

First Light of the new 1.3m telescope occurred on Saturday June 22, 2024 at 12:11am, just after midnight. The initial out of focus images exhibited nice concentric "donuts" with the secondary obscuration perfectly centered. After focusing on the bright star Vega a beautiful burst of radiant light appeared with no image distortions. To DFM Engineering's credit their mechanical alignment of the optics were pinpoint accurate requiring no additional mechanical/optical adjustments!