
Mauna Loa Solar Observatory Observer's Log

Thu Jul 2 16:47:08 GMT 1998 Year: 98 Doy: 183 Observer: koon WEATHER COMMENT: Thu Jul 2 16:48:10 GMT 1998 Clear sky, no wind, temp=52 F. CHIP COMMENT: Thu Jul 2 16:48:39 GMT 1998 It looks like this is working again, a message from Kitty says she was able to repair the bad blocks of the affected disk and mount it, and the program came up like usual, so I'll try it out. Thu Jul 2 16:52:52 GMT 1998 CHIP Startup--Initializing new tape Thu Jul 2 16:59:04 GMT 1998 Start Patrol MKIII Thu Jul 2 16:59:09 GMT 1998 CHIP Start Patrol CHIP Thu Jul 2 16:59:15 GMT 1998 PICS Start Patrol **CHIP PROBLEM**: Thu Jul 2 17:01:37 GMT 1998 When I tried to run Patrol the sparcstation rebooted itself. Thu Jul 2 17:02:08 GMT 1998 PTCS Flat Thu Jul 2 17:03:37 GMT 1998 PICS End Flat MKIII COMMENT: Thu Jul 2 17:04:40 GMT 1998 The scans look good, so the corrector table must be OK. I wasn't sure about that yesterday because the scans looked strange, probably due to the clouds and some optical misplacements. **MLSO PROBLEM**: Thu Jul 2 17:06:20 GMT 1998 The power went out again sometime yesterday. **LOW-L PROBLEM**: Thu Jul 2 17:07:02 GMT 1998 Due to the second power outage yesterday the program was restarted and the data went to Test Drive #1, so none of yesterday's data were lost, but if there were another power outage the program would have started overwriting the data on Drive#0 because that tape didn't eject. A UPS for the LOWL would prevent that sort of data loss, we've lost data that way before. Removed L00529 and installed L00531 in Drive #0. **PICS PROBLEM**: Thu Jul 2 17:08:42 GMT 1998 Due to the second power outage yesterday the cooler was off this morning. Thu Jul 2 17:14:01 GMT 1998 CHIP Startup--Initializing new tape Thu Jul 2 17:24:42 GMT 1998 CHIP CHIP Start Patrol CHIP COMMENT: Thu Jul 2 17:28:09 GMT 1998 I started the Patrol again after the automatic reboot, so far the program is working, it appears to be taking data and writing to tape OK. CHIP COMMENT: Thu Jul 2 17:37:36 GMT 1998 Although the program appears to be working I don't see any images in either the Camera or Display windows. CHIP COMMENT: Thu Jul 2 17:43:19 GMT 1998 The dust cover and diffuser are both out, it looks like light is getting to the camera, probably. I'll see if I can update the hourly time-lapse sequence after 1800, that would indicate that data is being taken and put somewhere.

MLSO PROBLEM: Thu Jul 2 17:58:45 GMT 1998 The network is down again, it was working earlier today, can't get past mtnserv. Thu Jul 2 18:01:17 GMT 1998 CHIP Bias Thu Jul 2 18:02:24 GMT 1998 Flat PICS Thu Jul 2 18:02:43 GMT 1998 End Bias CHIP Thu Jul 2 18:02:53 GMT 1998 CHIP Water Thu Jul 2 18:03:40 GMT 1998 CHIP End Water Thu Jul 2 18:03:51 GMT 1998 PICS End Flat CHIP COMMENT: Thu Jul 2 18:04:21 GMT 1998 The image for the hourly time-lapse sequence is bad, just like the Display window image, pure noise. Thu Jul 2 18:09:36 GMT 1998 CHIP End Patrol CHIP CHIP COMMENT: Thu Jul 2 18:25:00 GMT 1998 I found that the objective was pointed far off in the Y direction, I centered the image as best I could by eye in the Camera window. Also had to move a little in the X direction. CHIP COMMENT: Thu Jul 2 18:30:49 GMT 1998 I restarted Patrol and now there is an image in the Display window. **CHIP PROBLEM**: Thu Jul 2 18:31:59 GMT 1998 There was a few problems today that are mentioned in more detail in the log. Basically, Kitty fixed the disk by finding the bad blocks, so she remounted the disk and I tried the Patrol today. On the first try, the computer automatically rebooted shortly after I started Patrol. On the second try the Patrol worked but it turned out that the objective was incorrectly pointed, I used the Mike Controller to visually center the image of the sun in the Camera window while running the Video program. Hopefully the adjusting of the objective won't cause other problems. This comment is a heads-up notice to the Boulder folks that some problems may still exist but if aren't noticeable to me right now. I am currently running Patrol for the third time and everything looks good. Thu Jul 2 19:02:21 GMT 1998 PICS Flat Thu Jul 2 19:03:49 GMT 1998 PICS End Flat **CHIP PROBLEM**: Thu Jul 2 19:10:38 GMT 1998 Had and Optics: Busy crash during Program: FixCenter, did Kill/Run to fix. Thu Jul 2 19:13:52 GMT 1998 CHIP CHIP Start Patrol **MLSO PROBLEM**: Thu Jul 2 19:22:29 GMT 1998 Mail at Boulder isn't working for some reason, hopefully it will just be delayed, and at least the network is working now. **MLSO PROBLEM**: Thu Jul 2 19:28:42 GMT 1998 I checked with NOAA and they had power outages yesterday at the same time as us, but they had a UPS for their equipment and therefore nothing was damaged. We need UPS systems for our equipment too, before we get a serious problem due to power problems, at least for the computers. I also checked with HELCO and there was a power outage in Puna in the morning that probably caused our main outage problem, they weren't aware of any problem in the afternoon but we got hit by something that caused loss of LOWL data and turned off the PICS/CHIP cooler.

Thu Jul 2 20:02:27 GMT 1998 PICS Flat Thu Jul 2 20:03:22 GMT 1998 CHIP Gain Thu Jul 2 20:03:53 GMT 1998 PICS End Flat Thu Jul 2 20:09:13 GMT 1998 End Bias CHIP Thu Jul 2 20:09:23 GMT 1998 CHIP Water Thu Jul 2 20:09:58 GMT 1998 CHIP End Water COMMENT: Thu Jul 2 20:25:12 GMT 1998 Extended the dome slot about 20 minutes ago. **PSPT PROBLEM**: Thu Jul 2 20:35:17 GMT 1998 Roy had a problem with the sparcstation, it was locked up. I tried STOP-A and rlogging into pspt, neither worked. Had to cycle the power, it came up OK, no "fsck" type problems. Thu Jul 2 21:00:16 GMT 1998 PICS Flat Thu Jul 2 21:01:48 GMT 1998 PICS End Flat Thu Jul 2 21:02:19 GMT 1998 Bias CHIP Thu Jul 2 21:03:32 GMT 1998 CHIP End Bias Thu Jul 2 21:03:44 GMT 1998 CHIP Water Thu Jul 2 21:04:27 GMT 1998 CHIP End Water Thu Jul 2 22:01:17 GMT 1998 PICS Flat Thu Jul 2 22:02:18 GMT 1998 Bias CHIP Thu Jul 2 22:02:49 GMT 1998 PICS End Flat Thu Jul 2 22:03:26 GMT 1998 CHIP End Bias Thu Jul 2 22:03:36 GMT 1998 CHIP Water Thu Jul 2 22:04:19 GMT 1998 End Water CHIP Thu Jul 2 22:13:37 GMT 1998 PICS End Patrol Thu Jul 2 22:16:30 GMT 1998 CHIP End Patrol CHIP Thu Jul 2 22:18:10 GMT 1998 CHIP ending tape COMMENT: Thu Jul 2 22:23:49 GMT 1998 TAPES: * * * * * * PICS: P01233 CHIP: C00627 LOWL: L00530 in Test drive #1 **MLSO PROBLEM**: Thu Jul 2 22:45:00 GMT 1998 I heard an alarm up in the dome. The CHIP/PICS cooler was low on coolant, even though I just filled it about 3 weeks ago. I filled it back. I found a puddle of coolant under the cooler, it leaked out from somewhere near the rear of the cooler but I couldn't tell where. The leak had stopped so I didn't pull the cooler apart. It was probably due to some seal or connection deforming due to temperature or dehydration because of the cooler being off due to the second power outage yesterday. This is another good reason to have a UPS system for the cooler, and we also lose good data as the plate temperatures cool down in the morning after the cooler was off overnight. Thu Jul 2 22:50:33 GMT 1998 MkIII

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