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Mauna Loa Solar Observatory Observer's Log

Sun Sep 18 17:21:16 GMT 2011 Year: 11 Doy: 261 Observer: koon WEATHER COMMENT: Sun Sep 18 17:21:44 GMT 2011 Clear sky, wind=20 mph from the SSE, temp=50F. end Sun Sep 18 17:30:51 GMT 2011 MKIV Start Patrol Sun Sep 18 17:31:00 GMT 2011 H-ALPHA Start Patrol Sun Sep 18 17:31:25 GMT 2011 CHIP Start Patrol Sun Sep 18 17:43:24 GMT 2011: PSPT Start Patrol Sun Sep 18 17:52:19 GMT 2011 COMP Start Patrol \*\*COMP PROBLEM COMMENT BY DARRYL\*\*: Sun Sep 18 17:37:17 GMT 2011 The focus curve since Friday today doesn't show a nice bell curve, the curve is high at the left and then turns into the right half of the normal focus curve around 81,000 (normal value). tried cycling power to Newport Motion Controller w/o any change, multiple focus runs don't change anything. Will run it for a while then stop and test focus again. end Sun Sep 18 17:59:27 GMT 2011 COMP End Patrol Sun Sep 18 18:01:44 GMT 2011 CHIP LSD Sun Sep 18 18:03:13 GMT 2011 CHIP End LSD Sun Sep 18 18:03:26 GMT 2011 CHIP BiasLSD Sun Sep 18 18:04:23 GMT 2011 End BiasLSD CHIP Sun Sep 18 18:04:32 GMT 2011 Bias CHIP Sun Sep 18 18:05:17 GMT 2011 CHIP End Bias Sun Sep 18 18:05:30 GMT 2011 ReStart Patrol CHIP Sun Sep 18 18:06:31 GMT 2011 End Patrol MKIV Sun Sep 18 18:06:36 GMT 2011 MKIV Start Cal Sun Sep 18 18:22:21 GMT 2011 COMP Start Patrol \*\*COMP PROBLEM COMMENT BY DARRYL\*\*: Sun Sep 18 18:22:12 GMT 2011 Stopped cookbook tried focus, still weird looking, stopped program, closed CoMP observing program and brought it up again, still only have high plateau on left side of curve and right side looks good. Will run cookbook I set the focus at 81000 which looks normal, will keep investigating after one Cookbook cycle. end Sun Sep 18 18:25:56 GMT 2011 End Cal MKIV Sun Sep 18 18:26:06 GMT 2011 MKIV Start Patrol Sun Sep 18 21:13:34 GMT 2011 COMP End Patrol Sun Sep 18 21:13:37 GMT 2011 COMP Start Patrol Sun Sep 18 21:19:49 GMT 2011 COMP End Patrol \*\*COMP PROBLEM COMMENT BY DARRYL\*\*: Sun Sep 18 22:28:55 GMT 2011 Paused obs while I fixed the focus problem. I watched the focus mechanism run while doing a Focus routine, I could see the micrometer drive rod leave the reference stop during part of the routine. I set the Focus position at the

lower end of the normal graph (~75000) using the Occulting routine input field, then I went back to CoMP upstairs to see the gap I wanted to eliminate. The focusing mechanism wasn't springing all the way up to the fixed push point reference because it was bumping into the filter. The filter stage has 2 set screws that seemed too loose, so I think the filter slipped a little over time. The back end of the filter stage was aligned with the 80 cm mark on the optical rail, but I could see a pencil mark around the 79.85 mark so I moved the filter forward to that position (about 1.5 mm toward 01) and tightened those 2 setscrews on the optical rail. That gave a little more travel than I needed so I think it is set very well for normal focus range. I tested the focus routine and the curve looks great, back to obs. end Sun Sep 18 22:45:17 GMT 2011 COMP Start Patrol Sun Sep 18 23:02:44 GMT 2011 CHIP LSD Sun Sep 18 23:04:14 GMT 2011 CHIP End LSD Sun Sep 18 23:04:23 GMT 2011 CHIP BiasLSD Sun Sep 18 23:05:11 GMT 2011 End BiasLSD CHIP Sun Sep 18 23:05:24 GMT 2011 CHIP Bias Sun Sep 18 23:06:07 GMT 2011 CHIP End Bias Sun Sep 18 23:06:19 GMT 2011 CHIP ReStart Patrol NOTE BY DARRYL: Sun Sep 18 23:08:34 GMT 2011 Lost dome tracking, repointed dome. \_\_\_\_end\_ Mon Sep 19 01:33:34 GMT 2011 COMP End Patrol Mon Sep 19 01:33:37 GMT 2011 COMP Start Patrol Mon Sep 19 01:58:46 GMT 2011: PSPT Abort Patrol Mon Sep 19 01:59:37 GMT 2011 CHIP End Patrol Mon Sep 19 02:00:21 GMT 2011 COMP End Patrol Mon Sep 19 02:00:50 GMT 2011 MKIV End Patrol Mon Sep 19 02:00:52 GMT 2011 H-ALPHA End Patrol Mon Sep 19 02:20:06 GMT 2011 MkIV 00 02.rawmk4 01 45.rawmk4 19 11.rawmk4 20 50.rawmk4 22 30.rawmk4 00 04.rawmk4 01 48.rawmk4 19 14.rawmk4 20 53.rawmk4 22 33.rawmk4 00 07.rawmk4 20 56.rawmk4 01 51.rawmk4 19 16.rawmk4 22 36.rawmk4 00 10.rawmk4 01 54.rawmk4 19 19.rawmk4 20 59.rawmk4 22 39.rawmk4 00\_13.rawmk4 01\_57.rawmk4 19\_22.rawmk4 21\_02.rawmk4 22\_42.rawmk4 00 16.rawmk4 17 30.rawmk4 19 25.rawmk4 21 05.rawmk4 22 45.rawmk4 00 19.rawmk4 17 33.rawmk4 19 28.rawmk4 21 08.rawmk4 22 48.rawmk4 17\_36.rawmk4 19\_31.rawmk4 21\_11.rawmk4 22\_51.rawmk4 00\_22.rawmk4 00 25.rawmk4 17 39.rawmk4 19 34.rawmk4 21 14.rawmk4 22 54.rawmk4 17 42.rawmk4 21 17.rawmk4 00 28.rawmk4 19 37.rawmk4 22 57.rawmk4 00\_31.rawmk4 17\_45.rawmk4 19\_40.rawmk4 21 20.rawmk4 23 00.rawmk4 00 34.rawmk4 17 48.rawmk4 19 43.rawmk4 21 23.rawmk4 23 03.rawmk4 00 37.rawmk4 17 51.rawmk4 19 46.rawmk4 21 26.rawmk4 23 06.rawmk4 00 40.rawmk4 17 54.rawmk4 19 49.rawmk4 21 29.rawmk4 23 09.rawmk4 00 43.rawmk4 17 57.rawmk4 19 52.rawmk4 21 32.rawmk4 23 12.rawmk4

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