

Name of research institute or organization:

University of Denver / Mt. Evans High-altitude Observatory and Chamberlin Observatory

Title of project:

3rd photographic site visit to Jungfrauoch for educational outreach, and to spend time with the Fischers as part of Mr. Jones's interest in application for custodian position in 2018. Luncheon also conducted at Kleine Scheidegg with the Otzes.

Project leader and team:

Mr. Adam R. Jones (present at Jungfrauoch)
Dr. Robert E. Stencel (not present)

Project description:

The purpose of Mr. Jones's 3rd visit to Jungfrauoch was to explore, document, and photograph the facility and nearby mountains for educational outreach purposes... but also to meet and spend time with the principal custodians, Martin and Joan Fischer, due to Mr. Jones's strong interest in application for a custodian position in 2018. Mr. Jones also conducted a luncheon at Kleine Scheidegg with the "65%" custodians, Maria and Urs Otz. During time spent with all four custodians, Mr. Jones continued to learn about responsibilities, job duties and daily life at Jungfrauoch.

At the University of Denver (DU), Dr. Stencel's team (including Mr. Jones) maintains a high-altitude astronomical observatory and research station on 4.320m Mt. Evans in Colorado, USA. Mr. Jones's experience with Mt. Evans and his background and/or degrees in meteorology and astronomy made the journey to Jungfrauoch especially meaningful. As in 2014 and 2015, Mr. Jones captured imagery of the Jungfrauoch and Sphinx facilities and their surroundings, with emphasis on research experiments/equipment, site location and geography, weather conditions, the staff, living quarters and tourist interaction. Mr. Jones also performed night sky photography and stereo (3D) photography on-site.

These photos (along with the 2015/2016 HFSJG White Paper) are being used in Denver, including sharing with students, teachers and other interested parties alike. Ultimately this will help generate more awareness here in the U.S. of European research programmes and will help facilitate potential collaboration between our high-altitude sites. The outreach material has also been shared with faculty of other universities, as well as staff of other unique research facilities such as the Mars Desert Research Station in Utah.

Key words:

Site visitation, educational outreach, site photography, night sky photography, custodian position enquiry

Collaborating partners/networks:

Just HFSJG and DU, however the material and photographs brought back to Denver have reached (and will continue to reach) numerous other interested parties in a mostly informal manner.

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