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# Desert Sky Observer

**Antelope Valley Astronomy Club** 



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October 13: Club Business Meeting

October 14: Annular Solar Eclipse 8:30am -10am

October 14: DSSP @ Chuchupate

October 21: Lunar Club 7 PM @ Matt's house

October 28: Scary Science @ 3:30 PM;

Moonwalk at PDW @ 6:30 PM AVAC Calendar

Every clear night: Personal Star Party

November 3: College of the Canyons- Fall Star party

November 10: Club Meeting

November 18: Moonwalk @PDW 5:00 PM

December 9: Christmas Party

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#### Monthly Meetings

Monthly meetings are held at the **S.A.G.E. Planetarium** in Palmdale, the second Friday of each month except December. The meeting location is at the northeast corner of Avenue R and 20<sup>th</sup> Street East. Meetings start at 7 p.m. and are open to the public. *Please note that food and drink are not allowed in the planetarium*.

#### Membership

Membership in the Antelope Valley Astronomy Club is open to any individual or family.

The Club has three categories of membership.

- Family membership at \$30.00 per year.
- Individual membership at \$25.00 per year.
- Junior membership at \$15.00 per year.

Membership entitles you to ...

- The Desert Sky Observer -- monthly newsletter
- The Reflector -- the publication of the Astronomical League.
- The AVAC Membership Manual.
- To borrow club equipment, books, videos, and other items.

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#### President's Message

By Phil Wriedt

Hi There!

On October 13th we will have our annual Business Meeting. I know members stay away thinking that they won't be talked into be becoming a Club Officer. This won't happen. We need a minimum of 10 voting members at the Business Meeting to make the minimum quorum to vote for a new Board. We need to know what direction you want the Club to go. So, come make your vote and voice count.

There is an Annular Eclipse Saturday the morning of the 14th beginning about 8:30 am. Sunrise is at 6:57, and when the eclipse starts, the Sun (and Moon) will be about 20° above the horizon.

Later that day (on the 14th) we have a Dark Sky Star party at Chuchupate. It's no longer summer, so be prepared, bring warm clothes as the weather can change quickly. Don't forget toilet paper, food, water and other essentials like jumper cables?

We have a Moonwalk on the 28th at Prime Desert Woodland. Earlier in the day Jeremy will be doing his Scary Science demo in the PDW Center building at 3:30PM, everyone is invited. Sunset is at 6:03 pm, and the Full Moon rises at 6:02PM. The Moonwalk will start about 6:45 pm, plan to get there by about 5:00 pm to setup in daylight. Jupiter will rise about 6:19 and will be 2.5° below the Moon (yay?!), Saturn will transit about 8:37. This is your chance to impress the public and pass along your knowledge. Come, bring your telescope, binoculars, star chart, and of course enthusiasm. See You There!

On November 3rd, the College of the Canyons will host a Star Party. This is a great way to meet the public and meet other amateur astronomers. Bring your telescope or come and listen to the speaker.

Keep Looking Up, Phil

P.S. Don't forget about the Lunar Club at Matt's house on the 21st. Watch for Rose's email for time and directions!

On The Cover Please note: North is 14.8° left of vertical RA: 23h 36 11.54" DEC: 2° 8' 40.54" (Pisces)

NGC 7714 is a spiral galaxy 100 million light-years from Earth — a relatively close neighbour in cosmic terms.

The galaxy has witnessed some violent and dramatic events in its recent past. Tell-tale signs of this brutality can be seen in NGC 7714's strangely shaped arms, and in the smoky golden haze that stretches out from the galactic centre — caused by an ongoing merger with its smaller galactic companion NGC 7715, which is out of the frame of this image.

Credit: ESA, NASA

Acknowledgement: A. Gal-Yam (Weizmann Institute of Science)

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### From the Secretary

By Rose Moore

Members:

Thanks to Rod, Ed, and Roger for showing up at PDW for September. We were unable to set up scopes due to weather/clouds. Jeremy still conducted his astronomy walk and talk!

We have quite a few events this month, come on out and participate!

We have our AVAC Annual Business Meeting on Friday October 13th at 7pm. Please attend as we need enough club members to vote on incoming Executive Board members. Reminder that one Family Membership is one vote. We also need members to come and discuss new business, and old and ongoing business. This is the time for you to speak up and voice your suggestions to improve the club! We will also have club badges for the newer members.

On Saturday October 14th we have a public event hosted by Jeremy for the annular eclipse! Weather permitting. This will occur in the morning, and will not be held at the SAGE due to construction. Jeremy will be updating us on the information regarding the place and time soon. We'll need members with solar scopes, or those with white light filters for their scopes to participate. Information to follow.

Also on the same date, Saturday October 14th, will be our dark sky star party for the month. This will be held at Chuchupate, and arrival time is anytime on Saturday. Always check the weather prior to attending. Further information will be sent out in an email a few days before the event.

On Saturday October 21st, we have a Lunar Club meeting at Matt Leone's home. Weather permitting. Arrival time and directions will be emailed out a few days before the event.

Jeremy will be hosting 'Scary Science' for the public once again inside the Clifford Center at the Prime Desert Woodland Preserve on Saturday October 28th starting at 3:30pm. This is open to children and adults. Rain or shine.

Beginning at 6:30pm on Saturday October 28th, we have a PDW Moon Walk with Jeremy! Weather permitting. We'll need members with telescopes to set up prior to the event. Set up time is 30-60 minutes prior to event. It will be a full Moon, and Jupiter and Saturn will be up. Further info to be emailed.

And coming up on Friday November 3rd from 7pm to 10pm, we have the College of the Canyons Star Party! This is being held a week late due to the full moon. Further info to follow regarding the speaker, etc. We will need members with telescopes for this event!

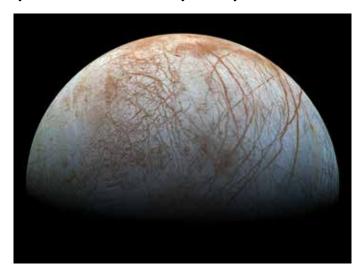
Happy Halloween!! Rose

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### From Galileo to Clipper, Exploring Jupiter's Moons

by Vivian White, Astronomy Society of the Pacific, NASA Night Sky Network



"...We, too, are made of wonders, of great and ordinary loves, of small invisible worlds, of a need to call out through the dark." From In Praise of Mystery: A Poem for Europa by Ada Limon

As autumn begins, if you're up late, you may notice a bright point of light rising in the east. Look a bit closer, with a pair of binoculars, and you'll notice it's not a star at all. While stars look point-like no matter how big your backyard telescope, this light

more curious, you will likely see a line of smaller dots on one or both sides. Congratulations! You've rediscovered the king of the planets - majestic Jupiter - and its four largest moons.

Galileo famously chronicled the four moving dots near Jupiter and surmised that they were orbiting the distant world. While Jupiter has well over 80 discovered moons as of September 2023, these brightest four are called the "Galilean Moons" - Io, Europa, Ganymede, and Callisto. (Great mnemonics exist to remember these in order of distance from Jupiter, such as "I Eat Green Caterpillars") You can follow these like Galileo did, using stargazing apps or the handy image below. A favorite beginning observing challenge is to track the movement of the Galilean Moons over the course of many nights. Even within a few hours, you will notice them moving in relation to Jupiter, just as Galileo did.

Fast forward 414 years, and NASA will be sending

Galileo's drawings of Jupiter and its Medicean Stars from Sidereus Nuncius. Image courtesy of the History of Science Collections, University of Oklahoma Libraries.

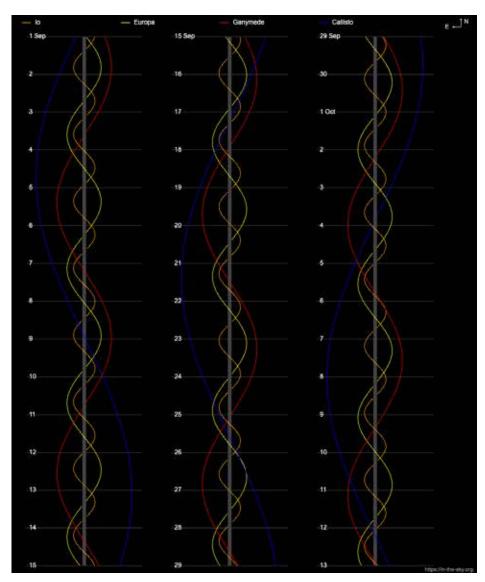
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#### **Additional Skywatching Resources**

Plan your skywatching with help from our planner page, featuring daily stargazing tips courtesy EarthSky monthly sky maps, and videos from NASA/JPL. You can even find out how to spot the International Space Station! Both Astronomy and Sky and Telescope magazines offer regular stargazing guides to readers, both in print and online. Want to join a group of folks for a star party? Find clubs and astronomy events near you, and may you have clear skies!

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The position of the Galilean Moons of Jupiter in October 2023: <a href="https://in-the-sky.org/jupiter.php">https://in-the-sky.org/jupiter.php</a>

a robotic mission to investigate the surface of one of these distant worlds. The Europa Clipper Mission is launching to the cold, icy moon in 2024, to begin orbiting in 2030. With its salty oceans covered by ice, Europa was chosen as an excellent location to continue the search for life outside of Earth. Clipper will be the largest spacecraft ever sent to another planet, designed to withstand Jupiter's punishing radiation. Once it arrives at Jupiter in 2030, NASA plans to do about 50 flybys of Europa, mapping almost the entire surface of this watery world.

What was once only dreamed of in the small telescope of Galileo, or in great works of fiction, NASA is turning our wildest imagination into reality. One of the celebrated quotes from the classic 2010: Odyssey Two warns, "All these worlds are yours, except Europa. Attempt no landing there." Science fiction fans can feel relieved knowing that writer Arthur C. Clarke gave his blessing for the Europa Clipper mission.

Join the Europa Message in a Bottle Campaign to send your name with the spacecraft, hear the rest of the poem by the US Poet Laureate, and learn more about the wonders of space travel with the Clipper Mission: <a href="https://europa.nasa.gov/participate">https://europa.nasa.gov/participate</a>

Watch a wonderful Clipper webinar with Dr. Cynthia Phillips, planetary geologist with the mission: <a href="https://www.youtube.com/live/nnLJBLRBCA?feature=shared&t=269">https://www.youtube.com/live/nnLJBLRBCA?feature=shared&t=269</a>

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### Space News

News from around the Net

Stunningly Perfect 'Einstein Ring' Snapped By James Webb Telescope Is Most Distant Gravitationally Lensed Object Ever Seen Photos snapped by the James Webb Space Telescope (JWST) have revealed the farthest-ever example of an "Einstein ring." The record-breaking halo of warped light, which is a whopping 21 billion light-years away, is unusually perfect and surrounds a mysteriously dense galaxy. An Einstein ring is an extremely rare type of gravitationally lensed object that was first predicted by Albert Einstein's theory of relativity. . . . (continued at <a href="https://www.livescience.com/space/astronomy/stunningly-perfect-einstein-ring-snapped-by-james-webb-telescope-is-most-distant-gravitationally-lensed-object-ever-seen">https://www.livescience.com/space/astronomy/stunningly-perfect-einstein-ring-snapped-by-james-webb-telescope-is-most-distant-gravitationally-lensed-object-ever-seen</a>)



#### Scientists Snap Photo Of Intriguing Solar System Using A Colossal Telescope

Astronomers spotted a curiosity in deep space. Using the powerful Very Large Telescope facility atop the high Chilean desert, scientists captured an image of a star system, which you can see below. This system, called HIP 81208, has a massive central star, which is orbited by another star called a brown dwarf (a much smaller "failed star"). What's more, yet another small star orbits much farther away, and researchers have just identified "a never-before-seen hidden gem" . . . (continued at <a href="https://mashable.com/article/solar-system-planet-discovery-space">https://mashable.com/article/solar-system-planet-discovery-space</a>)



#### The Giant Magellan Telescope's Final Mirror Fabrication Begins

The Giant Magellan Telescope begins the four-year process to fabricate and polish its seventh and final primary mirror, the last required to complete the telescope's 368 square meter light collecting surface, the world's largest and most challenging optics ever produced. Together, the mirrors will collect more light than any other telescope in existence, allowing humanity to unlock the secrets of the universe by providing detailed chemical analyses of celestial objects and their origin. Last week, the University of Arizona Richard F. Caris Mirror Lab closed the lid on nearly 20 tons of the purest optical glass inside a one-of-a-kind oven. . . (continued at <a href="https://phys.org/news/2023-09-giant-magellan-telescope-mirror-fabrication.html">https://phys.org/news/2023-09-giant-magellan-telescope-mirror-fabrication.html</a> )



#### Study Hints At The Existence Of The Closest Black Holes To Earth In The Hyades Star Cluster

A paper published in the journal Monthly Notices of the Royal Astronomical Society hints at the existence of several black holes in the Hyades cluster -- the closest open cluster to our solar system -- which would make them the closest black holes to Earth ever detected. The study results from a collaboration between a group of scientists led by Stefano Torniamenti, from the University of Padua (Italy), with the significant participation of with Mark Gieles, ICREA professor at the Faculty of Physics, . . . (continued at <a href="https://www.sciencedaily.com/releases/2023/09/230908130001.htm">https://www.sciencedaily.com/releases/2023/09/230908130001.htm</a>)



#### NASA's Chandra Rewinds Story Of Great Eruption Of The 1840s

Using snapshots taken over 20 years with NASA's Chandra X-ray Observatory, astronomers have learned important new details about an eruption from Eta Carinae witnessed on Earth in the mid-19th century. Chandra data spanning decades has been combined into a new movie that contains frames of Eta Carinae from 1999, 2003, 2009, 2014, and 2020. Astronomers used the Chandra observations, along with data from ESA's (European Space Agency's) XMM-Newton, to watch as the stellar eruption from 180 years ago continues to expand into space at speeds up to 4.5 million miles per hour... (continued at <a href="https://phys.org/news/2023-09-nasa-chandra-rewinds-story-great.html">https://phys.org/news/2023-09-nasa-chandra-rewinds-story-great.html</a>)



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To Catch Beads Of Sunlight, Here's Where You Should Head For October 14th's Annular Eclipse The annular solar eclipse coming to the U.S. on Saturday, October 14th, is popularly known as the "ring of fire." The main event is the appearance of a ring of light around the Moon, something that results from the Moon being far from Earth, near its monthly apogee, as the Moon crosses the face of the Sun. That aesthetically pleasing annulus will only be seen from within a path that's 200 kilometers (125 miles) wide. To see it for the longest time (up to 4 minutes 52 seconds on the Texas coast) the observer will need to be towards the centerline of that path. . . . (continued at <a href="https://skyandtelescope.org/astronomy-news/to-catch-beads-of-sunlight-heres-where-you-should-head-for-october-14ths-annular-eclipse/">https://skyandtelescope.org/astronomy-news/to-catch-beads-of-sunlight-heres-where-you-should-head-for-october-14ths-annular-eclipse/</a>)



Black Holes Eat Faster Than Previously Expected: New Finding Might Explain Why Quasars Flare And Fade So Quickly A new Northwestern University-led study is changing the way astrophysicists understand the eating habits of supermassive black holes. While previous researchers have hypothesized that black holes eat slowly, new simulations indicate that black holes scarf food much faster than conventional understanding suggests. The study, titled titled "Nozzle shocks, disk tearing and streamers drive rapid accretion in 3D GRMHD simulations of warped thin disks," is published in The Astrophysical Journal. . . . (continued at <a href="https://phys.org/news/2023-09-black-holes-faster-previously-quasars.html">https://phys.org/news/2023-09-black-holes-faster-previously-quasars.html</a>)



#### Osiris-Rex Capsule Returns Samples Of Asteroid Bennu To Earth

It's been a long time coming, but after more than seven years and a journey of 4.4 billion-miles (7.1 billion kilometers), NASA's Origins, Spectral Interpretation, Resource identification, Security, Regolith Explorer (Osiris-REX) spacecraft has accomplished its primary mission: It has returned its sample capsule to Earth, containing material grabbed from asteroid 101955 Bennu. The return happened over the U.S. Department of Defense's Utah Test and Training Range. . . . (continued at <a href="https://skyandtelescope.org/astronomy-news/osiris-rex-capsule-returns-samples-of-asteroid-bennuto-earth/">https://skyandtelescope.org/astronomy-news/osiris-rex-capsule-returns-samples-of-asteroid-bennuto-earth/</a>)



#### Comet C/2023 P1 (Nishimura) Brightening With Nice Tail

Comet C/2023 P1 (Nishimura) is shining at around magnitude +6 as it zeros-in on closest approach to Earth, at distance of around 125.3 million kilometres (0.838 AU) on 12 September. It's closest to the Sun (perihelion passage) on 17 September, at a distance of 32.9 million kilometres (0.22 AU). Currently it lies low in the pre-dawn sky in Leo and it's slipping further into the twilight mire each morning as it gets ever closer to the Sun. However, it's brightening steadily. (continued at <a href="https://astronomynow.com/2023/09/04/comet-c-2023-p1-nishimura-brightening-with-nice-tail/">https://astronomynow.com/2023/09/04/comet-c-2023-p1-nishimura-brightening-with-nice-tail/</a>)



#### **JWST Views Supernova 1987A**

The James Webb Space Telescope (JWST) recently imaged Supernova 1987A (also called SN 1987A), revealing a keyhole structure at its center. The supernova resides within the Large Magellanic Cloud (LMC), about 168,000 light-years from Earth, and was first noticed when researchers saw a new source of light in the LMC created by the death of a massive star. (The star initially exploded in 165,000 B.C. but its light did not arrive at Earth until 1987.) Supernovae and their remnants are also known as "pollinators of the universe" — these chaotic explosions spew elements like iron, calcium, carbon, and more, which are ultimately incorporated into future stars and planets. SN 1987A's new portrait kicks off JWST's observations of the renowned supernova. . . . (continued at <a href="https://www.astronomy.com/science/jwst-views-supernova-1987a/">https://www.astronomy.com/science/jwst-views-supernova-1987a/</a>)

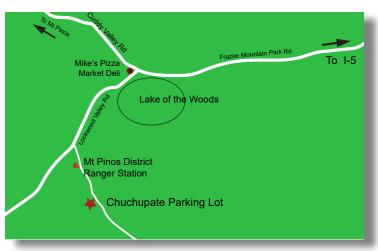


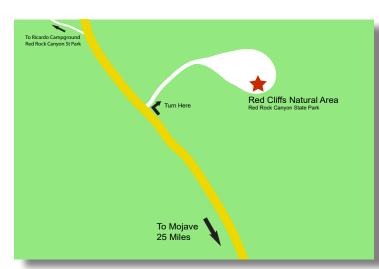
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#### Dark Sky Observing Sites

The Chuchupate parking lot is a half a mile beyond the Mt Pinos ranger station (on some maps The Chuchupate Ranger Sta.), the parking lot is also called Frazier Mountain trailhead.

To get there, take the Frazier Mountain Park RD east about 7 miles from I-5, to Lake Of The Woods, Turn left on Lockwood Valley Rd. (If you see Mike's Pizza on your left you missed the turn) In less than a mile there is a road to the left, go past the ranger station, the parking lot is on the right. The Club gathers in the upper end of the lot. The Elevation is 5430 feet. There is a vault toilet.





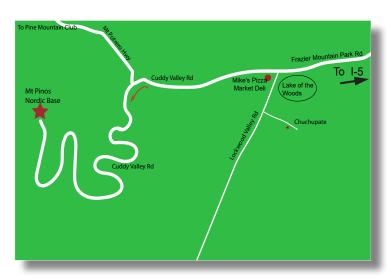
The Red Cliffs Natural Area is part of Red Rock Canyon State Park is a day use area and is not for use by the public after dark. The Club gets a special permit for a star party and pays a fee.

To get there: Take the CA-14 north 25 miles past Mojave. You will see giant red cliffs on the right side and a small sign that says "Red Cliffs Natural Area" and a dirt road. (If you see the large sign for the Ricardo campground, you drove a mile too far). Follow the road to the large parking lot (that hasn't been graded in a long time). Elevation is 2410 feet. There is a vault toilet.

**Mt Pinos** is a parking lot at 8350 feet for the "Mt Pinos Nordic Base." There is a vault toilet 300 yds to the east in the Chula Vista campground.

To get there: From I-5, get off at Frazier Mountain Park Rd and drive west about 7 miles to Mike's Pizza/ Market Deli at Lockwood Valley Rd. Keep on the main roadway (don't turn left to go to Chuchupate). Continue past Mike's Pizza on Cuddy Valley Rd (the road's new name) about 5 miles. Continue straight (do not turn right on to Mil Potrero Hwy) for another 8 1/2 miles to the parking area.

Note: The entire drive from I-5 is uphill.



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#### Solar System Summary

The Sun moves from the middle of Virgo and lands on the western edge of Libra at the end of the month. On the Saturday the 14th starting about 8:45 am an 80% annular eclipse. The partial Lunar eclipse on the 28th will be visible from the eastern hemisphere.

#### The Planets

Mercury begins the month in the morning twilight quickly diving toward the Sun, achieving superior conjunction on the 20th

Venus is now very prominent in the morning sky. Starting the month on th eastern edge of Leo, ends the month on the western edge.

Mars stuck in the evening twilight just too close to the Sun to be seen.

Jupiter spends the month in retrograde in southern Aries. On the 1st the 90% waning Moon is  $2\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$  north.

Saturn spends the month slowly moving retrograde in central Aquarius at mag 0.6. The 75% waxing Moon passes  $2\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$  south on the evening of the 24th.

Uranus continues its retrograde motion in eastern Aries at mag 5.7. On the 2nd the 85% waning Moon passes 2° north.

**Neptune** is moving in retrograde in southern Pisces at 7.8. On the 25th the 90% waxing Moon passes less than 2° to the south.

#### **Dwarf Planets**

134340 Pluto spends the month on the eastern edge of Sagittarius in retrograde till the 20th when it starts moving forward again at mag 14.4 just south of M75.

- 1 Ceres spends the month in Libra (mag 8.7), heading southeast getting ready to pass behind the Sun in mid-November
- **2 Pallas** at mag 9.0 continues moving east in Virgo. As the month progresses it rises in the morning twilight separating itself from the Sun.
- **3 Juno** at mag 10.1,a few degrees south of Venus, moves east from southern Leo, cutting across the tip of Hydra coming to rest in northern Sextans at month's end.
- 4 Vesta at mag 8.1, spends the month moving east from Orion's club, coming to rest between the feet of the twins, at mag 7.7.

#### Moon Phases









First Otr Oct 21

Full Oct 28

Third Qtr Oct 6

New Oct 14

#### Sun and Moon Rise and Set\*

Date	Moonrise	Moonset	Sunrise	Sunset	
10/1/2023	20:07	09:20	06:47	18:36	•
10/5/2023	23:09	13:41	06:50	18:31	
10/10/2023	03:03	16:48	06:54	18:24	
10/15/2023	07:52	18:51	06:58	18:17	
10/20/2023	13:10	22:40	07:02	18:11	
10/25/2023	16:31	03:25	07:06	18:06	
10/30/2023	19.17	09:17	07:11	18:00	

#### Planet Data\*

#### October 1

	Rise	Transit	Set	Mag	Phase%
Mercury	05:40	11:54	18:08	-1.07	84.6
Venus	03:21	09:54	16:17	-4.50	37.3
Mars	07:59	13:37	19:16	1.66	99.4
Jupiter	20:15	03:02	09:46	-2.84	99.7
Saturn	17:00	22:26	03:57	0.55	99.9

#### October 15

	Rise	Transit	Set	Mag	Phase%
Mercury	06:42	12:29	18:14	-1.38	99.6
Venus	03:20	09:46	16:12	-4.43	46.3
Mars	07:49	13:18	18:46	1.61	99.7
Jupiter	19:15	02:02	08:44	-2.89	99.9
Saturn	16:03	21:29	02:59	0.62	99.8

#### October 30

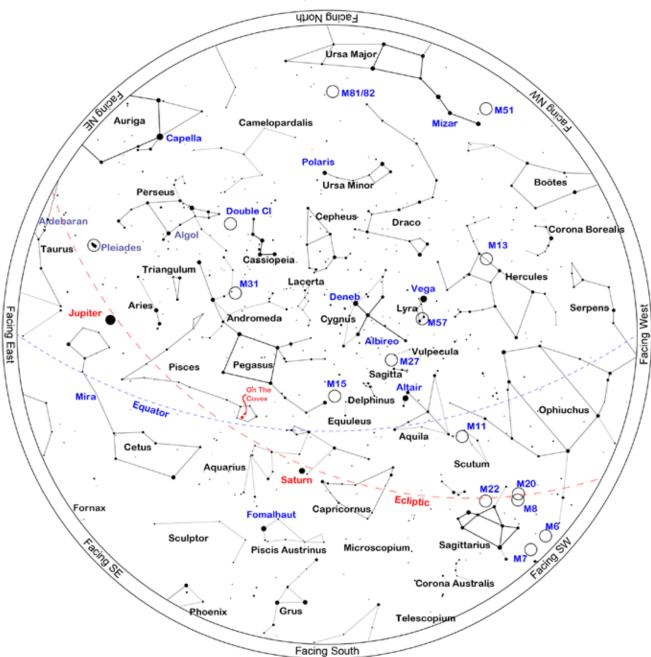
	Rise	Transit	Set	Mag	Phase%
Mercury	07:45	13:02	18:19	-0.80	98.3
Venus	03:30	09:44	15:58	-4.34	54.3
Mars	07:40	12:49	18:17	1.53	99.9
Jupiter	18:10	00:51	07:36	-2.92	100.
Saturn	15:03	20:29	01:58	0.69	99.8

<sup>\*</sup>All time mentioned are local and approximate.

<sup>\*</sup>Sun, Moon and Planetary date based on Quartz Hill, CA

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# Sky Chart



Location: Set from geolocation service

Latitude: 34° 39' N, longitude: 118° 10' W Time: 2023 October 14, 21:00 (UTC -07:00) Powered by: Heavens-Above.com

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### Suggested Observing List

The list below contains objects that will be visible on the night of the AVAC Deep Sky Star Party or the Saturday nearest the New Moon, in this case October 14, 2023. The list is sorted by the transit time of the object.

ID	Common Name	Type	Const	RA	Dec	Mag	Rise	Transit	Set
M12	Gumball Globular	Globular	Oph	16h 47m 14s	-01° 56.8'	8.0	09:12	15:09	21:07
NGC6231	Table of Scorpius	Open	Sco	16h 54m 00s	-41° 48.0'	2.6	11:44	15:16	18:48
IC4628	Prawn Nebula	Neb	Sco	16h 56m 58s	-40° 27.3'		11:39	15:19	18:59
NGC6254		Globular	Oph	16h 57m 09s	-04° 05.9'	6.6	09:28	15:19	21:11
Barnard47	B47	DkNeb	Oph	16h 59m 42s	-22° 38.0'		10:26	15:22	20:18
M62	Flickering Globular	Globular	Oph	17h 01m 13s	-30° 06.7'	8.0	10:54	15:23	19:52
M19	NGC6273	Globular	Oph	17h 02m 38s	-26° 16.0'	8.5	10:41	15:25	20:08
Barnard51	B51	DkNeb	Oph	17h 04m 44s	-22° 15.0'		10:29	15:27	20:24
IC4637		P Neb	Sco	17h 05m 10s	-40° 53.1'	14.0	11:50	15:27	19:05
Barnard56	B56	DkNeb	Sco	17h 08m 48s	-32° 05.0'		11:10	15:31	19:52
Barnard59	Pipe Nebula	DkNeb	Oph	17h 11m 23s	-27° 29.0'		10:55	15:34	20:12
NGC6302	Bug Nebula	P Neb	Sco	17h 13m 42s	-37° 06.0'	9.6	11:38	15:36	19:34
Barnard251		DkNeb	Oph	17h 13m 48s	-20° 09.0'		10:32	15:36	20:40
Barnard63		DkNeb	Oph	17h 16m 00s	-21° 28.0'		10:38	15:38	20:38
M92	NGC6341	Globular	Her	17h 17m 07s	+43° 08.1'	7.5	06:53	15:39	00:26
M9	NGC6333	Globular	Oph	17h 19m 12s	-18° 31.0'	9.0	10:32	15:41	20:51
NGC6326		P Neb	Ara	17h 20m 46s	-51° 45.2'	12.0	13:39	15:43	17:47
Barnard256		DkNeb	Oph	17h 22m 12s	-28° 49.0'		11:10	15:44	20:18
Barnard67a		DkNeb	Oph	17h 22m 30s	-21° 53.0'		10:46	15:45	20:43
Barnard71		DkNeb	Oph	17h 23m 02s	-24° 00.0'		10:54	15:45	20:37
NGC6357	Lobster Nebula	Neb	Sco	17h 24m 43s	-34° 12.1'		11:35	15:47	19:58
IC4651		Open	Ara	17h 24m 52s	-49° 56.5'	6.9	13:21	15:47	18:13
Abell41		P Neb	Ser	17h 29m 04s	-15° 13.3'	13.9	10:32	15:51	21:11
Abell42		P Neb	Oph	17h 31m 31s	-08° 19.1'	14.6	10:14	15:54	21:33
Barnard78		DkNeb	Oph	17h 32m 00s	-25° 35.0'		11:08	15:54	20:40
NGC6388		Globular	Sco	17h 36m 17s	-44° 44.1'	6.9	12:46	15:58	19:11
M14	NGC6402	Globular	Oph	17h 37m 36s	-03° 14.7'	9.5	10:06	16:00	21:53
Barnard276		DkNeb	Oph	17h 39m 39s	-19° 49.0'		10:56	16:02	21:07
M6	Butterfly Cluster	Open	Sco	17h 40m 20s	-32° 15.2'	4.5	11:42	16:02	20:23
NGC6397		Globular	Ara	17h 40m 42s	-53° 40.0'	5.6	14:31	16:03	17:35
NGC6426		Globular	Oph	17h 44m 55s	+03° 10.1'	11.2	09:55	16:07	22:19
Barnard83a		DkNeb	Sgr	17h 45m 18s	-20° 00.0'		11:03	16:07	21:12
IC4665		Open	Oph	17h 46m 30s	+05° 39.0'	4.2	09:50	16:09	22:27
NGC6445	Crescent Nebula	P Neb	Sgr	17h 49m 15s	-20° 00.6'	13.0	11:07	16:11	21:16
NGC6503		Galaxy	Dra	17h 49m 27s	+70° 08.6'	10.2	Circ	16:12	Circ
NGC6441		Globular	Sco	17h 50m 13s	-37° 03.0'	7.4	12:14	16:12	20:10

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M7	Scorpion's Tail	Open	Sco	17h 53m 51s	-34° 47.6'	3.5	12:07	16:16	20:25
IC4670		Neb	Sgr	17h 55m 07s	-21° 44.6'		11:18	16:17	21:16
NGC6501		Galaxy	Her	17h 56m 04s	+18° 22.3'	12.3	09:22	16:18	23:14
M23	NGC6494	Open	Sgr	17h 57m 04s	-18° 59.1'	6.0	11:11	16:19	21:27
NGC6543	Cat Eye Nebula	P Neb	Dra	17h 58m 36s	+66° 38.0'	8.1	Circ	16:21	Circ
NGC6496		Globular	Sco	17h 59m 04s	-44° 16.0'	9.2	13:06	16:21	19:37
M20	Trifid Nebula	Open+D Neb	Sgr	18h 02m 42s	-22° 58.2'	5.0	11:30	16:25	21:20
M8	Lagoon Nebula	Open+D Neb	Sgr	18h 03m 41s	-24° 22.7'	5.0	11:36	16:26	21:16
M21	NGC6531	Open	Sgr	18h 04m 13s	-22° 29.3'	7.0	11:30	16:26	21:23
NGC6530		Open	Sgr	18h 04m 31s	-24° 21.5'	4.6	11:36	16:27	21:17
NGC6528		Globular	Sgr	18h 04m 50s	-30° 03.3'	9.5	11:58	16:27	20:56
IC4684		Neb	Sgr	18h 09m 08s	-23° 26.1'		11:38	16:31	21:25
IC4685		Neb	Sgr	18h 09m 18s	-23° 59.2'		11:40	16:31	21:23
Barnard303		DkNeb	Sgr	18h 09m 28s	-23° 59.0'		11:40	16:32	21:23
IC1274		Neb	Sgr	18h 09m 51s	-23° 38.8'		11:39	16:32	21:25
IC1275		Neb	Sgr	18h 10m 07s	-23° 45.7'		11:40	16:32	21:24
NGC6572		P Neb	Oph	18h 12m 06s	+06° 51.2'	9.0	10:12	16:34	22:56
NGC6567		P Neb	Sgr	18h 13m 45s	-19° 04.5'	12.0	11:28	16:36	21:44
IC4701		Neb	Sgr	18h 16m 36s	-16° 38.0'		11:23	16:39	21:54
IC1284		Neb	Sgr	18h 17m 39s	-19° 40.3'		11:34	16:40	21:46
M24	Small Sagittarius Star Cloud,	Open	Sgr	18h 18m 26s	-18° 24.3'	4.5	11:31	16:41	21:50
M16	Eagle Nebula,	Open+D Neb	Ser	18h 18m 48s	-13° 48.3'	6.5	11:17	16:41	22:05
Barnard308		DkNeb	Sgr	18h 19m 08s	-22° 14.0'		11:44	16:41	21:39
M18	Black Swan,	Open	Sgr	18h 19m 58s	-17° 06.1'	8.0	11:28	16:42	21:56
M17	Omega Nebula	Open+D Neb	Sgr	18h 20m 47s	-16° 10.3'	7.0	11:26	16:43	22:00
HR6923	HD170073	Mult	Dra	18h 23m 54s	+58° 48.0'	5.0	Circ	16:46	Circ
M28	NGC6626	Globular	Sgr	18h 24m 33s	-24° 52.1'	8.5	11:58	16:47	21:35
Abell44		P Neb	Sgr	18h 30m 11s	-16° 45.4'	12.6	11:37	16:52	22:07
NGC6637		Globular	Sgr	18h 31m 23s	-32° 20.8'	7.7	12:34	16:54	21:13
IC1287		Neb	Sct	18h 31m 26s	-10° 47.7'		11:21	16:54	22:26
M25	M25	Open	Sgr	18h 31m 42s	-19° 07.0'	6.5	11:46	16:54	22:01
IC4725		Open	Sgr	18h 31m 48s	-19° 06.7'	4.6	11:46	16:54	22:01
NGC6642		Globular	Sgr	18h 31m 54s	-23° 28.5'	8.8	12:01	16:54	21:47
NGC6644		P Neb	Sgr	18h 32m 35s	-25° 07.7'	12.0	12:07	16:55	21:42
NGC6647		Open	Sgr	18h 32m 49s	-17° 13.6'	8.0	11:42	16:55	22:08
IC4732		P Neb	Sgr	18h 33m 55s	-22° 38.6'	13.0	12:00	16:56	21:52
NGC6656	Crackerjack Cluster	Globular	Sgr	18h 36m 24s	-23° 54.2'	5.1	12:07	16:59	21:50

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NGC6681		Globular	Sgr	18h 43m 12s	-32° 17.4'	8.1	12:45	17:05	21:25
NGC6694		Open	Sct	18h 45m 18s	-09° 23.0'	8.0	11:31	17:07	22:44
IC4776		P Neb	Sgr	18h 45m 51s	-33° 20.5'	12.0	12:53	17:08	21:23
Barnard318		DkNeb	Sct	18h 49m 42s	-06° 23.0'		11:27	17:12	22:57
M11	Wild Duck Cluster	Open	Sct	18h 51m 05s	-06° 16.1'	7.0	11:28	17:13	22:59
M57	Ring Nebula	P Neb	Lyr	18h 53m 35s	+33° 01.7'	9.5	09:25	17:16	01:06
Barnard117		DkNeb	Sct	18h 53m 43s	-07° 24.0'		11:34	17:16	22:58
NGC6715		Globular	Sgr	18h 55m 03s	-30° 28.7'	7.7	12:50	17:17	21:45
NGC6717	III-143	Globular	Sgr	18h 55m 06s	-22° 42.0'	9.2	12:21	17:17	22:13
NGC6760		Globular	Aql	19h 11m 12s	+01° 01.8'	9.1	11:28	17:33	23:39
Abell56		P Neb	Aql	19h 13m 07s	+02° 52.8'	12.4	11:24	17:35	23:46
NGC6772		P Neb	Aql	19h 14m 36s	-02° 42.4'	14.0	11:41	17:37	23:32
Barnard138		DkNeb	Aql	19h 16m 00s	+00° 13.0'		11:35	17:38	23:41
M56	NGC6779	Globular	Lyr	19h 16m 36s	+30° 11.0'	9.5	10:00	17:39	01:17
NGC6778		P Neb	Aql	19h 18m 25s	-01° 35.7'	13.0	11:42	17:41	23:39
Abell61		P Neb	Cyg	19h 19m 10s	+46° 14.5'	13.0	08:30	17:41	02:52
Barnard140		DkNeb	Aql	19h 19m 49s	+05° 13.0'		11:25	17:42	23:59
NGC6790		P Neb	Aql	19h 22m 57s	+01° 30.8'	10.0	11:38	17:45	23:52
NGC6803		P Neb	Aql	19h 31m 16s	+10° 03.3'	11.0	11:22	17:53	00:24
NGC6804		P Neb	Aql	19h 31m 35s	+09° 13.5'	12.0	11:25	17:54	00:22
Abell62		P Neb	Aql	19h 33m 18s	+10° 37.0'	13.0	11:23	17:55	00:28
NGC6807		P Neb	Aql	19h 34m 34s	+05° 41.0'	14.0	11:38	17:57	00:15
M55	NGC6809	Globular	Sgr	19h 40m 00s	-30° 57.7'	7.0	13:37	18:02	22:28
NGC6813		Neb	Vul	19h 40m 22s	+27° 18.5'		10:35	18:02	01:30
NGC6820		Neb	Vul	19h 42m 28s	+23° 05.2'		10:53	18:05	01:16
Barnard338		DkNeb	Aql	19h 43m 02s	+07° 27.0'		11:42	18:05	00:29
NGC6818	Little Gem	P Neb	Sgr	19h 43m 58s	-14° 09.1'	10.0	12:43	18:06	23:29
NGC6826	Blinking Planetary	P Neb	Cyg	19h 44m 48s	+50° 31.0'	8.8	08:10	18:07	04:03
Abell65		P Neb	Sgr	19h 46m 34s	-23° 08.2'	13.1	13:14	18:09	23:03
NGC6838		Globular	Sge	19h 53m 46s	+18° 46.6'	8.3	11:18	18:16	01:13
NGC6842		P Neb	Vul	19h 55m 02s	+29° 17.3'	14.0	10:42	18:17	01:52
HR7619	Psi Cyg	Mult	Cyg	19h 55m 38s	+52° 26.3'	4.9	07:51	18:18	04:45
Abell66		P Neb	Sgr	19h 57m 32s	-21° 36.6'	14.1	13:20	18:20	23:19
Barnard144	Fish on the platter nebula	DkNeb	Cyg	19h 58m 00s	+35° 20.0'		10:19	18:20	02:21
NGC6853	Dumbbell Nebula	P Neb	Vul	19h 59m 36s	+22° 43.2'	8.1	11:11	18:22	01:32
NGC6857	III-144	Neb	Cyg	20h 02m 48s	+33° 31.4'	11.4	10:32	18:25	02:18
IC4954		Neb	Vul	20h 04m 45s	+29° 15.1'		10:52	18:27	02:01
M75	NGC6864	Globular	Sgr	20h 06m 05s	-21° 55.3'	9.5	13:30	18:28	23:27
Barnard342	B342	DkNeb	Cyg	20h 09m 30s	+41° 12.0'		09:58	18:32	03:05

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NGC6885	20 Vulpeculae Cluster	Open	Vul	20h 12m 00s	+26° 29.0'	5.9	11:10	18:34	01:58
NGC6891		P Neb	Del	20h 15m 09s	+12° 42.2'	12.0	11:59	18:37	01:16
NGC6894		P Neb	Cyg	20h 16m 24s	+30° 33.9'	14.0	10:59	18:39	02:18
IC4997		P Neb	Sge	20h 20m 09s	+16° 43.9'	12.0	11:51	18:42	01:33
Barnard345		DkNeb	Cyg	20h 21m 00s	+46° 33.0'		09:30	18:43	03:57
NGC6913	Cooling Tower	Open	Cyg	20h 23m 57s	+38° 30.5'	6.6	10:28	18:46	03:04
Abell70		P Neb	Aql	20h 31m 33s	-07° 05.3'	14.3	13:11	18:54	00:37
Barnard348	B348	DkNeb	Cyg	20h 34m 00s	+42° 05.0'		10:17	18:56	03:36
NGC6940		Open	Vul	20h 34m 26s	+28° 17.0'	6.3	11:26	18:57	02:27
NGC6960	Filamentary Nebula	Neb	Cyg	20h 45m 58s	+30° 35.6'		11:28	19:08	02:48
IC5068		Neb	Cyg	20h 50m 29s	+42° 28.6'		10:31	19:13	03:55
IC5070	Pelican Nebula [2]	Neb	Cyg	20h 51m 00s	+44° 24.1'		10:17	19:13	04:09
NGC6979	II-206	Neb	Cyg	20h 51m 00s	+32° 09.0'	11.0	11:26	19:13	03:00
NGC6981		Globular	Aqr	20h 53m 28s	-12° 32.2'	9.4	13:48	19:16	00:43
IC5076		Neb	Cyg	20h 55m 33s	+47° 23.7'		09:56	19:18	04:39
IC1340		Neb	Cyg	20h 56m 08s	+31° 02.8'		11:36	19:18	03:00
NGC6992	Cirrus Nebula [2]	Neb	Cyg	20h 56m 19s	+31° 44.6'		11:34	19:18	03:03
NGC6996	VIII-58	Open	Cyg	20h 56m 30s	+44° 38.0'	10.0	10:21	19:19	04:16
NGC6997		Open	Cyg	20h 56m 39s	+44° 37.9'	10.0	10:21	19:19	04:16
NGC7000	Gulf of Mexico	BrNeb	Cyg	20h 58m 48s	+44° 20.0'		10:26	19:21	04:16
M73	NGC6994	Open+Asterism	Aqr	20h 58m 56s	-12° 38.1'	9.0	13:54	19:21	00:48
NGC7006	C42	Globular	Del	21h 01m 30s	+16° 11.0'	10.6	12:34	19:24	02:13
NGC7009	C55,Saturn Nebula	P Neb	Aqr	21h 04m 12s	-11° 22.0'	8.0	13:55	19:26	00:57
NGC7027		P Neb	Cyg	21h 07m 02s	+42° 14.1'	10.0	10:49	19:29	04:10
M39	NGC7092	Open	Cyg	21h 31m 42s	+48° 25.0'	5.5	10:22	19:54	05:25
M2	NGC7089	Globular	Aqr	21h 33m 27s	-00° 49.3'	7.5	13:55	19:56	01:56
NGC7090		Galaxy	Ind	21h 36m 28s	-54° 33.4'	11.0	18:46	19:59	21:11
IC1396	Elephant Trunk	Open	Сер	21h 38m 58s	+57° 29.3'	3.5	Circ	20:01	Circ

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