

Delmarva Stargazers Meeting - 2006-03-07

(Ed. Asked to be temporary secretary – Michael Lecuyer)

March 11th rocket launches clearance to 17,000 feet
Higgs Farm Price, Maryland – for more see
www.mdrocketry.org.

Son Surles wants to purchase a 12 X 6 trailer. (Ed. This later turned out to be a great buy for the club, used to haul things to star parties and the Mirror Making Seminars.)

Mirror making need assistance transportation to the mirror making site (March 17th through 19th). End of airbase turn on 9 north – Kitts hummock – 2nd place.

Don Surles: Regionally observing site to be found, somewhere local and perhaps near Mt. Cuba.

Bombay Hook - in March we can go there for observing.

- 4 nights Last two weekends in March. 24-25th 31st 1st. (messier marathon).
- Straight out commerce st. in Smyrna. DAS will join us. Call Don Surles to be sure or look at the Yahoo groups. It's on any night it's clear.

Calendar committee – Done Surles created a simulated calendar. There are some problems with advertised size vs the actual size – about ½ advertised and the quality has suffered.

Leo is next month's constellation presentation.

Don Surles – mirrors & coatings information:

- Base aluminum with the SiO overcoat.
- Aluminum base with TiO₂ SiO₂ (dielectric coating)
- Visible range 400-700nm.

- Testing – 133 lpi grating. Willman-bell brand.

- Freeware program called 'abberator' simulates the same error you may see.