Solar Bulletin



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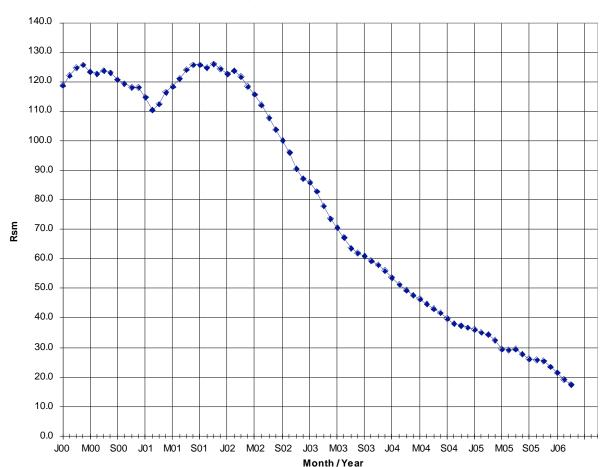
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Solar activity continues to decline as noticed by the sunspot and SID data. Its also pretty easy to see from the graph below of smoothed sunspot numbers covering the past six years. Thanks again to all our contributing observers. Please send more photos and drawings as I'd like to include them in the bulletin.

Smoothed Mean Sunspot Numbers (Rsm) from January 2000 to March 2006 (Waldmeier Method)



Sudden Ionospheric Disturbance Report

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Sudden Ionospheric Disturbances (SID) Recorded During September 2006

(Analysis performed by Michael Hill, SID Analyst)

Date	Max	Imp	Date	Max	Imp	Date	Max	lmp
060914	0739	2						
060915	0613	1-						
060915	0622	1						

Observer D Toldo J Mandaville F Steyn M Suhovecky K Hubal	Code A52 A90 A102 A115 A117	Station(s) monitored NWC NAA NWC NAA NAA	9	<u>Observer</u>	Code	Station(s) monitored
K Hubal J Godet	A117 A119	NAA GQD				
J Godet	ATTS	GQD				

1: 19-25

1+: 26-32

2: 33-45

1-: <19

The events listed above meet at least one of the following criteria

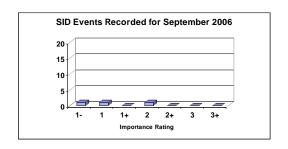
Importance rating: Duration (min)

1) Event reported by two or more observers within ± 5 minutes

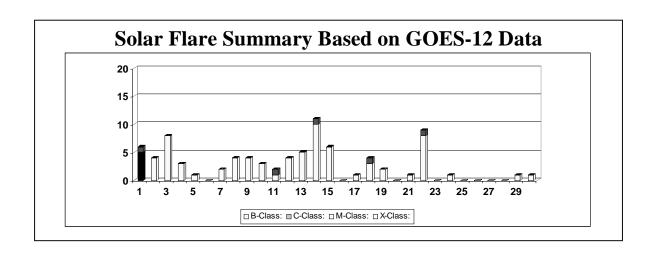
2+: 46-85

- 2) Event matched to GOES-8 XRA event to within ± 15 minutes and event time $< 1000\ UT$
- 3) reported by observer with a quality rating > 8 (scale 1-10)

Solar Events



September was an exceptionaly slow month for SIDs. Most observers reported having recorded no SIDs for the month. There were 3 correlated events however, most of them of low importance rating. The GOES-12 satellite recorded 94 X-Ray events. Of these most were B-Class events although 5 were C-Class. As can be seen from the GOES data summary below, the end of the month was especially inactive. Thanks to all of you who reported in.



American Relative Sunspot Numbers (Ra) for September 2006 [**boldface = maximum, minimum**]

Day	N	Raw Mean	Ra
1	35	27	19
2	32	16	10
3	37	0	0
4	38	2	1
5	40	22	15
6	33	38	28
7	40	45	32
8	40	43	31
9	38	43	31
10	43	44	32
11	39	35	25
12	25	27	19
13	28	26	19
14	27	15	10
15	38	14	10
16	33	16	11
17	34	17	12
18	34	11	8
19	32	11	8
20	39	12	9
21	30	13	9
22	29	17	12
23	29	12	8
24	29	12	8
25	31	5	3
26	30	3	2
27	29	4	3
28	30	19	13
29	33	36	25
30	32	38	27

Means 33.6 20.7 14.7

No. of Observers: 61

Total No. of Observations: 1007

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September 2006 Sunspot Observers

AAP	A. Abbott	14
AJV	J. Alonso	10
ARAG	G. Araujo	27
ARE	R. Allessi	1
BARH	H. Barnes	7
BEB	R. Berg	21
BERJ	J. Berdejo	12
BLAJ	J. Blackwell	1
BMF	M. Boschat	18
BRAB	B. Branchett	28
BRAM	M. Bradbury	4
BRAR	R. Branch	30
BROB	R. Brown	30
BYG	Y. Brovarets	32
CAMP	P. Campbell	4
CHAG	G. Morales	29
CKB	B. Cudnik	25
CLZ	L. Corp	8
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COMT	T. Compton	
CAN	J. Carvajal	7
DEJV	J. van Delft	23
DGP	G. Dyck	11
DUBF	F. Dubois	28
FERJ	J. Fernandez	20
FLET	T. Fleming	25
FUJK	K. Fujimori	18
GFT	F. Gobet	18
HALB	B. Halls	12
HAYK	K. Hay	4
JENS	S. Jenner	6
KAPJ	J. Kaplan	22
KNJS	J. & S. Knight	28
KROL	L. Krozel	2
KUZM	M. Kuzmin	1
LARJ	J. Larriba	9
LERM	M. Lerman	10
MARE	E. Mariani	10
MARJ	J. Maranon	29
MCE	E. Mochizuki	18
MCHL	L. McHenry	3
MEU	E. Mason	3
MMI	M. Moeller	18
OATS	S. Oatney	19
RICE	E. Richardson	17
RITA	A. Ritchie	17
SCGL	G. Schott	26
SIMC	C. Simpson	12
STAB	B. States	28
STEM	G. Stemmler	25
STQ	N. Stoikidis	23
SUZM	M. Suzuki	24
SZUM	M. Szulc	28
TESD	D. Teske	29
TJV	J. Temprano	14
URBP	P. Urbanski	22
VARG	A. Vargas	23
VIDD	D. Vidican	9
WILD	D. Williams	1
WILW	W. Wilson	28
WRP	R. Wheeler	5
YESH	H. Yesilyaprak	23

10 cm Solar Flux and American Relative Sunspot Numbers (Ra) for September 2006

10 cm source: http://www.drao.nrc.ca/icarus

