

Saturday November 3, 2007

I moved to the new Roland's Astro Corral just to the NE of the old CFN, which we can no longer use. This is an area that Gary Garzone got from a farmer and it's a working corral and loading facility for cows. I arrived at 1:00 PM from the Raymer site. It's a corral with cow pies and lots of dust. I don't know if I'll come here this summer because of the potential for flies. There were cows in a pen here when I arrived.

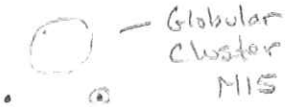
At sunset, it was clear. Sky steady. 20+ people showed up.

42 degrees. Sky steady. Seeing great.

PK104-29.1 7:33 PM 19mm - A very faint glow with 5 fainter stars seen on this glow. I know I am on the stars for I star hopped here 2 different ways to this same glow.

NGC 7094 7:42 PM 19mm - Very faint. Medium sized round glow with tiny faint star seen in center of the glow. OIII shows it also but best view is without filter. The star seen is probably the central star.

PK 65-27.1 7:48 PM 19mm - Its stellar. But with 9mm see an out of focus star. Its bright and blue in color. Tiny halo seen around a central star. With OIII, see a larger halo area. Round. Central star not easily seen with filter. Nice. But its small.



IC3568 8:23 PM 19mm - Small round glow. Halo bright. Central star easily seen in center of glow. OIII shows it nicely also. But easily seen without filter. 9mm - shows it nicely. At this power, see center of halo brighter than at the edge. This gives the best view. Central star easily seen at this power.

PK 144-15.1 9:49 PM 9mm - This power shows a bright star with a tiny bit of halo around it. OIII shows it nicely also. See more of the halo in OIII easier.

It clouded up shortly after this observation. The sky was deteriorating for the last few minutes. It stayed cloudy till well after midnight, when a cold wind blew out of the NE and the sky cleared from that direction first and then to the south.

IC 5217 12:42 AM 9mm shows very small, circular, blue out of focus star. OIII shows halo well and tiny central star peeking thru with AV.

PK 114-4.1 12:51 AM

9mm - Shows it the best. Linear in shale with center part the brightest with central star see in this brighter area. OIII shows it a bit dimmer. 19mm shows a funny looking star with extended sides.

34 degrees. Seeing good. Light wind from south.

PK 205+14.1 1:17 AM

9mm - Very elusive. See central star in center of a circular contrast to what is seen in the FOV. Almost not there. Two dim field stars are to upper left and upper right of the dimmer central star and hint of a glow. I know I have this star field right on for this is the second time I've been here and remember the alignment stars pointing at it. OIII doesn't show anything at all.

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19mm - Shows many extremely faint stars on top of a compact glow. 9mm shows these faint stars better, maybe 10-12, in a compact area. The glow now is mottled and is not uniformly lit. This was faint yet the combined glow of the unseen stars was unmistakable in 19mm FOV.
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