



Dave Snay

Dave is a retired software engineer. After 22 years developing and then testing software and hardware, Dave decided it was time to spend more time at home. Now that the kids are older and pretty much self-reliant, he spends most of his time working various part-time jobs to support hobbies and stay out of trouble.

Dave received his first telescope as a gift in 1998 and has been spending time under the stars ever since. His first attempts at astrophotography were miserable failures, so he followed a friend's advice to take a black and white photography class to better understand how film works – yes Virginia, we were using film back then. That class led to many more and the construction of a

darkroom and a relatively long absence from astrophotography. However, with the introduction of Meade's Lunar Planetary Imager the night sky was again the object of Dave's attention.

Since those "early" days, Dave has continued to work on his skills using entry-level cameras for the majority of his work. Using entry-level cameras requires much patience and gentle processing, but it is by far the best way to improve your skills.

Dave is also a continuing contributor to *Astro Technology Today (ATT)* and *AstroPhoto Insight* magazines. For ATT Dave usually evaluates equipment and shares his experiences with the reader. Sometimes his articles are about people or projects. Most of his articles contain both success and misadventures in hopes to keep the nature of them both informative and light-hearted.