Mauna Loa Solar Observatory Observer's Log

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Tue Mar 28 16:26:11 GMT 2017 Year: 17 Doy: 087 Observer: waters GENERAL COMMENT BY waters: Tue Mar 28 16:49:41 GMT 2017 Temp 43F with windspeed at about 8-13mph from the Southeast. Sky is clear. ____end____ Tue Mar 28 17:03:30 GMT 2017 SGS Alignment complete Tue Mar 28 17:04:56 GMT 2017 COMP occulter has been re-centered Tue Mar 28 17:06:38 GMT 2017 COMP Start Patrol on cookbook: synoptic-00010.cbk Tue Mar 28 17:29:46 GMT 2017 Kcor Focus/alignment program exited Tue Mar 28 17:33:08 GMT 2017 KCOR Start Synoptic Patrol GENERAL COMMENT BY waters: Tue Mar 28 17:40:05 GMT 2017 Ran some dome shutter tests this morning to see if I could get the shutters to stop moving either going up or down. First off, there seems to be no problem with the upper shutter opening or going up. It's only when the top shutter is closing or going down that the motor stops. The bottom shutter has trouble with both opening and closing.

I first had the dome rotating since thats when I noticed the problem. I also started with just the top shutter. Going cloc kwise, there didn't seem to be a problem with the top shutter opening (going up); it went up smoothly with no hitch/stop i n the motor. Then I rotated counter-clockwise and had the top shutter close. There were a couple of spots where the motor stopped but started again. I stopped rotating the dome when I heard the motor stop and it stayed motionless for about two minutes and then the top shutter continued to lower. I did not move the dome from the spot. Opened the top dome once it fi nished closing; motor was perfectly fine opening. Then I switched the top shutter to close again; wouldn't budge. Note tha t about two minutes elasped between switching the dome from going up to going down. After about five minutes of nothing mo ving, I tried lowering the bottom shutter; it wouldn't budge either. About fifteen minutes later, Allen came up and pushed on the lower shutter and both motors for the shutters started moving again. Interesting to note, the motors did not stop moving once they had started up.

http://mlso.hao.ucar.edu Tue Mar 28 21:21:12 GMT 2017 COMP End Patrol Tue Mar 28 21:21:21 GMT 2017 KCOR End Patrol Tue Mar 28 21:22:56 GMT 2017 SGS Alignment complete Tue Mar 28 21:22:49 GMT 2017 KCOR Start Synoptic Patrol Tue Mar 28 21:23:25 GMT 2017 CoMP occulter has been re-centered Tue Mar 28 21:23:28 GMT 2017 COMP Start Patrol on cookbook: synoptic-00010.cbk GENERAL OBSERVATORY COMMENT BY waters: Tue Mar 28 21:23:31 GMT 2017 Comp occulter adjusted end Tue Mar 28 22:51:13 GMT 2017 KCOR End Patrol Tue Mar 28 22:51:50 GMT 2017 CoMP Paused for clouds GENERAL COMMENT BY waters: Tue Mar 28 22:51:53 GMT 2017 It's really a mixed bag this morning with the areosols; sometimes it's bad but then sometimes they clear up. end GENERAL COMMENT BY waters: Tue Mar 28 22:52:13 GMT 2017 Some clouds have come up instruments idled for a bit. end Tue Mar 28 23:04:31 GMT 2017 CoMP Restarted from pause Tue Mar 28 23:05:14 GMT 2017 KCOR Start Synoptic Patrol Tue Mar 28 23:45:05 GMT 2017 KCOR End Patrol Tue Mar 28 23:45:09 GMT 2017 CoMP Paused for clouds GENERAL COMMENT BY waters: Tue Mar 28 23:49:26 GMT 2017 Clouds up again ____end_ GENERAL COMMENT BY waters: Wed Mar 29 00:19:58 GMT 2017 Closed the dome for some low clouds coming up, just in case. end Wed Mar 29 01:37:45 GMT 2017 CoMP Restarted from pause Wed Mar 29 01:37:46 GMT 2017 COMP End Patrol Wed Mar 29 01:39:04 GMT 2017 SGS Alignment complete Wed Mar 29 01:39:02 GMT 2017 CoMP occulter has been re-centered Wed Mar 29 01:39:43 GMT 2017 Kcor Focus/alignment program exited Wed Mar 29 01:41:12 GMT 2017 CoMP occulter has been re-centered Wed Mar 29 01:41:21 GMT 2017 COMP Start Patrol on cookbook: synoptic-00010.cbk Wed Mar 29 01:45:37 GMT 2017 KCOR Start Synoptic Patrol Wed Mar 29 02:15:29 GMT 2017 KCOR End Patrol Wed Mar 29 02:15:46 GMT 2017 COMP End Patrol GENERAL COMMENT BY waters: Wed Mar 29 02:27:18 GMT 2017 Nice day early, but then light variable winds caused aerosols and clouds to come and go. end