



ETX SITE LIVE FORUM

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Keith

Have a Meade ETX 80. Leveled the scope parallel to the ground, set to calibrate 0/0 pointing north and can not get the "go to" to go to Saturn. Tonight is the night. ANY ADVICE ON CALIBRATING THIS SUCKER SO THE KIDS CAN ENJOY SATURN TONIGHT 4/28 WOULD B GR8 LY APPRECIATED

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mweasner 6 pts

Did you do the CALIBRATE MOTOR and TRAIN DRIVES in the Setup: Telescope menu? If not, do those. Also, which alignment mode (Easy, etc) did you do? How far off was the initial star?

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Reggie

Just wanted to thank you for the site. I have a Meade Mak 7 and have learned a lot from your pages. Just wish the power would go out for a weekend here in LA!

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**mweasner** 6 pts

Many thanks! Glad you like the Site. Having lived about 10 miles south of LAX, I know what you mean!

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**Flymo86** 5 pts

Hello, im an owner of the meade etx71 and i was wondering how you connect it to your computer? and i have the autostar 497and was wondering how to update that or is it possible to use a new autostar handset on it? and for my final question i have a nikon d90, what adaptors do i need to buy to connect it to the telescope?

Thanks for your help

Tom

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**mweasner** 6 pts

Flymo86 You can connect the AutoStar #497 (has numbered keys on the handset) to a RS-232 serial port on a computer using a #505 serial cable. You can easily make this cable; see the Cable Information section on the Helpful Information: AutoStar Info page. If your computer has only USB ports, you will need a USB-serial adapter. However, not all work reliably with the AutoStar; see the article "AutoStar and USB" on the AutoStar Info page. For doing astrophotography with the DSLR, see my review of the OPT Camera Adapter on the Accessory Reviews: Astrophotography page. You will need that or something similar. Also, you might want to read my Nikon D70 DSLR and D7000 DSLR comments on the Helpful Information: Astrophotography page.

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**Roy Lindberg** 5 pts

By the way, I thought I would send you a link to a rather nice educational site. It's updated almost daily. AstroBob is a photographer for our local news paper and he also teaches astronomy at one of the local schools. He updates with some nice and interesting topics with a very friendly flair. Some of your regulars might find it interesting to read some of the info he posts. He calls it "Celestial happenings you can see from your own backyard."

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**Roy Lindberg** 5 pts

<http://astrobob.areavoices.com/>

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**mweasner** 6 pts

Roy Lindberg Thanks.

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**Roy Lindberg** 5 pts

Sorry to bother you while your viewing....but, How is the sky tonight? I haven't been able to use my scope this spring yet as there is still a foot of snow where I set up and we're in the process of getting another foot over the next 24 hours....

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**philip bissonnette** 5 pts

Hi It was under his courses department // it is an online book from the UK you can download it from ninians site it goes for 27 euros I have found it several times for some reason now I cant lol.. the book is called DSLR astro imaging a beginners guide by ninian boyle and jon walton

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**mweasner** 6 pts**philip bissonnette**

I did a Google search and found this: <http://www.astronomyknowhow.com/dslr/>

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**philip bissonnette** 5 pts

Hi I am trying do download your book ninian boyle and jon Walton DSLR astro imaging a beginners guide how do I get to the site and why do you not answer your emails ...?

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**mweasner** 6 pts**philip bissonnette**

Where on the site did you find the reference to the book? Also, I've not received any emails about this. Did you follow the "Email Etiquette" on the ETX Site home page? Some emails can be marked as SPAM and deleted UNREAD for the reasons discussed in the Email Etiquette. Thanks for understanding.

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