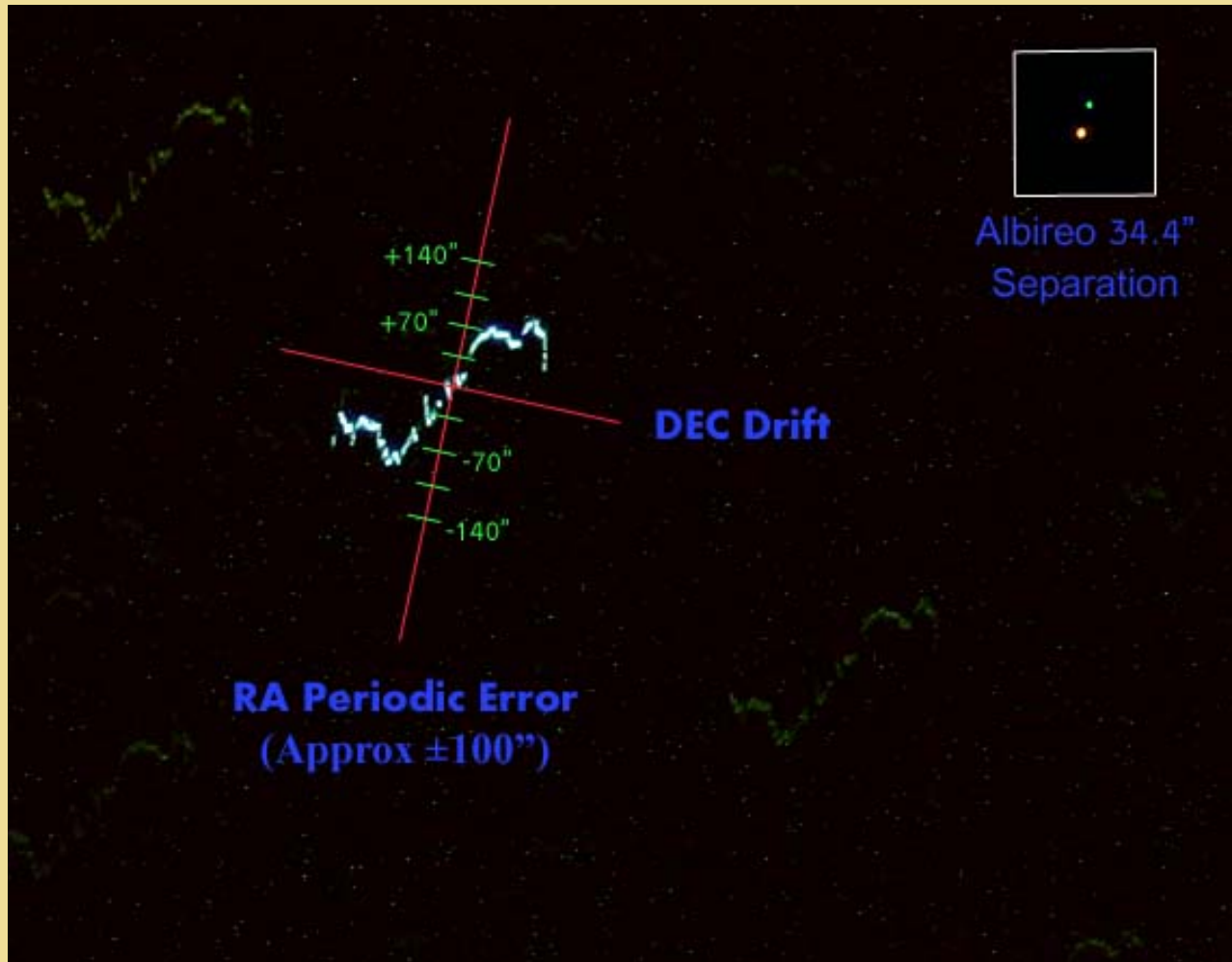




September Meeting
Larry Owens



Larry gave us an update on the latest testing and modifications to the club's Starfinder 16 EQ. Here the new dovetail accessory plate is shown with an Orion 5" refractor attached as a finder scope.



The Starfinder EQ mount was tested by Larry to see if it would be suitable for astrophotography. Unfortunately the periodic error of the mount is somewhat erratic and there is a large amount of error (100" of arc), so the mount would be troublesome to use for astrophotography through the 16" OTA. The double star Albireo was used as a yardstick as Larry explained, and the graph above was obtained by mis-aligning the polar axis and taking a long exposure of a starfield near Albireo.

What's Up Tonight:
Debbie Jones



As usual, Debbie gave a very informative presentation of interesting objects to view later from the observing field.

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