

FIRST LIGHT #12

TIME TO LAUGH

You know you're a Deep Sky Person when:

1. You consider the moon a major annoyance, rather than an object associated with romance.
2. You consider Jupiter 'light pollution'.
3. You spend most of your time looking at or for objects you can barely see.
4. Your favorite objects are objects you can barely see.
5. You enjoy looking at faint fuzzies with the smallest possible aperture.
6. You enjoy looking at faint fuzzies with the largest possible aperture.
7. You like to choose objects that are easier to imagine than to see.
8. Your observing schedule demands that you search for objects in twilight.
9. You keep thinking that if only the stars would go away, it might really get dark.
10. You wonder how your favorite objects missed getting included in the New General Catalog or the Index Catalog.
11. You're not sure that anything in this solar system counts as astronomy any more.
12. You're amazed that anyone needs artificial light to read charts.
13. You could do a Messier Marathon from memory, if you still bothered with Messier objects.
14. You can read all the NGC abbreviated visual descriptions without using the key, but you have to be careful not to cheat by just remembering what things look like.
15. You view a major earthquake as an opportunity for a close-in dark-sky star party.
16. You welcome (and have even considered instigating) power cuts, but only if they occur on clear moonless nights.