

Saturday November 30, 2013

Traveled the Dark Sky Site at Deer Trail, CO. Setup by 3:30 PM. Clear, calm, 53 degrees. Used my 8" f/6 Newtonian tonight with the Sky Commander.

Venus 5:15 PM Nice crescent phase.

34 degrees. Seeing good. Transparency good.

Comet Lovejoy 6:03 PM Nice. See low in NW with binoculars.

NGC 150 6:03 PM 10mm - Nice. Larger, dim, round glow.

NGC 7052 6:24 PM 10mm – A tiny, thin glow to 10 o'clock of a field star and near. Has hint of a brighter core.

Sky and Transparency Good. Stars steady. 24 degrees.

NGC 7538 6:28 PM 10mm – Around 2 stars that are near each other is this dim, oval glow. Lynd brightness 4. Easy to see when move scope.

NGC 7076 6:45 PM 10mm – Underneath 6 stars that form an X is this faint glow following X and around it. Only see it with UHC. Lynd brightness 5. Fills center of FOV nicely.

IC 284 6:55 PM 10mm – An extremely faint oval glow with 3 field stars on lower part of glow.

LBN 619 7:03 PM 10mm – Under 5 brighter stars is a hint of a glow. Best seen around brightest star with hint of a halo around it. Seen without UHC. Lynd brightness 6.

7:26 PM. 21 degrees. Seeing and Transparency good.

NGC 1240 7:30 PM 10mm – 2 stars. Very dim. Upper star brighter. Very near each other.

21 degrees. Sky Commander keeps resetting itself when I push a button. Changed battery when SC shut itself off earlier in the evening. Sky softer now and cannot find 12.5 mag galaxies in Cetus. Tried to find galaxies earlier in the evening in Sculptor and Phoenix but didn't see them. Starting to dew. It's 8:16 PM, packing it in and heading home.