

Memorandum of Agreement Between Charles Turner III and The Northern Virginia Astronomy Club

The purpose of this Memorandum of Agreement is to outline an agreement between Charles Turner III and the Northern Virginia Astronomy Club (NOVAC) governing the use of his property which is located near The Plains, VA on Turner Mountain for astronomical observing sessions. This agreement shall remain in force until such time it is superseded by an updated Memorandum of Agreement or this document is nullified by either or both parties involved.

Charles Turner III agrees that NOVAC members and their guests shall be permitted access to the observing site on his property for astronomical observing sessions. NOVAC members are also allowed to stay overnight at the site in their vehicles or tents after completing their observing session.

On dates where deer hunting is legal at the site using firearms NOVAC members and their guests shall not arrive at the site for observing until one hour after local sunset, and leave no later than one hour before sunrise. These dates will be posted on the NOVAC members only section and the NOVAC member calendar.

NOVAC Observing Rules and Regulations

1. NOVAC members and their guests may observe at the site on any night of the year, unless prior notice has been given that the site is unavailable for observing. Notices of site unavailability will be posted on the NOVAC web site, the NOVAC member calendar, as well as a notice placed on the NOVAC listserv.
2. Open air fires, loud radios, and/or loose pets are not allowed on the site.
3. NOVAC members will clean the site of all litter prior to departure.
4. The road leading to the observing site has a gate which may or may not be locked. The gate has two padlocks which are used to lock the gate. When securing the gate with the NOVAC lock, do so in such a manner as to allow either lock to be used to open the gate. The current combination of the NOVAC lock will be listed in the members only section of the NOVAC web site and is not to be given out to people who are not NOVAC members.
5. NOVAC members are to restore the gate to the position it was found when they came to the site. If the gate was open, leave it open. If it was closed and locked, unlock the gate leaving it open while you are at the site. If others also join you at the site, be certain to notify the person who will be at the site last to

close and lock the gate.

6. NOVAC members are asked to post a notice on the NOVAC listserv prior to visiting the site indicating that they plan on observing at the site. This is intended to allow the site owner to visit those who are observing and possibly invite other guests to share in the observing which is taking place.
7. NOVAC agrees to provide and maintain a portable toilet which will be located near the observing site. The costs associated with providing the toilet and its maintenance will be the responsibility of NOVAC.
8. NOVAC shall provide Charles Turner III with a Certificate of Insurance, in the amount of no less than \$1,000,000 for General Liability.
9. Misuse of the site, damage to property located on the site, etc. may lead to the termination of this agreement at the discretion Charles Turner III.

PAUL L DERBY, President

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Northern Virginia Astronomy Club

NOV 21, 2011

Date



Charles Turner III

11/19/2011

Date