

March 10, 2002. Went to Brian Kimball's in Longmont. Used his 6", f/7 AstroPhysics refractor at 54 power to look at N Hydrae and Rigel.. There were high, thin clouds in the south, where these stars were.

9:42 PM      *N Hydrae* Magnitude 5.8, 5.9 with 9.2" separation

Drawing #99

Saw two blue-white stars, even in brightness, close together, but easy to separate..

9:45 PM      *Rigel*

Drawing #100

With Brian's scope, there were easy to separate, unlike LTO's 18" scope. The primary star was very bright and the companion was very dim, but easy to see.

Did the same on March 11, 2002. Less clouds, but there was a high haze. N Hydrae, at 9:41 PM, was easier to see for it was much brighter than the night before. We also looked at several double stars in Gemini, Ursa Major and Taurus. Anything over 2" separation were easy to split. Anything less, it was even hard to tell if there was a figure 8 shape. Some stars had companions very faint, but since I had gone through the AL list, I could easily see them with AV.