

I loved Michael Carroll's beautiful "Moon Base" on the cover of the Nov./Dec. 1995 *Ad Astra*, but I am surprised that you did not mention that it represents a bit of a coup for *Ad Astra*. It was *Ad Astra* that, five years ago, first proposed the kind of lunar settlement it shows. Since *Clementine*, it has suddenly come into general acceptance as a likely scenario. That must be a "Power Tower" in the middle of the picture, like the ones proposed in Alan Wasser's article of that name in the October 1990 issue. As far as I know, that was the first suggestion of a settlement on a permanently sunlit lunar polar mountaintop with a solar power collection tower and hopefully ice in nearby permanently shadowed craters.

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