

Thursday, March 15, 2012

Arrived at the Denver Dark Sky Site east of Deer Trail, CO about 5:00 PM. Jon DeJong was already there with his new 22 inch f/3.5 scope. Very short and just doesn't look right.

Light wind from south at sunset. Clear overhead. Clouds hugging W->NW->N->NE horizon. 51 degrees. At 7:14 PM, Venus nice ½ phase and Jupiter has lots of bands lith 15mm eyepiece.

Sky is Good. Transparency is Good.

UGC 3697	8:04 PM	15mm – A nice edge on. Small. Seen w/AV. Fatter, brighter core bulge and short tapered arms. Very dim. PA 1 o'clock.
UGC 3137	8:18 PM	15mm – A small, thing ghostly glow. PA 4 o'clock.
PGC 24685 E 563-21	8:36 PM	15mm – An <u>extremely</u> faint gal, yet easy to see. Hare brighter, fatter core area and <u>extremely</u> faint, short arms. Very linear. PA 5 o'clock.
PGC 24479 E 563-14	8:47 PM	15mm – An <u>extremely</u> dim, tiny, elongated glow. PA 1 o'clock.
PGC 25926 E 564-27	9:02 PM	15mm – A very faint, small, thin, uniformly lit glow. PA 0 degrees. I was looking at the field and it just popped into view. Pretty cool.

Sky good. Transparency good. 43 degrees. Good breeze from south. Bounces scope enough to help my eye detect these faint galaxies.

UGC 6866	9:48 PM	15mm – An <u>extremely</u> faint, thin, uniformly lit ghostly glow. PA 4 o'clock.
UGC 7321	9:57 PM	15mm – An extremely faint, thin ghostly glow. PA 1 o'clock.
IC 755	10:06 PM	15mm – A small, <u>very</u> dim, uniformly lit linear glow. PA 5:30 o'clock.
NGC 2792	10:23 PM	15mm – Just above horizon. W/OIII, bright, round, small glow with central star seen in center of glow. Without filter, small, round, blue green glow with central star seen.
PGC 28909	10:32 PM	15mm – An extremely dim, small, linear smudge of light. PA 5 degrees.

Brisk wind from south making FOV bounce a lot. Still finding objects though. 46 degrees. Seeing OK. Transparency good.

PGC 28840 10:36 PM 15mm – An extremely faint, thin, small, linear, uniformly lit smudge of light. Easy to see though faint. PA 4 o'clock.

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From Jon's 22 inch scope. Nice, Bright. 2 tails seen. Watched it move in FOV.



PGC 32550 11:05 PM 15mm – An extremely faint ghostly glow of a sliver of
E 569-14 light. PA 5 degrees.

PGC 40566 11:24 PM 15mm – An extremely faint ghostly sliver of light. PA 4:30
IC 3322A o'clock.

Σ 1740 Vir 12:05 AM 20x80 Binocs – 2 fainter stars approx same magnitude very near each other.

70 Vir 12:07 AM 20x80 Binocs – A brighter blue white stars to lower left of a much dimmer companion a bit away.

α Lib 12:12 AM 20x80 Binocs – 2 bright blue white stars with bottom star much brighter than upper one.

The wind persisted all night. Often getting above 15 mph. Decided to pack it in after seen last 3 double stars from the Double Star club. I have seen them all now.

Jon DeJong, Joe Gafford, Dave Delassus and Bruce Heath were out here tonight. A nice group. Looked thru Jon's scope a lot, He has a very nice scope for \$13,000 plus \$2000 more for Ethos eyepieces.