

Thursday, October 2, 2008

Arrived at the 2008 Okie-Tex Star Party Thursday October 2, 2008 at about 3:00 PM. It was cloudy Thursday night, so no observing.

Friday, October 3, 2008

I gave a presentation about my observing techniques at 6:30 PM. 30 people listened to my talk.

The clear sky clock predicted cloudy skies until 3 AM but by 9 PM, it was clear and steady. The seeing was good and transparency good until about 1 AM. I went to bed about 3 AM when the sky was not clearing up. I used my 8" f/6 telescope.

Found comet 6P/d'Arrest low in the southern sky at 10:05 PM.

Found comet C/2006 W3 Christensen at 10:36 PM.

Found comet C/2006 OF2 Broughton at 12:12 AM.

NGC 6755	12:33 AM	19mm – Small round, uniformly lit glow. 10mm – Looks more like a nebula than an open cluster. No member stars seen.
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NGC 253	12:38 AM	19mm – Nice tilted oval. Bright. Fills ½ FOV. Goes from 11 – 5 o'clock. Pretty flat. Can see mottling near center for dust lanes.
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NGC 288	12:45 AM	19mm – Small, dim, uniformly lit round glow with lots of member stars seen on glow. Nice.
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Looked at lots of old favorites.