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Dear Mr. Low;

A couple of months ago I bought a notebook in which to record observations and immediately commenced to therein record my old observations starting in 1952. I ran into trouble as, for instance an example, I found one observation as being made "Oct 1, 1953, 04:00". The trouble being that I could not remember whether this was made at 04:00 the morning of the 1st, or at 04:00 the night of Oct 1/2, 1953! This happened quite often so now I am religiously recording everything except solar observations, ~~and~~ by using the double date method. I am sure you see that that is what I have done for the July and August reports. But, starting September I shall try to remember to use the 24-hour system as you request; so if, for example, on Sept 8 you find an observation made at 02:00 it will have been made at 02:00 the morning of Sept 8, and not at 02:00 the night of Sept 8/9.

(You know: I have my application in at the Naval Observatory for a job as astronomer. This is kind of a silly thing to do perhaps because there they have the job of keeping the nation's time straight, and I find that I go nuts - absolutely nuts - trying to keep EST and EDT and GMT and the 24-hour and the double date and the etc etc etc systems straight. Arrrgg!)

Sincerely,

AJM