

Clubhouse Observing Field – Car Lights Policy

It's time to get out observing again now that winter is behind us and this will undoubtedly bring more of you up to the clubhouse on Saturday nights. We need to have some control in effect out in the field to minimize lights which have a deleterious effect to those already dark adapted and especially those doing astrophotography. There will always be cases where it can't be avoided. All we are trying to do here is minimize the effect. To this end the Board Members ask that you abide by the following guidelines.

If you need your car with your telescope, arrive before dark if possible. Otherwise be there no later than two hours after sunset. After this time the entrance to the observing field will be closed to incoming vehicles. If you wish to drive onto the field after this time, please see the observing committee members in charge for assistance. If possible you will be allowed to get onto the field with their assistance. This really depends on who is there and what they are doing. If someone is in the middle of a long exposure photograph of a galaxy you will be out of luck.

If you have a car that cannot have the inside dome lights shut off and they will come on every time you open your car, you may not bring the car onto the observing field. If you have a car like this, consider a red filter to put over your dome light.

Please back your car in. This way if and when you leave early you can do so without your backup lights coming on.

If you have a car with daytime running lights then you should be consider this when you come on the field if you know you are going to be leaving early. Either don't bring your car onto the field or setup over to one side of the observing field so when you do start up your car to leave you can do so with minimum impact to the others as you *quickly* depart.

These guidelines are only enforceable by you. We are not going to police the observing field and kick members out for disregarding them. By following them, however, you will greatly benefit all other observers, and probably make more friends that way. Thanks very much for your cooperation.

To be posted in clubhouse and possibly put on a sign at the entrance to the observing field.

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Driving onto the field is not allowed after 2 hours past sunset.

If your inside dome light cannot be shut off, you may not bring your car onto the field.

Cars must be backed to prevent use of backup lights when leaving

If your headlights don't shut off then please setup on one side of the field. If you leave early please do so quickly once you start your car.

We ask for your cooperation for the benefit of fellow observers who are dark adapted or doing astrophotography.