
Mauna Loa Solar Observatory Observer's Log

Fri Jul 25 17:09:19 GMT 2014

Year: 14 Doy: 206

Observer: berkey

WEATHER COMMENT: berkey: Fri Jul 25 17:09:22 GMT 2014

temp 52f, wind 6mph from SE, clear skies

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Fri Jul 25 17:20:03 GMT 2014 KCOR Start Synoptic Patrol

CoMP COMMENT BY berkey: Fri Jul 25 17:29:13 GMT 2014

Replaced the ESP300 powersupply fan. But this didnt solve the problem.

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Fri Jul 25 17:29:56 GMT 2014: PSPT Start Patrol

Fri Jul 25 17:47:56 GMT 2014 COMP Start Patrol

****EVENT COMMENT BY berkey**** : Fri Jul 25 18:49:15 GMT 2014

Twisiting prominace in the SE seen in gong can also be seen in the kcor data.

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Fri Jul 25 19:13:35 GMT 2014 KCOR End Patrol

Fri Jul 25 19:13:37 GMT 2014 KCOR Start Calibration script: c:\kcor\mlso-calibration22deg.ini

Fri Jul 25 19:29:31 GMT 2014 KCOR End Calibration Script

Fri Jul 25 19:29:47 GMT 2014 KCOR Start Synoptic Patrol

Fri Jul 25 19:29:47 GMT 2014 KCOR Start Synoptic Patrol

Fri Jul 25 20:40:41 GMT 2014 COMP End Patrol

Fri Jul 25 20:44:06 GMT 2014 KCOR End Patrol

Fri Jul 25 20:54:54 GMT 2014 COMP Start Patrol

Fri Jul 25 20:58:44 GMT 2014 KCOR Start Synoptic Patrol

CoMP COMMENT BY berkey: Fri Jul 25 21:14:59 GMT 2014

Found the bad fan. It is a small cooling fan on one of the 36979-01 boards inside the ESP300 enclosure. The board with the bad fan is the board that drives the OPAL (slot2). Unfortunately we don't have spare fan, and the fan is soldered onto the board making it non-trivial to replace. We do have a second 36979-01 board in the ESP300 that is wired to rotate the calibration polarizer (slot1); however we do not use the cal-polarizer (and as far as I remember we have never used it at MLSO). As a temporary fix for the bad fan problem I have removed the bad 36979 from slot 2 and replaced it with the good one from slot 1. The bad 36979 is on the lab bench waiting. A small software change was required to make this work; in the opal move code we check the ESP300 hardware status to see if the opal made it to the commanded position; with the second 36979 remove the magic numbers change from 604/406 (out/in) and to (705/507). With these changes CoMP seems to be working again. .

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GENERAL OBSERVATORY COMMENT BY berkey: Fri Jul 25 21:26:00 GMT 2014

Seeing at least on Kcor seems bad.

Looking toward the sun I see a lot of dust particles or bugs.

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GENERAL OBSERVATORY COMMENT BY berkey: Fri Jul 25 22:33:10 GMT 2014

Sky brightness is increasing.

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GENERAL OBSERVATORY COMMENT BY berkey: Fri Jul 25 23:36:33 GMT 2014

Clouds starting to blow up over the observatory.

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Fri Jul 25 23:52:41 GMT 2014 COMP End Patrol
Fri Jul 25 23:52:41 GMT 2014 COMP Start Patrol
Sat Jul 26 00:06:28 GMT 2014 KCOR End Patrol
Sat Jul 26 00:06:28 GMT 2014 COMP End Patrol
Sat Jul 26 00:09:11 GMT 2014 COMP Start Patrol
Sat Jul 26 00:13:14 GMT 2014 KCOR Start Synoptic Patrol
GENERAL OBSERVATORY COMMENT BY berkey: Sat Jul 26 00:59:06 GMT 2014
Clouds passing between the obs and the sun.

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Sat Jul 26 01:29:03 GMT 2014 KCOR End Patrol
Sat Jul 26 01:31:21 GMT 2014 COMP End Patrol
KCOR COMMENT BY berkey: Sat Jul 26 02:02:50 GMT 2014

I saw some artifacts in the Kcor data so I pulled the O1 to check for bugs (gong's windowed needed "cleaning" today because it was covered in insects). No bugs but there was a light dusting of little particles. I blew off the biggest ones.

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Sat Jul 26 02:06:16 GMT 2014: PSPT Abort Patrol