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Non-observation report #1

So I thought it would be fun not to just update this page with observation reports all the time, but also some other things. Sometimes it is just fun to write something, may it be anything. So from now on I'll add these texts as "Non-observation reports".

Lately, though I have not written any observation reports, I've been out with the telescope a couple of times. At one time I was out with my RT-480 telescope (80mm refractor) at the backyard of my girlfriends house. It was at the end of the summer and the sky was bright, so only the brightest stars plus the moon and jupiter were visible. Her neighbours started to show up, and were very curious of what we were doing. Firstly I showed Malins parents the Moon and Jupiter, and after that the neighbours got a look. I explained that if you looked carefully through the eyepiece, you could see bands and zones on Jupiter. They were all impressed and it's pretty fun what one can do with just a small scope like this. After all, the setuptime is only a few minutes and that is one major factor why I have been using the small scope more and more.

Other than that, I had this telescope with me to Malins countryplace and had some nice views with it there. Because the skies are so dark there, I left the whole RT-480-setup along with mount, two eyepieces and the book "Turn left at Orion" there. When I'll go there next time, it will be so dark I'll try to bag as many objects from the book as possible there. It's do dark and quiet there that last time I was there, I was afraid to go out when it got dark. All the time I imagined that there would jump out a huge monster and eat up me (and my telescope) from the woods.

One week ago I went to Ekerö with hopes of maybe going out with my telescope and doing some nice piggyback-pictures. As always, the sky was filled with clouds so Leif and I had some astrotalk for maybe 8 hours ☺ Well, we had a lot of talking to make up for. We decided that we will do something we have talked about two years ago. Our own observatory. The plan is to build it a couple of miles from Uppsala, where it is completely dark and the light pollution is down to an absolute minimum (or is not visible at all!). One relative of Leif have granted us a place to build it upon, and the plan is to start building it in April 2006. We've been looking a lot on how others built their sliding-roof-observatories for inspiration.

