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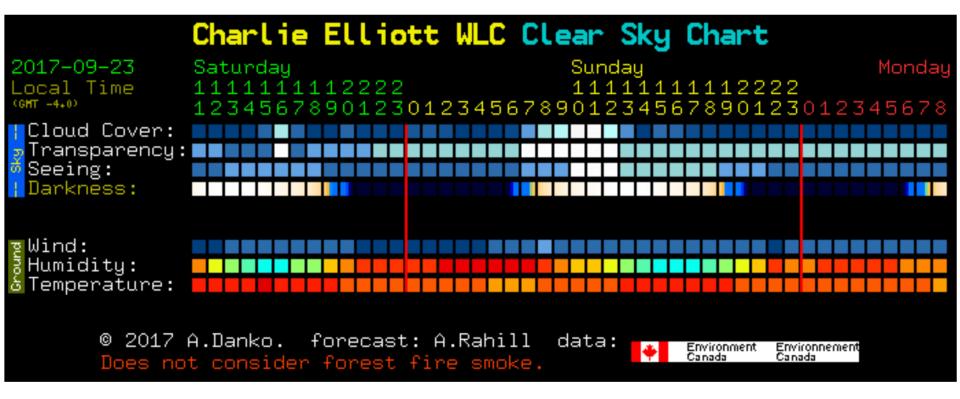


Happy Equinox!

September 22, 2017: 4:02 PM EDT

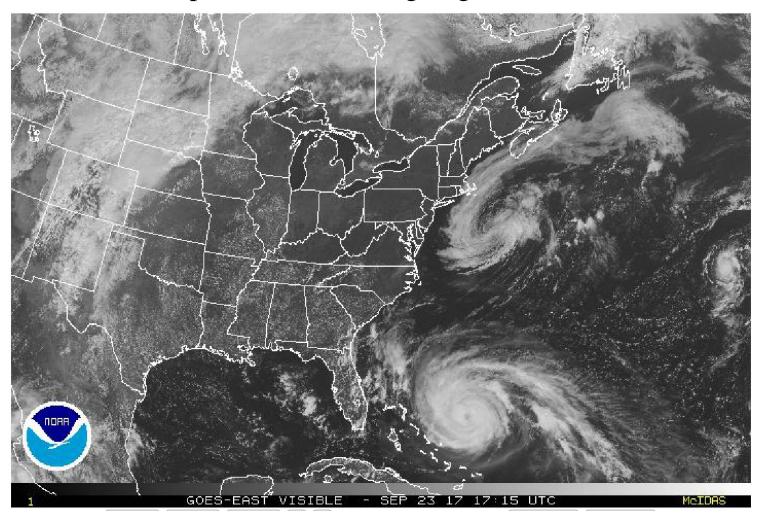
Currently gaining 2:04 of darkness every day!





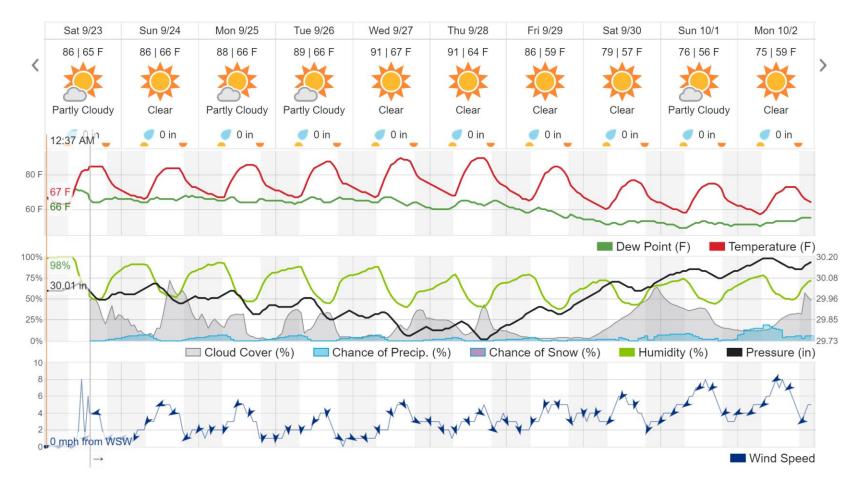


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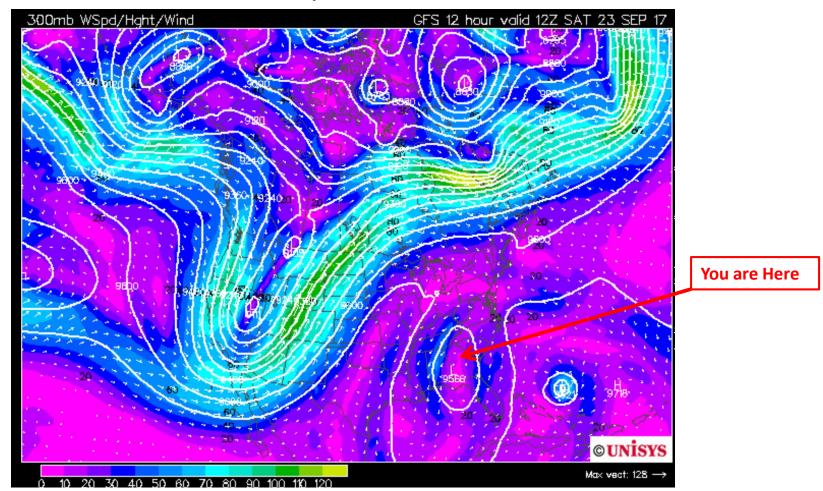


(Weather forecast data by www.wunderground.com)





(Jet Stream data by www.weatherstreet.com)





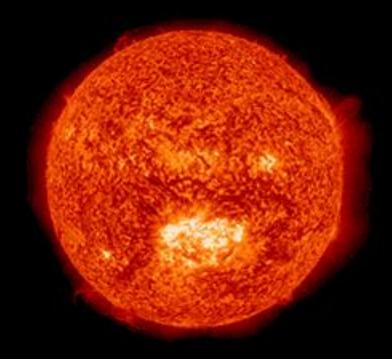
The Solar System: September 23, 2017

Body	Constellation	Rise	Set	When to View
Sun	Virgo	7:25 AM	7:31 PM	Sooner than later
Moon	Libra	10:34 AM	9:54 PM	Right after the Potluck
Mercury	Leo	6:25 AM	7:06 PM	Barely before sunrise
Venus	Leo	5:19 AM	6:24 PM	Before dawn
Mars	Leo	5:54 AM	6:44 PM	Ditto
Jupiter	Virgo	9:27 AM	8:42 PM	Early evening
Saturn	Ophiuchus	1:50 PM	11:48 PM	Evening
Uranus	Pisces	8:37 PM	9:39 AM	All night long
Neptune	Aquarius	6:39 PM	6:04 AM	All night long
Pluto	Sagittarius	3:36 PM	1:41 AM	Next summer





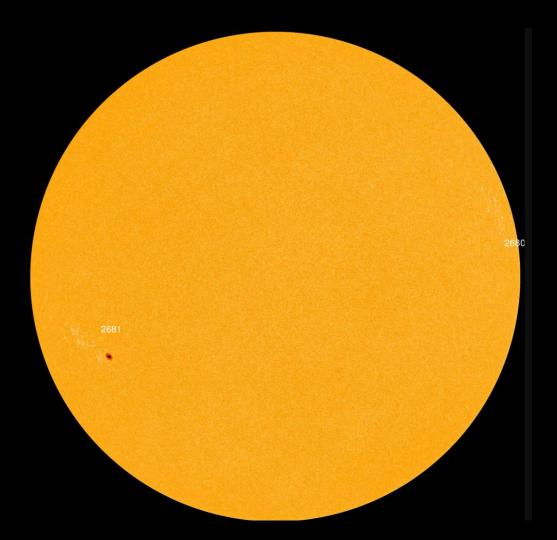
The Solar Update





The Sun: September 23, 2017

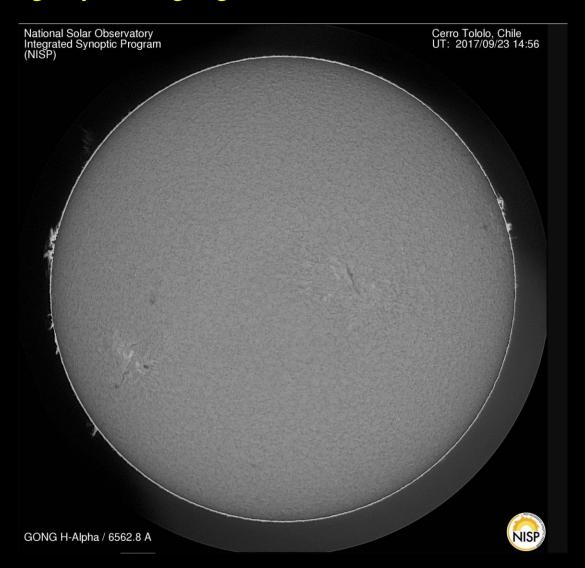
Image by www.spaceweather.com





The Sun-Ha: September 23, 2017

Image by www.gong2.nso.edu – Cerro Tololo, Chile



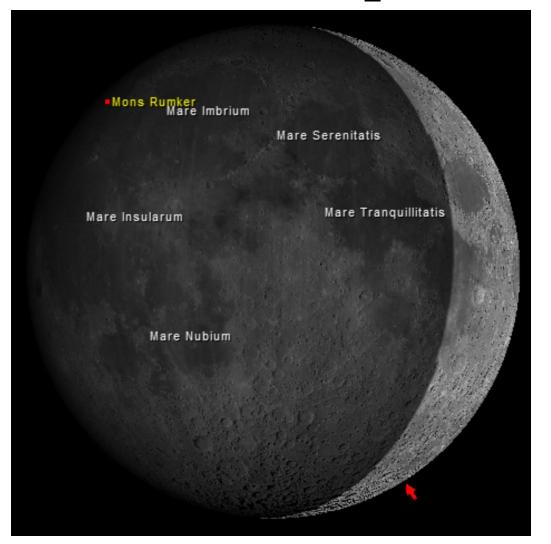


The Lunar Update





The Moon: September 23, 2017



Lunation: 3.6 Day

Illumination: 13.4%

Mag: -6.4

Distance:

244,215 mi 393,027 km

1.32 Light Second

Apparent Diameter: 30.2'

Location: Libra

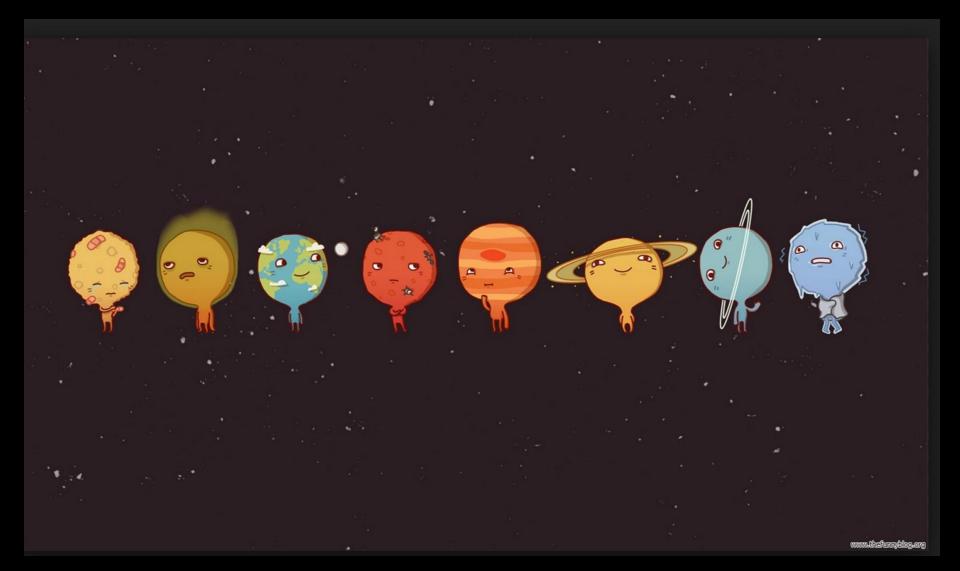


Lunar Events for September / October

- September 20th New Moon
- September 27th 1st Quarter
- October 5th Full Moon
- October 12th Last Quarter
- October 19th New Moon

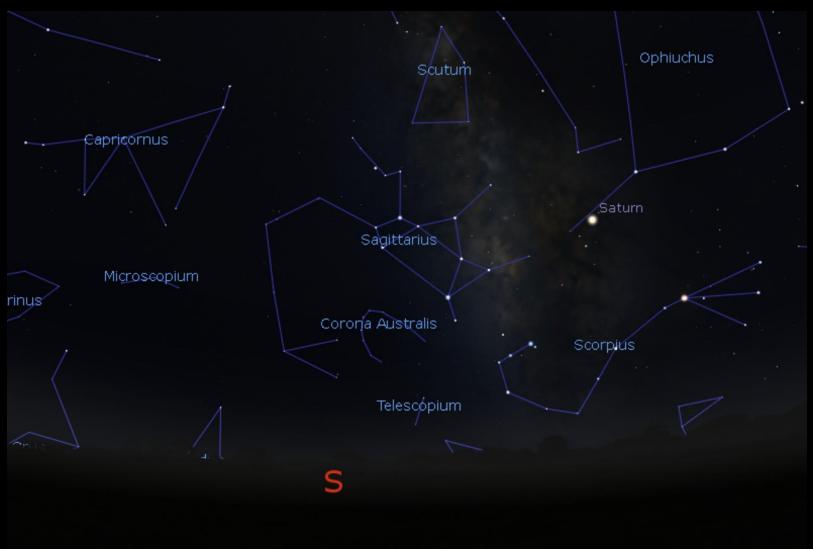


Solar System Update



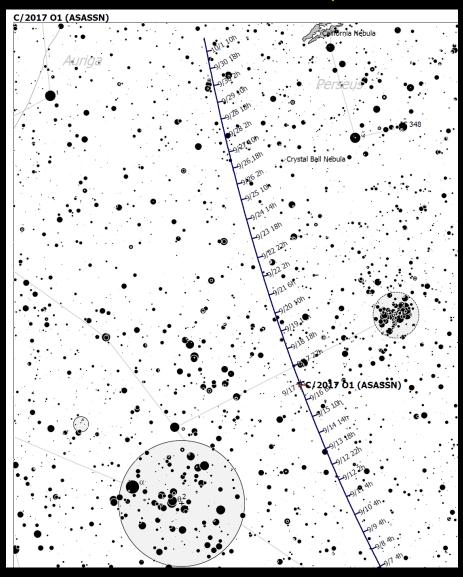


Saturn (still hanging in there)





Comet C/2017 O1 (ASASSN1)





Asteroid Update or Space Rocks



SPACE ROCKS



Constellation Update

Stale in the West:

Scorpius Serpens Caput
Corona Borealis Ophiuchus

Meridian Crossing:

Capricornus Sagitta

Equuleus Microscopium

Cepheus Piscus Austrinus

Cygnus Aquarius

Fresh from the East:

Pisces Sculptor

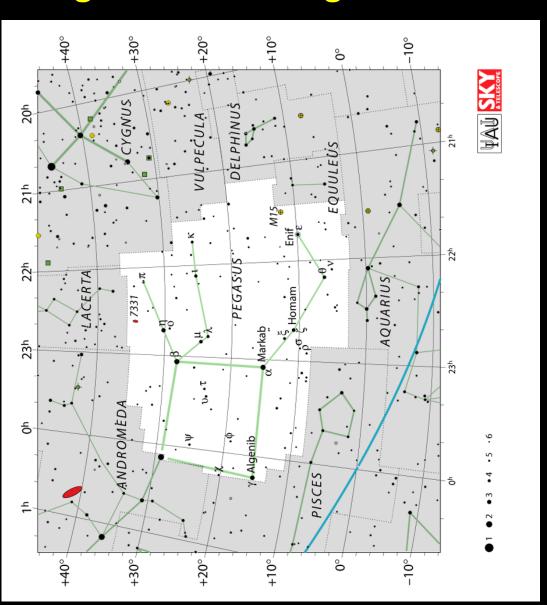
Triangulum Cetus

Aries Perseus





Pegasus – The Winged Horse



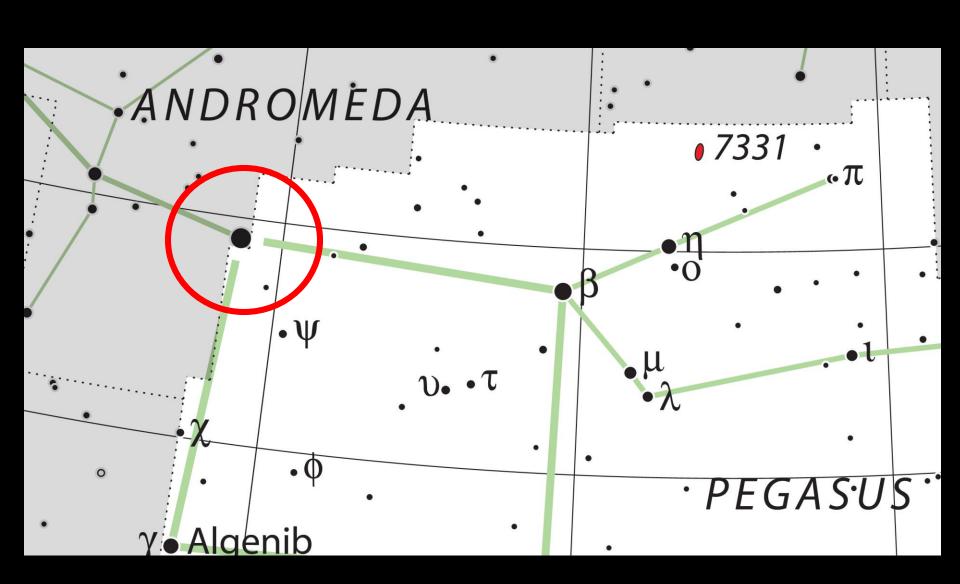


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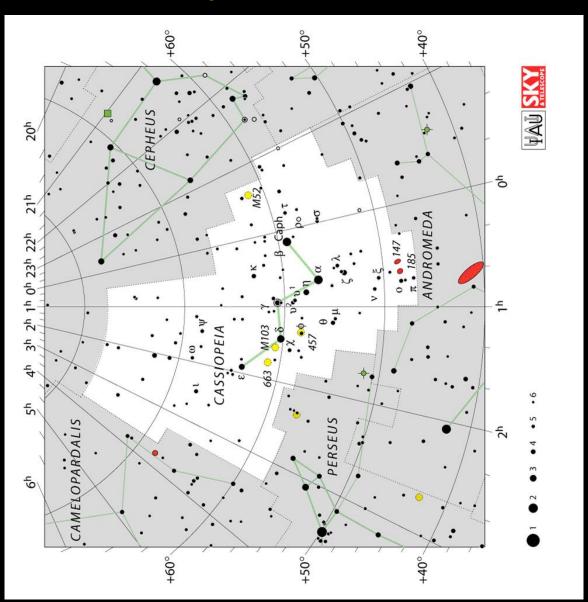


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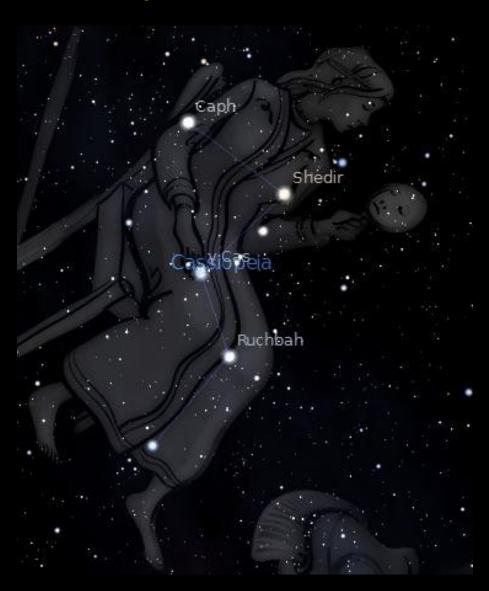


Cassiopeia – The Queen



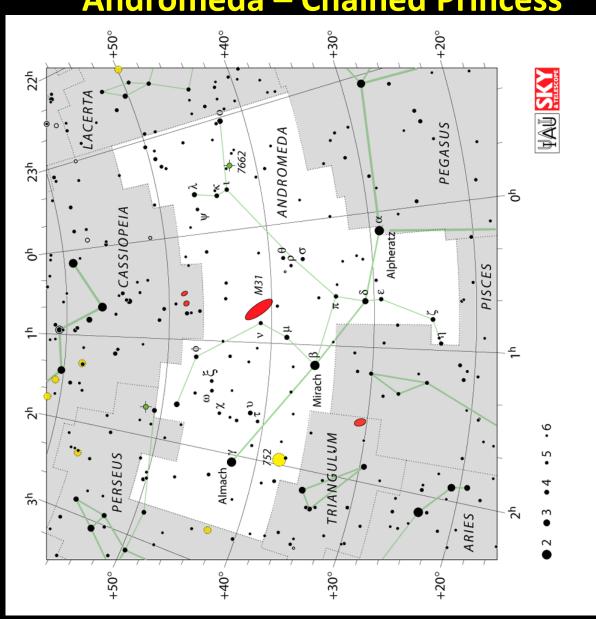


Cassiopeia – The Queen





Andromeda – Chained Princess



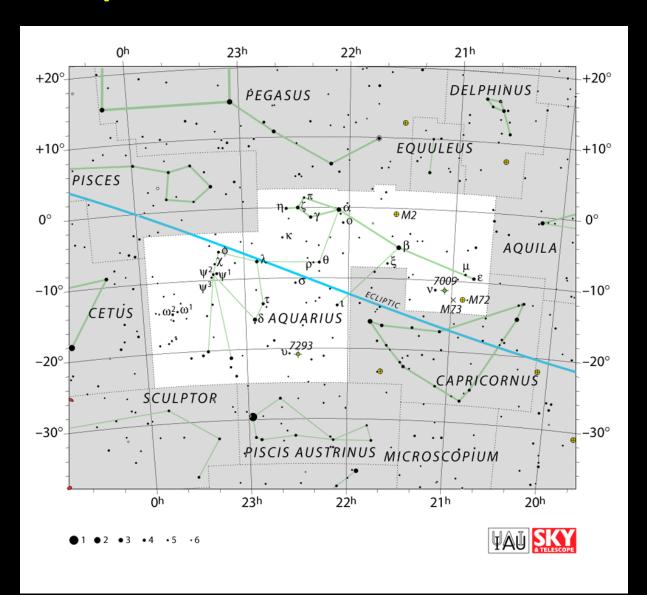


Andromeda – Chained Princess



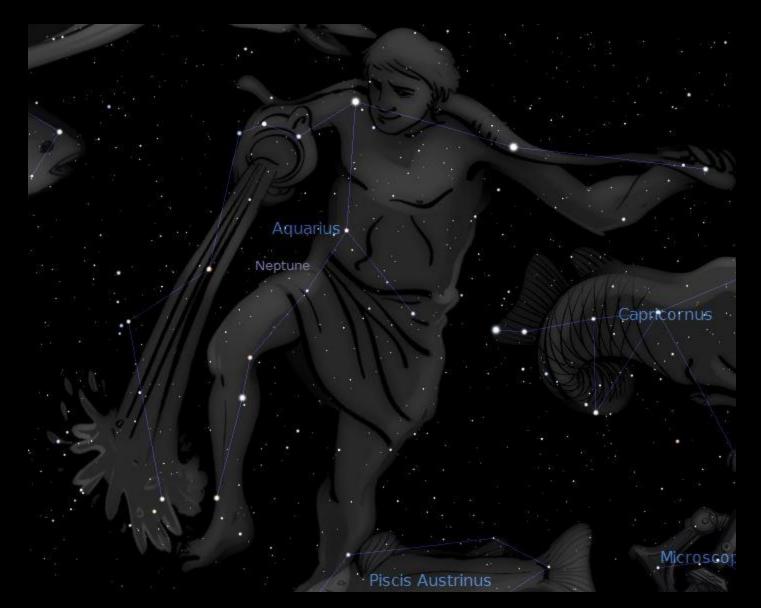


Aquarius – The Water Bearer





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September /September Target Lists





September/October Target List: Relaxing

Naked Eye and Binocular

Туре	Constellation	Notes	Image
GC	Capricornus	Great globular cluster in Capricornus. Easy to observe	
GC	Aquarius	Brilliant globular cluster in Aquarius. Must see.	
P	Aquarius	8 th planet from the sun. Small blue dot near Lambda Aquarii	
S	Cepheus	Prototype Cepheid variable star. Mag +3.6-4.3, Period 5.3 days.	
GX	Andromeda	Andromeda Galaxy: Because it's that time of year so get to it!	
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September/October Target List: Intriguing

Small to medium telescopes

Target	Туре	Constellation	Notes	Image
NGC 7789	ОС	Cassiopeia	"Caroline's Rose": Mag+6.69, 25', Large and rich open cluster	1976) 1988)
NGC 7662	PN	Andromeda	"Blue Snowball", Mag +8.3, 0.5'x0.5', Bright blue/green PN. Use OIII filter	
NGC 7331	GX	Pegasus	"Deerlick Galaxy": Elongated Spiral galaxy, Mag +9.5, 10.2'x4.2'	
NGC 7479	GX	Pegasus	Caldwell 44: Barred spiral near Markab. Mag+10.9, 4'x3'	
M32	GX	Andromeda	Another companion to M31: Required so just go with it.	



September/October Target List: Taxing

Light Buckets

Target	Туре	Constellation	Notes	Image
Pi Aquilae	DS	Aquila	Mag + 6.3, +6.8, blue and white pair, 1.5" separation.	*
Sh 2-88	EN	Vulpecula	Tough Emission nebula, use OIII filter, 17' x 9'	Sh 2-88 80 +25 3952 08 : 50 2-888 48+0 09 50 2-898 OR Munic.
NGC 7923	PN	Aquarius	"Helix Nebula": Mag +7.59, 14'x12', Use OIII for best view	
NGC 281	BN	Cassiopeia	"Pac Man Nebula": Large and diffuse. Use OIII filter. Mag+7.4	
M110	GX	Andromeda	M31's companion. Catch it while your are looking at M31.	



September / October Observing Challenge: Comet C/2017 O1

- 8th 10th Magnitude
- Moving through Taurus
- Entering Perseus on 9/27
- Entering Camelopardalis 10/16





Summary of Celestial Events to Note:

- September / October Comet C/2017 O1 (ASASSN1) visible.
- October 14th Next Charlie Elliott Astronomy Meeting
- October 15th First day of PSSG



Clear Skies

