



Attached are a few pictures from our work day at the Paul Castle Memorial Observatory. We were able to completely remove and disassemble the dome, walls and wooden pier. In the group picture and lending a hand were Rusty Case, John Douglas, Terry Dufek, Dale Hachtel, Alex Holt, Hugh Holt, Mary Holt, Dino Milani, Gary Nordick, Eric Sheidler, Al Sheidler, and Steve Sinksen. Allie Nordick and Chris Nordick were also there. If the weather cooperates next week, we plan to haul the dome to Jackson Autobody where it will be refinished. Stay tuned as we continue the process of installing the new pier and reassembly. Thanks to everyone helping out. Alan Sheidler, 5-22-2020



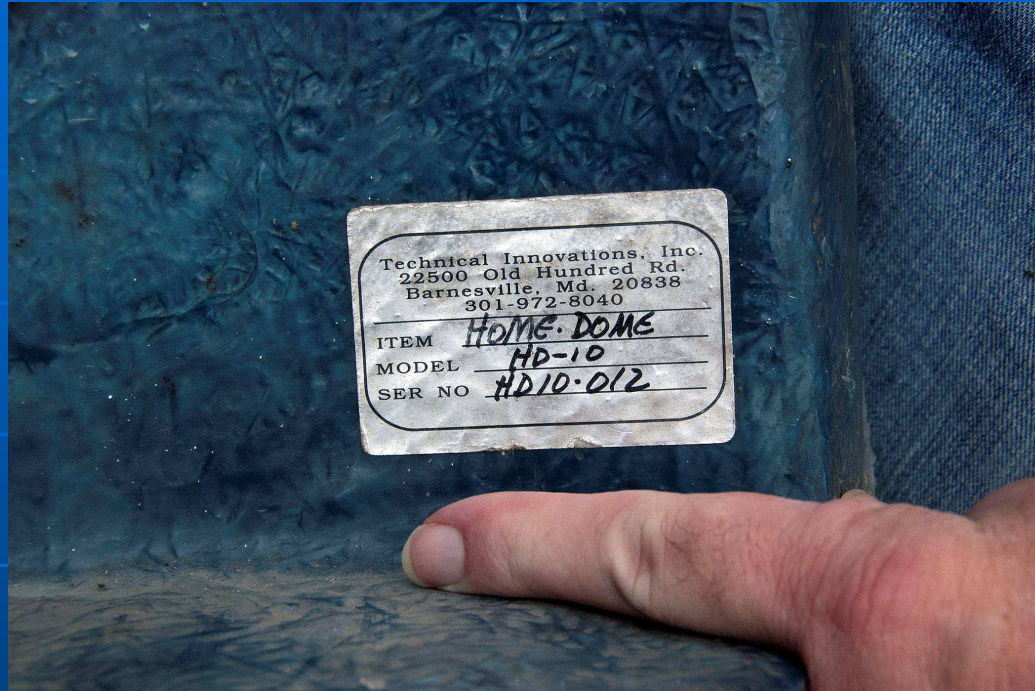
Removing the nuts and bolts inside the dome.



Two people make it easier.



The first two sections removed.



The manufacturer's information.



Marking everything when its removed, to know where it goes for re-installing.



Two sections before they were separated.



Removing the roller ring.





Moving the parts.



Separating two dome sections.



Inside, without the dome.



Two dome sections separated.



Rusty, have some fun!



Separating the next two dome sections.

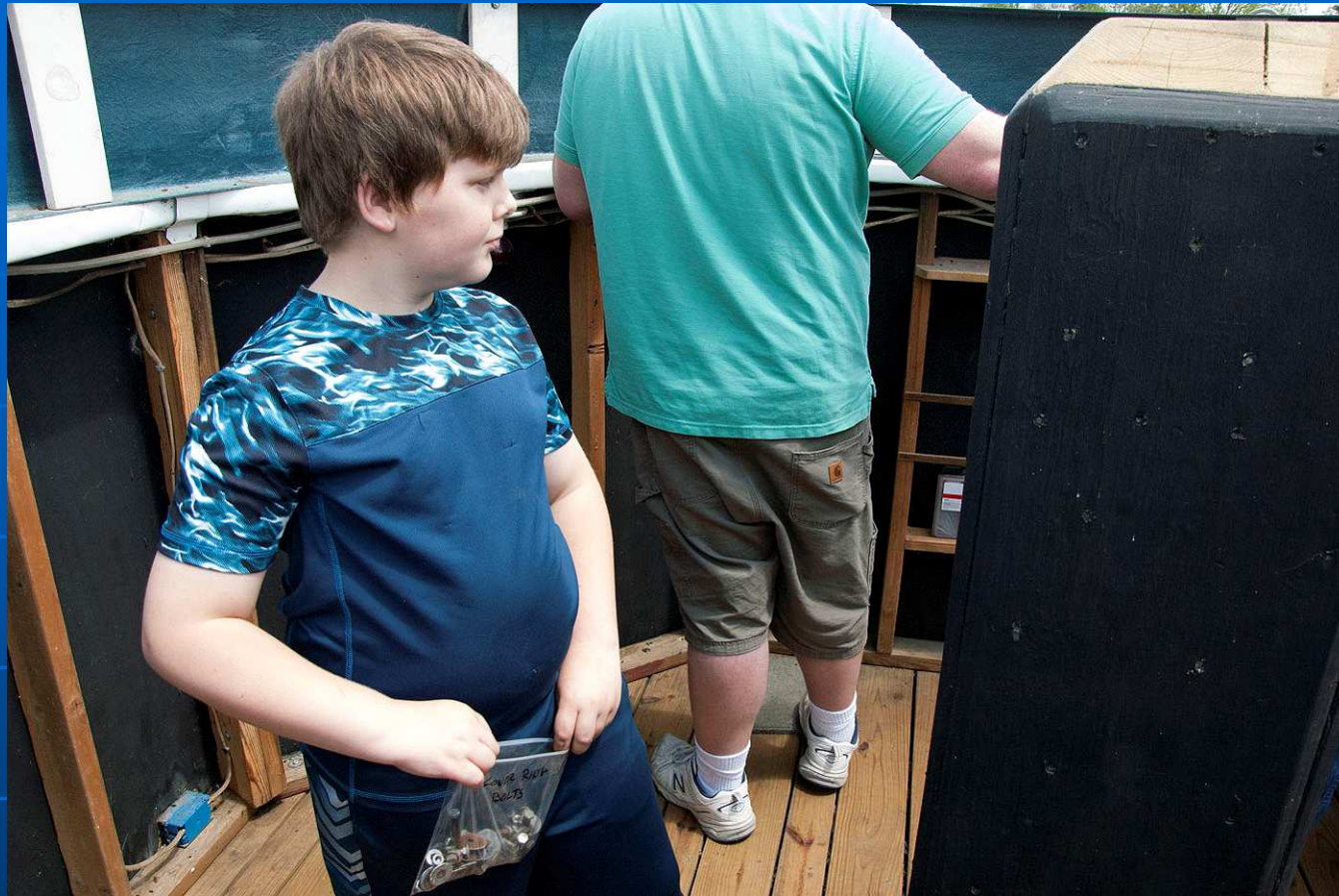


Group photo...



Removing C-Holders from sliding section.





We saved every nut and bolt in marked bags.



Three stacked rolling-sections with their rollers and buffers showing.



You can see the dirt around this rolling-section. A buffer is partly removed.



Here is the wood frame, found under the rolling-sections, showing damage from wood ants. This was hidden under the aluminum cover over the top of the wood frame and not seen until the aluminum was removed.



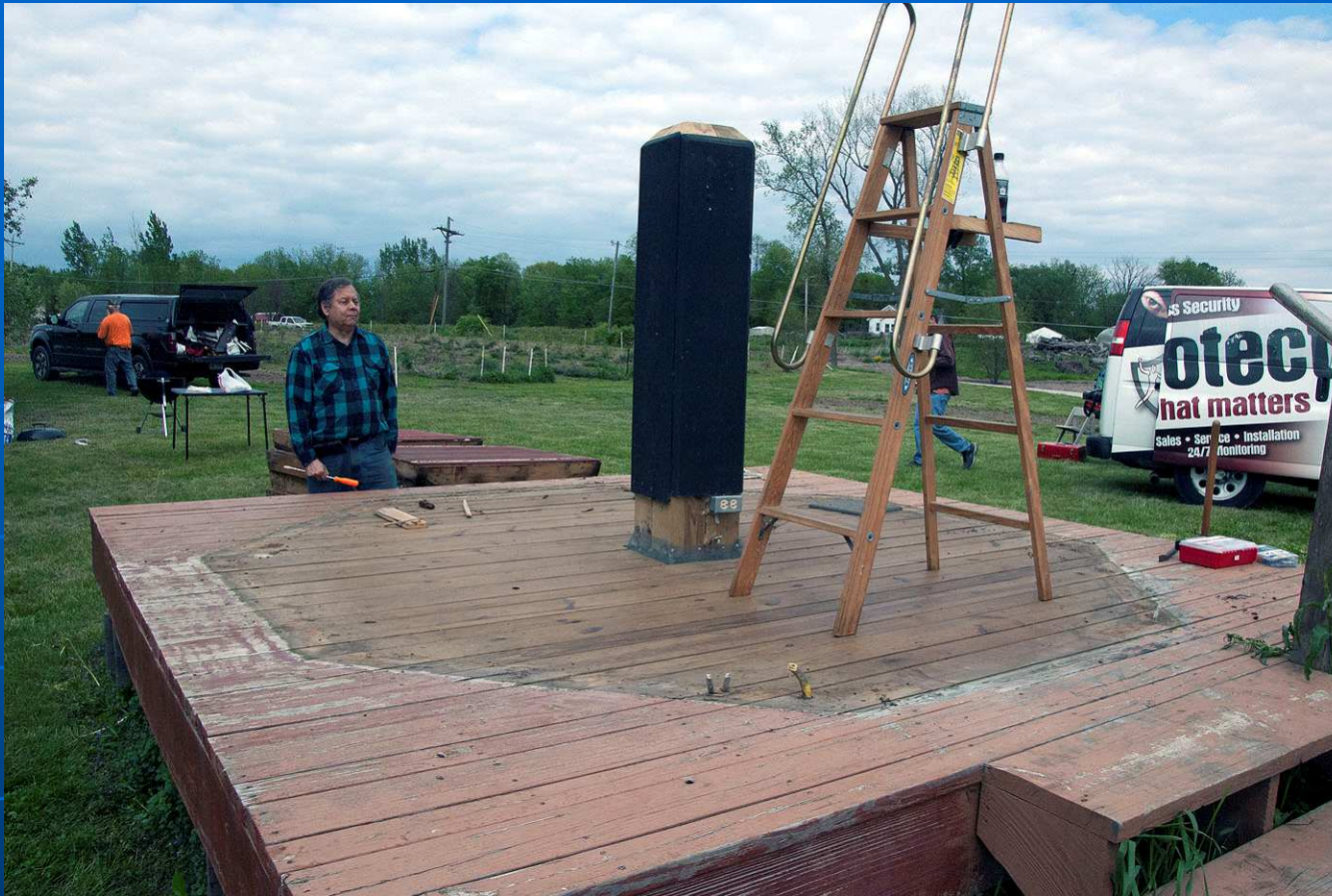
The four dome pieces, the sliding sections, the rolling-sections and the removed aluminum wood frame covers. Ready to move for cleaning.



Removing the last three wood frame sections. Five more are stacked in front.



Alex Holt and Mr. Nordick used a metal detector to find a missing washer. They also found other metal items and some antique metal.



All of the wood frame sections are removed and the electrical power is disconnected. Next is the removal of the telescope post.





Mr. Nordick used his tracker lift and pulled the telescope post out of the ground, which was buried in five feet.



You can see the telescope post in front.



It took three hours to remove the dome and walls. At 4:30 hot dogs and snacks were put out to eat.



Mary Holt prepared the hot dogs.



Waiting for the hot dogs...



Getting ready to eat!