Mauna Loa Solar Observatory Observer's Log

Tue Jul 6 16:47:58 GMT 2010 Year: 10 Doy: 187 Observer: koon WEATHER COMMENT: Tue Jul 6 16:48:00 GMT 2010 Clear sky, wind=5mph from the SE, temp=53F. end Tue Jul 6 16:55:05 GMT 2010 MKTV Start Patrol Tue Jul 6 16:55:22 GMT 2010 CHIP Start Patrol PSPT COMMENT BY DARRYL: Tue Jul 6 17:14:00 GMT 2010 Observing. end Tue Jul 6 17:36:33 GMT 2010 MKIV End Patrol Tue Jul 6 18:01:36 GMT 2010 CHIP LSD Tue Jul 6 18:03:08 GMT 2010 CHIP End LSD Tue Jul 6 18:03:16 GMT 2010 CHIP BiasLSD Tue Jul 6 18:04:02 GMT 2010 CHIP End BiasLSD Tue Jul 6 18:04:10 GMT 2010 Bias CHIP Tue Jul 6 18:04:56 GMT 2010 CHIP End Bias Tue Jul 6 18:05:09 GMT 2010 CHIP ReStart Patrol Tue Jul 6 20:19:18 GMT 2010 MKIV Start Cal **MKIV PROBLEM COMMENT BY DARRYL**: Tue Jul 6 20:19:40 GMT 2010 I think the CCD on the Mk4 camera is failing, we're seeing the same "dark noise" signal like we did when the last CCD sensor failed in this camera, it's not exactly the same but there is signal even when the sensor isn't illuminated by the solar image, last bad CCD had raised noise across the sensor with a high point in the central region, this sensor has a fairly level raised signal area across the sensor but dip a lot near the right edge, and there are high spikes on the outside edges of where the double signal "humps" normally fall and lowered spikes on the inside edges of where those humps normally fall - even though it is dark and there aren't any humps. This is the case even with the camera and SK lens covered with black photography cloth so it isn't a light leak problem. The double humps also show a big dip in the right humps as first noticed by Ben back on 6/28/10 before I started to realign the camera to increase the Vgain and in hopes of eliminating this dip. I've taken pictures and sent out an explanatory email with a timeline and the request for help in getting a new CCD sensor. We should keep running Mk4 anyway, the data may still be useful. I'm running a calibration now, after that I'll do a "Correct" and then run another calibration. end

Tue Jul 6 20:38:05 GMT 2010MKIVEnd CalTue Jul 6 20:45:53 GMT 2010MKIVStart CorrectTue Jul 6 20:47:25 GMT 2010MKIVEnd CorrectMKIV COMMENT BY DARRYL:Tue Jul 6 20:48:16 GMT 2010Last output line from "Correct" shows:

s & p hairlines 97 274 97 282 and the up/down signal looks greater than the last Correct showed. Back in 5/09 the hairlines were found at 107,275 and 108,274 instead of 97,274 and 97,282 like now, but the Correct graph looks bad at low heights around that 95-110 region if I'm reading it right (there aren't any labeled axes) so that corresponds to the bad looking lower heights in the scans and in the double humps (inside edges are lower heights for both humps) and so it makes sense that the Correct program would have difficulty finding hairlines there. I'm going to cycle the KCC power as we have to do between running a "Correct" and "Patrol" else the barrel runs to a limit and sits there. Then I'll go on with other tasks and leave Mk4 as-is until I get back to MLSO on 7/18. end Tue Jul 6 21:40:36 GMT 2010 MKIV Start Patrol Tue Jul 6 21:46:52 GMT 2010 MKIV End Patrol Tue Jul 6 21:47:42 GMT 2010 MKIV Start Cal MKIV COMMENT BY DARRYL: Tue Jul 6 21:51:57 GMT 2010 After the Correct the real-time scans look the same except for the ring inside of the lowest corona is now mostly white instead of mostly blue. Running another Cal then it's back to Patrol. end Tue Jul 6 22:07:12 GMT 2010 MKIV End Cal NOTE BY DARRYL: Tue Jul 6 22:12:41 GMT 2010 I setup a delivery of LN2 for 7/21/10, a 170 Liter dewar. end Tue Jul 6 23:02:37 GMT 2010 CHIP LSD Tue Jul 6 23:04:12 GMT 2010 CHIP End LSD Tue Jul 6 23:04:21 GMT 2010 CHIP BiasLSD Tue Jul 6 23:04:56 GMT 2010 End BiasLSD CHIP Tue Jul 6 23:05:12 GMT 2010 Bias CHIP Tue Jul 6 23:05:56 GMT 2010 CHIP End Bias Tue Jul 6 23:06:03 GMT 2010 CHIP ReStart Patrol Tue Jul 6 23:40:42 GMT 2010 CHIP End Patrol Tue Jul 6 23:44:14 GMT 2010 MKIV End Patrol Wed Jul 7 00:00:40 GMT 2010 MkIV 16_55.rawmk4 22_17.rawmk4 22_53.rawmk4 23_32.rawmk4 17_30.rawmk4 16 58.rawmk4 17 33.rawmk4 22 20.rawmk4 22 56.rawmk4 23 35.rawmk4 17 01.rawmk4 20 22.rawmk4 22 23.rawmk4 22 59.rawmk4 23 38.rawmk4 17_03.rawmk4 20_28.rawmk4 22_26.rawmk4 23_01.rawmk4 23_41.rawmk4 17 06.rawmk4 20 34.rawmk4 22 29.rawmk4 23 04.rawmk4 c20 19.rawmk4 17 09.rawmk4 21 40.rawmk4 22 32.rawmk4 23 07.rawmk4 c20 25.rawmk4 17_12.rawmk4 21_43.rawmk4 22_35.rawmk4 23 13.rawmk4 c20 31.rawmk4 17 15.rawmk4 21 50.rawmk4 22 38.rawmk4 23 17.rawmk4 c21_54.rawmk4 17 18.rawmk4 21 57.rawmk4 22 41.rawmk4 23 20.rawmk4 c22 00.rawmk4 17 21.rawmk4 22 03.rawmk4 22 44.rawmk4 23 23.rawmk4 17 24.rawmk4 23 26.rawmk4 22 11.rawmk4 22 47.rawmk4

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