Vahan about the various flying bugs that were attracted by their laptop screens. At least there were no Mosquito's.

Oh well we can't complain too loudly because we still enjoyed the night under good dark skies.

The star party broke up around midnight to 1:30 AM. In summary a great star party was had by all.





Christmas Parties



04 December Star Party Results

Foiled by cloudy weather and it wasn't the "Lompoc Nebula".



Field Trips







The Alvin Clark 8", f17 refractor named "Leah", showing the side view and "Business end". Note the large engravings on the brass endcap identifying it as an Alvin Clark telescope.



The VAAS Observatory



Outreach Orcutt Academy

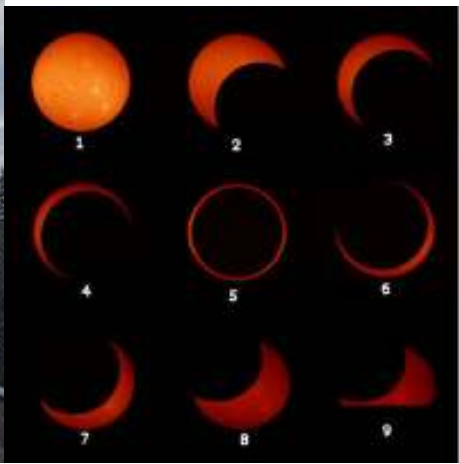


Outreach Tommie Kunst Jr High



Observatory Work







This work effort was ##@%// &\$\$# @@&& and time consuming!



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That's All Folks

Next meeting is September 14th 2012 at the Manzanita School teachers lounge, see you there.

Vahan NL Editor.

*“Astronomy compels the soul to look upward,
and leads us from this world to another”.*

(Plato)

