



Presidents Message – October, 2011

I subscribe to satellite television, so I am pleased to have a Digital Video Recorder/Satellite Receiver. I think these DVRs are one of the greatest inventions mankind has ever conceived. The capability to record programming and play it back at a time of your choosing is a wonderful thing. Of course I tend to record anything that even semi-interests me, ending up with hundreds of programs recorded and never getting around watching them.

Well, last week my DVR/Receiver locked up and would not change channels, and had no audio, in spite of many efforts to "reboot". I called Dish TV tech support and after over an hour of diagnostic procedures I was told, "There is something wrong with your receiver". They sent me a new one by UPS which arrived in three days. I was to ship the broken one back.

It was a simple process to hook up the new DVR and do the setup. The new one worked fine for 30 minutes, then shut itself off and would not turn back on. I spent another hour with tech support, and it was decided that they would ship me another new DVR/Receiver. I told them that they had not included a return shipping label with the first new DVR as had been promised and they told me one would be e-mailed to me that I could print. I got on my computer to bring up my e-mail only to discover that my Internet connection was down! I called AT&T tech support and spent an hour with them as they ran diagnostic checks. It was determined that there was a problem at their end of the line. The problem was fixed and my Internet connection was restored.

The second replacement DVR/Receiver is due to arrive via UPS today. Wish me luck. As a post script I should mention that during the recent rainfall I discovered that my car's right turn signal comes on every time I turn on my windshield wipers. Ain't technology wonderful?

Mike Thomas

September, 2011

September 2011 Meeting Minutes

- **The idea of an Observatory cleanup day was discussed and several members signed up to take part. A date will be determined.**
- **The evening's guest speaker was unable to make it to the meeting, so Mike gave a lecture on George Washington**

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Speaker info for the *****Tuesday, October 18, 2011 @ 7pm *****membership meeting:

**Dr. Tom Herring, Western Nevada College.
Presents:
"CCD Image Sensors: What, Why, and How"**

Events Calendar

~ October 2011 ~						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 Star Party
2	3	4 Moon 1 st Qtr	5	6	7	8 Star Party
9	10	11	12 Full Moon	13	14	15 Star Party
16 Comet Elinin Closest Approach	17	18 <i>WNAS Meeting</i> <i>7pm JCDO</i>	19	20 Moon Last Qtr	21 Orionids meteors	22 Dark Skies Star Party Orionids meteors
23	24	25	26 New Moon	27	28	29 Dark Skies Star Party Jupiter-Opposition
30	31	Notes:				

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2 Moon 1 st Qtr	3	4	5 Star Party
6	7	8 Asteroid 2005 YU55 Flyby	9	10 Full Moon	11	12 Star Party
13	14	15 <i>WNAS Meeting</i> <i>7pm JCDO</i>	16	17 Leonids Meteor Shower	18 Moon Last Qtr Leonids Meteor Shower	19 Star Party
20	21	22	23	24	25 New Moon Partial Solar Eclipse; Antarctica	26 Dark Skies Star Party
27	28	29	30	Notes:		