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Mauna Loa Solar Observatory Observer's Log

Fri Jan 21 17:31:22 GMT 2000

Year: 00 Doy: 021 Observer: yasukawa

WEATHER COMMENT: Fri Jan 21 17:31:51 GMT 2000

Continued solid cirrostratus overcast, no shadows, light south wind.

LOW-L PROBLEM: Fri Jan 21 17:32:39 GMT 2000

LOWL did a "graphics" crash yesterday at 23:46:41 with 13 files on

L00663 in drive #1. Will rebot system, unload L00663, clean drive, load L00665 in drive #1 and restart with data to L0066 4 in drive #0.

MLSO PROBLEM: Fri Jan 21 18:51:40 GMT 2000

Well, the trip was bumpy again, or the new PC is very loosely put together.

It did not come up when first turned on. No response from hard drive.

This time the floppy and the CD drives responded.

Checking things out.

MLSO PROBLEM: Fri Jan 21 19:34:42 GMT 2000

Flat cable connector to hard drive was very tight and not seated well. pushed it in with no result. Had a very difficult time trying to pull it out to reseat it. This I thought was quite unusual. Fortunately we had a spare IDL cable so I swapped it with the one that came with the PC. This one seated VERY easily compared to the supplied one.

Turned PC back on and it came right up!!!

MLSO PROBLEM: Fri Jan 21 20:14:19 GMT 2000

Startup for PC needs to be with tisone log-on for now. If one changes to mlso, the program asks for the Windows 98 CD-ROM so it can load various drivers. We did not get a copy of the CD-ROM.

MLSO PROBLEM: Fri Jan 21 23:30:56 GMT 2000

Noticed that the floppy responds by leaving the led lit, should go out after the POST. I think this has been the case every time, even the first time we had this PC. Took it apart to look into the floppy problem and again, the PC did not start-up. Vic suggested reseating the microprocessor. I did that and the PC came back up again. The processor card rails do not fit down the holder rails very well. It is rather tight--it spreads the channel as it slides down. There is also no hold-down, which might be a good feature. In any case, floppy is still not responding. Tried swapping cables with old PC, did not help. I will try bringing the floppy out of Liz's ond 486 up here to see if it'll work on this PC.

Old standby 486 is still in service, both PC have covers off and connectors are not secured to the rear of either of them.

WEATHER COMMENT: Fri Jan 21 23:42:46 GMT 2000

Still in heavy cirrostratus overcast, no data today.

Fri Jan 21 23:43:37 GMT 2000

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