

Jay Freeman's list of the ten best reasons to get a 10-inch Astro-Physics Maksutov, with footnotes. (Actually, the same reasons might suffice even if you got one that did not have footnotes...)

- 10) To settle a bet on whether the flagpole at Tranquillity Base is still standing.
- 9) White tubes require the least preparation before refinishing. (a)
- 8) It's easier to spell "Maksutov" than "Apochromat".
- 7) I needed a 10-gallon Wesson Oil container for leaky Christen triplets.
- 6) Who would have guessed the cure for refractorholism was worse than the disease?
- 5) Ordering provided a chance to ask Christine if she was the one Rich Neuschafer had named a telescope after.
- 4) The California water shortage requires heroic action.
- 3) At last, a telescope good enough to bear Refractor Red as finder. (b)
- 2) I really wanted a Stowaway and thought someone might trade.
- 1) Harvey needs a mate. (c)

Notes:

- (a) E.g., my modified Brandon 94, "Juliette", has been refinished pearlescent pink with gold trim. And has a lacy garter to help keep the dust cap in place.
- (b) "Refractor Red" is a 55 mm Vixen fluorite which has been refinished fluorescent red.
- (c) "Harvey" is a white Celestron 14 who stands six feet, three and a half inches tall on his Losmandy G11, and who for a long time very few people had ever seen. Fans of Jimmy Stewart may recognize a certain similarity to a rabbit of the same name.