

## 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.

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| U3697              | 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.                                      |
| U3137              | 8:18 PM | 15mm – A small, thing ghostly glow. PA 4 o'clock.                                                                                                         |
| P24685<br>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. |
| P24479<br>E 563-14 | 8:47 PM | 15mm – An <u>extremely</u> dim, tiny, elongated glow. PA 1 o'clock.                                                                                       |
| P25926<br>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.

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| U6866    | 9:48 PM  | 15mm – An <u>extremely</u> faint, thin, uniformly lit ghostly glow. PA 4 o'clock.                                                                                            |
| U7321    | 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. |
| P28909   | 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.

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| P28840 | 10:36 PM | 15mm – An <u>extremely</u> faint, thin, small, linear, uniformly lit smudge of light. Easy to see though faint. PA 4 o'clock. |
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| Comet Garradd |  | From Jon's 22 inch scope. Nice, Bright. 2 tails seen. Watched it move in FOV. |
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| P32550<br>E 569-14 | 11:05 PM | 15mm – An extremely faint ghostly glow of a sliver of light. PA 5 degrees. |
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| P40566<br>IC 3322A | 11:24 PM | 15mm – An <u>extremely</u> faint ghostly sliver of light. PA 4:30 o'clock. |
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| $\Sigma$ 1740 Vir | 12:05 AM | 20x80 Binocs – 2 fainter stars approx same magnitude very near each other. |
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| 70 Vir | 12:07 AM | 20x80 Binocs – A brighter blue white stars to lower left of a much dimmer companion a bit away. |
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| $\alpha$ Lib | 12:12 AM | 20x80 Binocs – 2 bright blue white stars with bottom star much brighter than upper one. |
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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.