

Howard Astronomical League



February 18, 2010

Welcome!

- Consider becoming a member
- Check out our web site:
www.howardastro.org



Memberships

- New Members (as of 2/1) – zero
- Expired memberships – 3
- Due to expire in February – 9 (14)

Current Membership:

100 memberships, 127 members



Administratrivia

- New keyholders List finalized
- Keyholders' Responsibilities updated
- Star party Schedule finalized
- Improvements to Webpage



What's Ahead

- March Meeting Date/Place
 - March 18, Rec & Parks Bldg
- First Star Party for 2010, March 13th
 - at Alpha ridge
- HAL planning meeting, March 1st
 - at Pasta Blitz



Happy Birthday Pluto





Pluto Discovery Plates



What's Up?

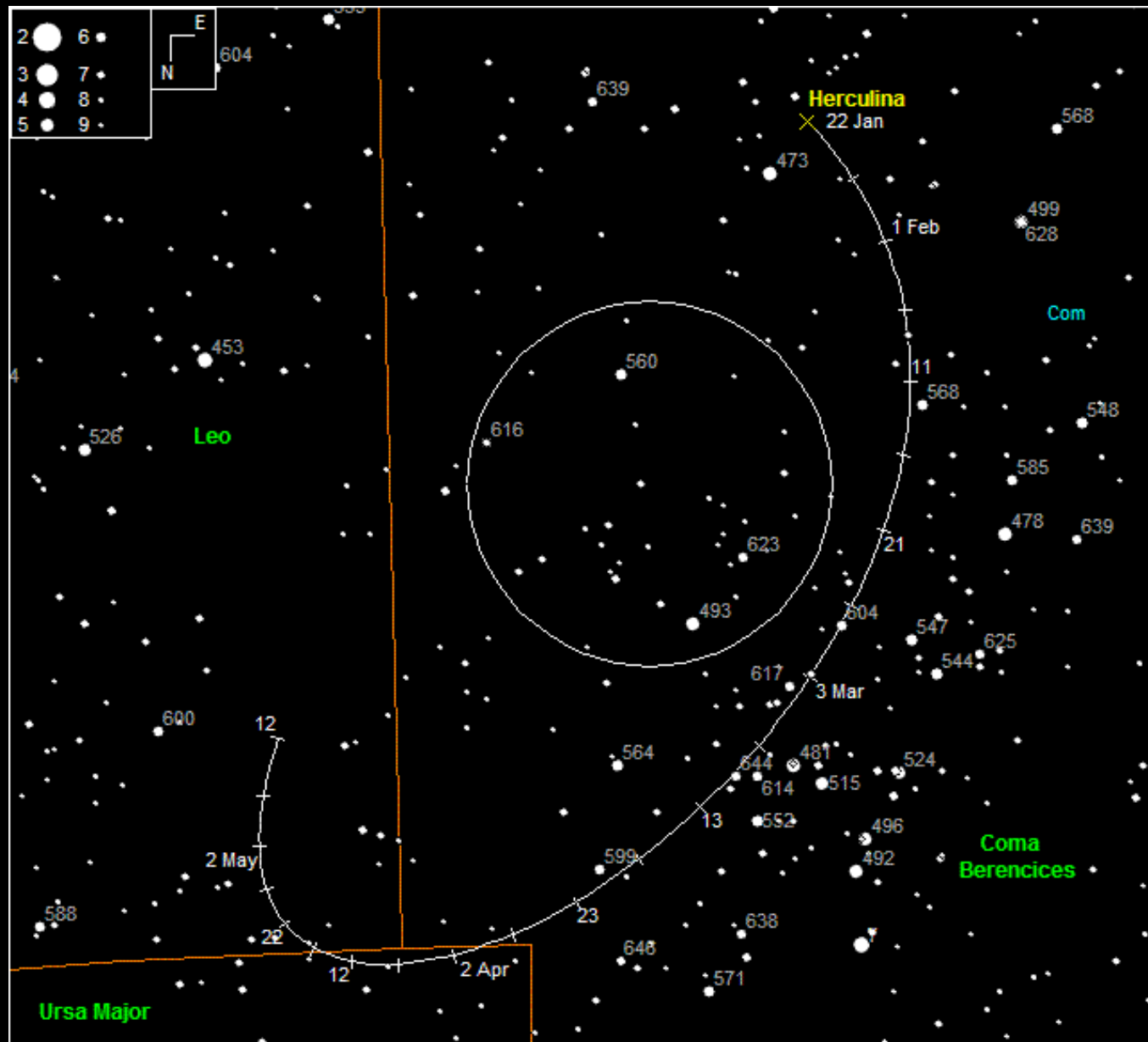
- 22 Feb – Comet 81P/Wild closest to sun, at 9th magnitude, near Spica
- 13 Mar – Herculina at opposition (mag 8.8)
- 14 Mar – Comet C/2007 Q3 (Siding Spring) closest to NGC 5866, at 10th magnitude
- 15 Mar – New Moon
- 20 Mar – Moon passes through Pleiades, starting 9PM, EDT



Comet 81P Wild



Asteroid 532 Herculina



Comet C/2007 Q3



Stumper Question



What is this?



Astrophoto of the Month





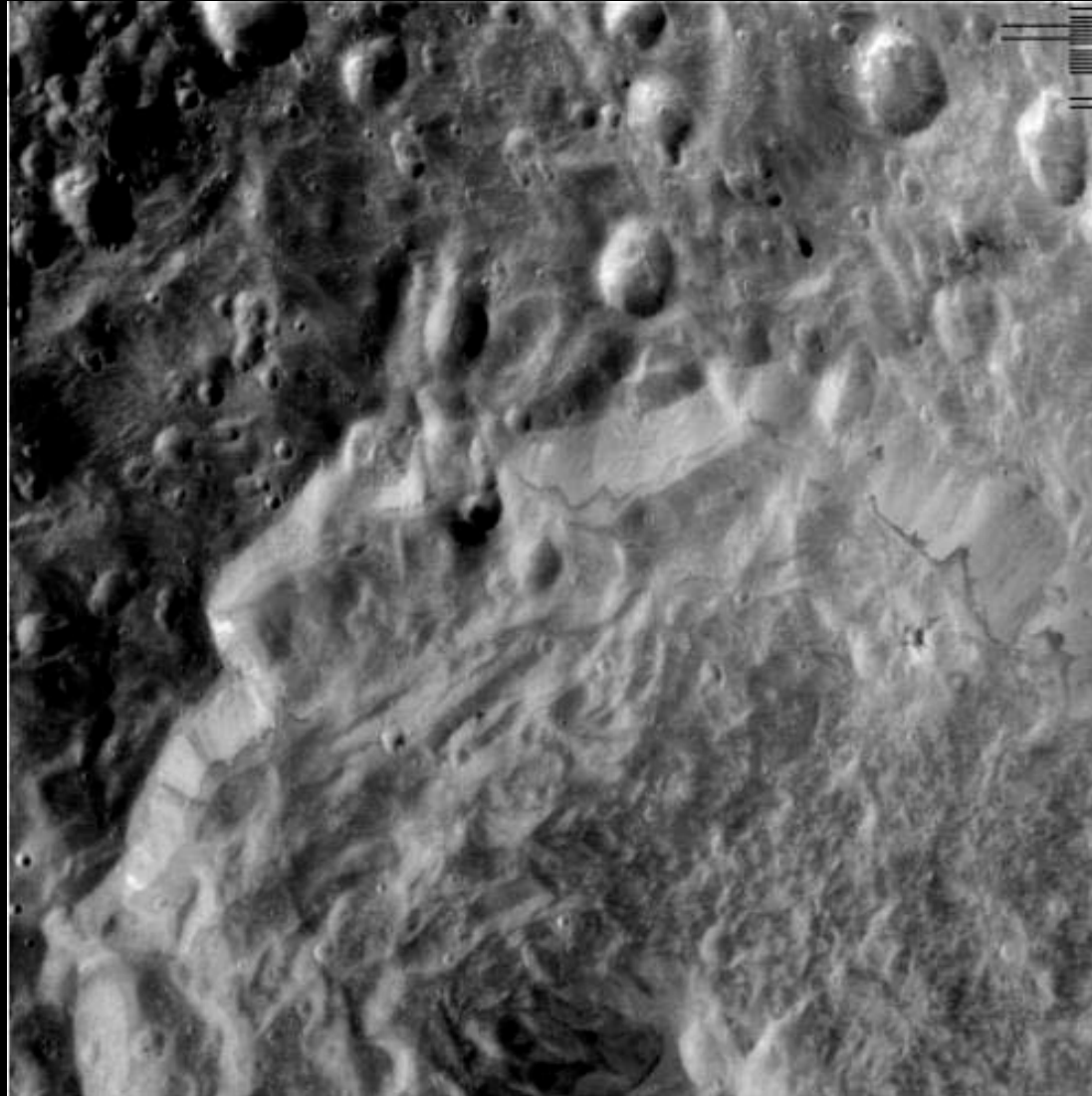
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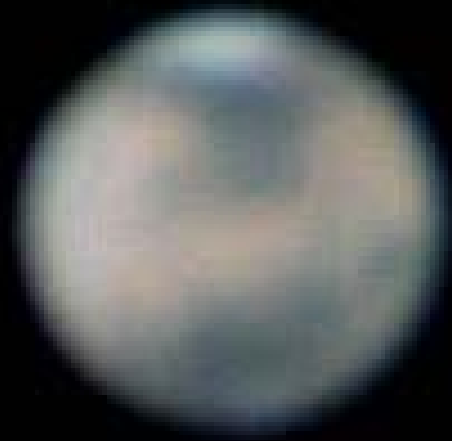


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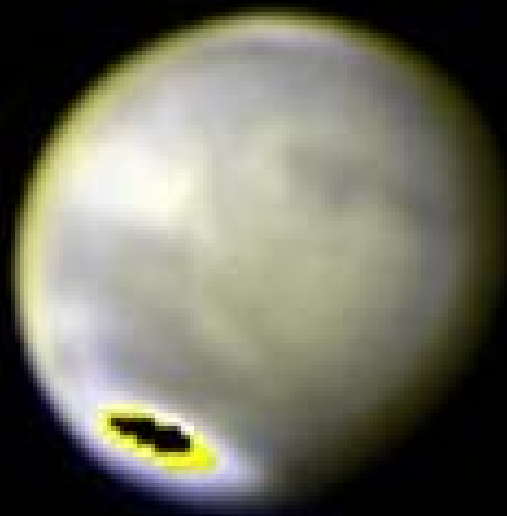


Members' Astrophotos & Sketches





James Willingham



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Mars

14 February 2010

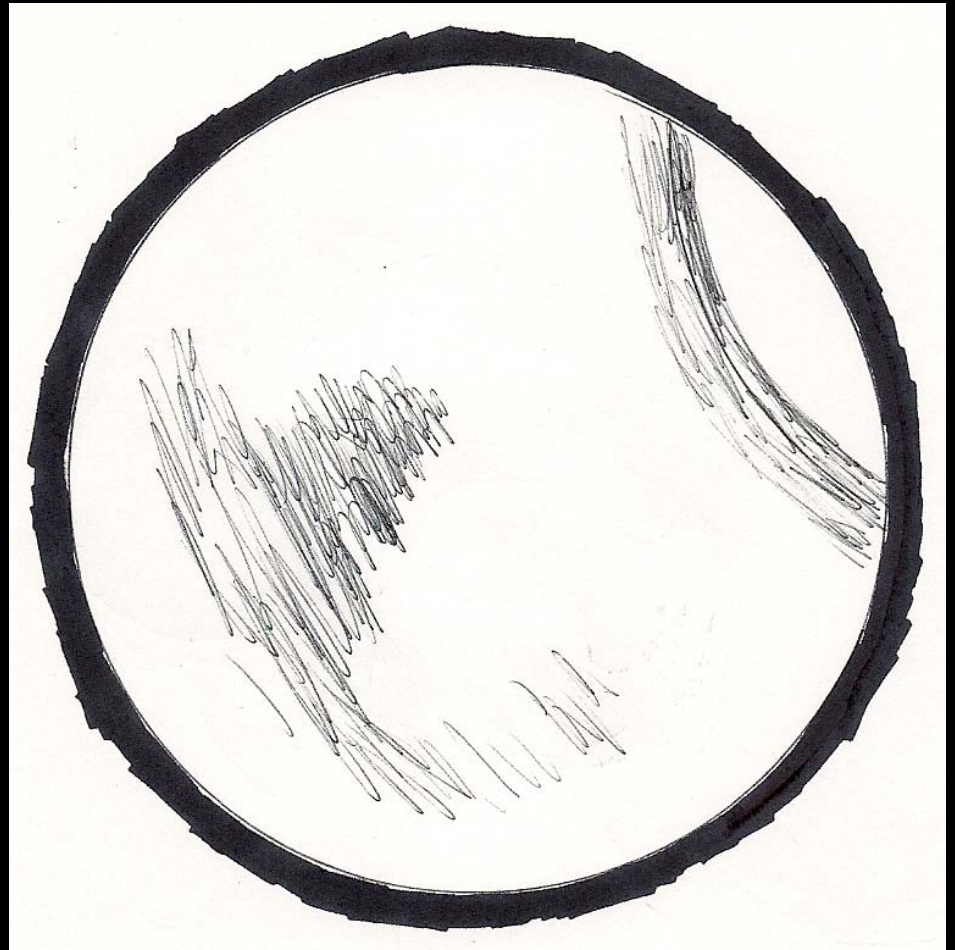
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5mm Nagler Type 6

eyepiece (120x)

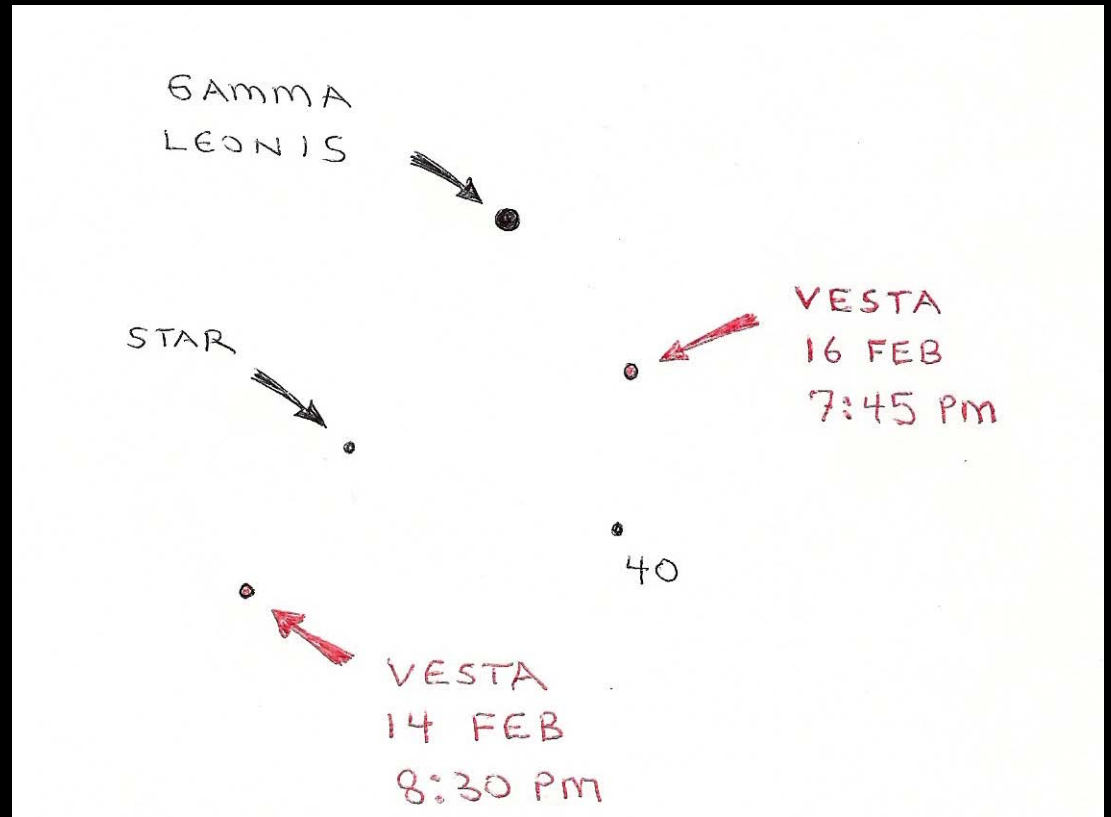
TeleVue Mars Filter



Bob Prokop

Vesta

14 - 16 Feb 2010

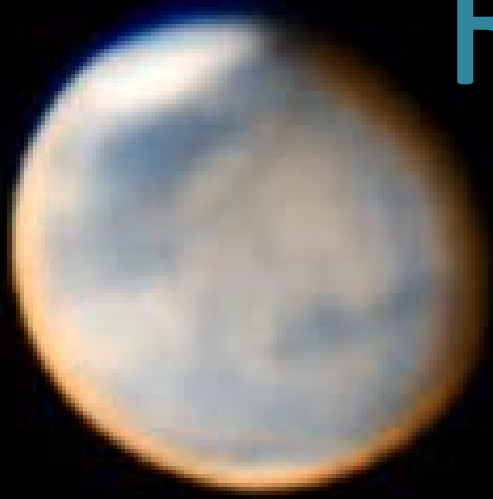


15 X 70 Orberwerk
Ultra Binoculars

Bob Prokop

OBSERVING MARS

Richard Orr

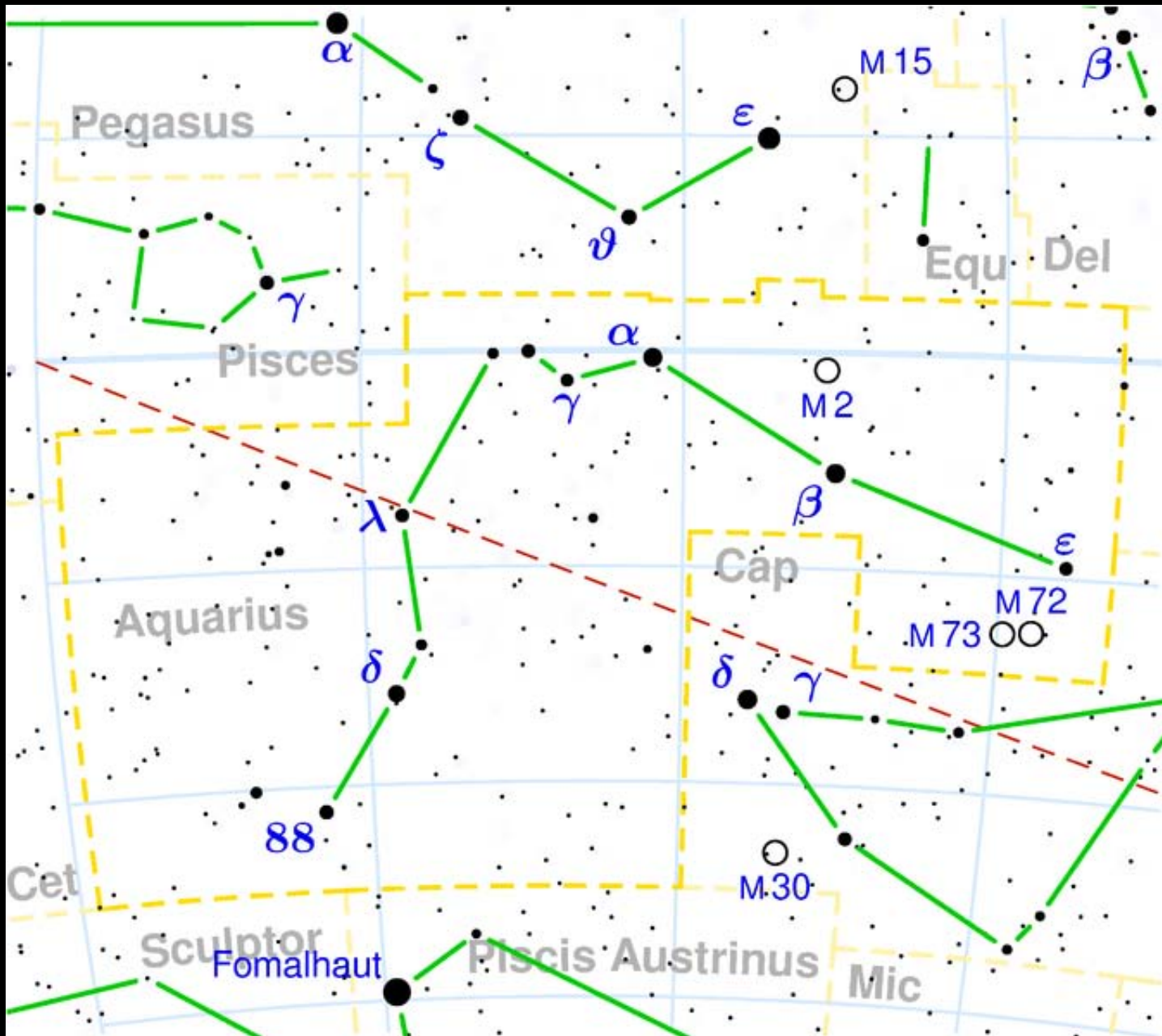


Stumper Answer



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Thank You!

Next month's meeting is on Thursday,
March 18, 2010
7:30 PM

This year's 1st Star Party is scheduled for
Saturday, March 13, 2010

(Pray for snow removal!)

