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Subj: Measurements of Perseid radiant

Date: 4 Aug 1993 18:35:42 -0500

From: "Stachnik, Bob" <rstachnik@smtpgmgw.ossa.hq.nasa.gov>

Subject: Measurements of Perseid radiant

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NASA is engaged in an effort to characterize a potential "storm" associated with the upcoming Perseid meteor shower. The storm has been predicted to occur on the evening of 11 August. The prospect of a storm arises from the fact that, during the Earth's 1993 passage through the plane of the progenitor comet P/Swift-Tuttle, the Earth's orbit almost exactly intersects that of the comet. In addition to radar and visual count information already planned, observations of a diffuse glow sometimes reported during storms are also desirable. It is supposed that the glow, seen in the general direction of the radiant and antiradiant, is due to scattering from meteoritic dust. A particularly good description of the phenomenon appears in the August, 1993, issue of Sky and Telescope, p 48. The radiant and glow are NOT co-incident, one calculation suggesting a northern centroid approximately 10 degrees south of Algol.

High quality observations could yield details of the structure of the stream and, with color information, the particle size distribution. If the stream can be observed several days in advance of the storm, such observations would have predictive value, a circumstance of significant importance.

The ideal instrumentation would be a wide field CCD camera having a field of at least several degrees. The instrument should be capable of being very well calibrated. Ideally observations should be obtained in several colors. A detailed observing program is still being developed. I would like to request your assistance in calling to the attention of colleagues the fact that data of the sort described would be very helpful to NASA in insuring an improved characterization of these rare events.

With thanks for your assistance-

Robert Stachnik

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 Date: 6 Aug 1993 12:27:21 -0500  
 From: "Stachnik, Bob" <rstachnik@smtpgmgw.ossa.hq.nasa.gov>  
 Subject: FW: RSVP  
 CC: "Green, Dan" <green@cfa.harvard.edu>,  
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 Following information is an aid to possible imaging of the Perseid stream in  
 scattered light. (Additional ephemeris calculation to follow shortly).  
 Calculations are due to Dan Green, Central Bureau for Astronomical Telegrams.  
 -Bob

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 To: smtpgmgw.ossa.hq.nasa.gov::rstachnik@cfa.DECNET@cfa.harvard.edu  
 From: Daniel W. E. Green, SAO, 617-495-7440 on Fri, Aug 6, 1993 11:43 AM  
 Subject: RSVP

Bob, here's an ephemeris for a possible "cloud" of meteroids from the Perseid  
 stream. I calculated it using the orbit for P/Swift-Tuttle, with the time  
 of perihelion adjusted such that the comet would pass less than 0.001 AU  
 from Earth early on Aug. 12 UT, thereby mimicking the Perseid stream. Brian  
 agrees that this is about the best prediction we can offer, but he cautions  
 that if any "cloud" were to be ever detected, surely it would be within a  
 day or so of nodal crossing (Aug. 12.1 UT). But you can pass this around to  
 potential observers, for what it's worth. Regards, Dan

Date TT R. A. (2000) Decl. Delta r Elong. Phase m1  
 1993 08 07.0 03 05.94 +57 47.6 0.173 0.988 76.4 93.7 0.6  
 1993 08 07.5 03 06.14 +57 48.0 0.156 0.990 76.8 94.4 0.4  
 1993 08 08.0 03 06.41 +57 48.4 0.139 0.992 77.1 95.0 0.2  
 1993 08 08.5 03 06.77 +57 49.0 0.122 0.994 77.4 95.7 -0.1  
 1993 08 09.0 03 07.26 +57 49.9 0.105 0.997 77.7 96.4 -0.4  
 1993 08 09.5 03 07.96 +57 51.1 0.088 0.999 78.0 97.1 -0.8  
 1993 08 10.0 03 09.03 +57 52.8 0.071 1.002 78.2 97.8 -1.2  
 1993 08 10.5 03 10.80 +57 55.7 0.053 1.004 78.4 98.6 -1.8  
 1993 08 11.0 03 14.29 +58 01.1 0.036 1.007 78.3 99.7 -2.7  
 1993 08 11.5 03 24.15 +58 14.4 0.019 1.009 77.3 101.6 -4.0  
 1993 08 12.0 06 08.07 +54 37.2 0.0022 1.012 55.1 124.8 -8.7  
 1993 08 12.5 14 38.37 -56 45.4 0.015 1.015 95.6 83.5 -4.5  
 1993 08 13.0 14 51.50 -57 18.0 0.032 1.018 97.1 81.1 -2.8  
 1993 08 13.5 14 55.62 -57 26.9 0.050 1.021 97.3 79.9 -1.9  
 1993 08 14.0 14 57.64 -57 31.1 0.067 1.024 97.2 79.1 -1.2  
 1993 08 14.5 14 58.85 -57 33.5 0.084 1.027 97.0 78.3 -0.7  
 1993 08 15.0 14 59.66 -57 35.1 0.101 1.030 96.8 77.7 -0.3  
 1993 08 15.5 15 00.25 -57 36.3 0.118 1.033 96.5 77.0 0.1  
 1993 08 16.0 15 00.71 -57 37.2 0.135 1.036 96.2 76.4 0.4  
 1993 08 16.5 15 01.08 -57 37.9 0.152 1.039 95.8 75.8 0.7  
 1993 08 17.0 15 01.39 -57 38.5 0.169 1.042 95.5 75.2 0.9

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 Subj: FW: more detailed ephemeris; RSVP  
 Date: 6 Aug 1993 12:37:09 -0500  
 From: "Stachnik, Bob" <rstachnik@smtpgmgw.ossa.hq.nasa.gov>  
 Subject: FW: more detailed ephemeris; RSVP  
 Additional ephemeris info follows:  
 -Bob

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 To: smtpgmgw.ossa.hq.nasa.gov::rstachnik@cfa.DECNET@cfa.harvard.edu  
 From: Daniel W. E. Green, SAO, 617-495-7440 on Fri, Aug 6, 1993 11:53 AM  
 Subject: more detailed ephemeris; RSVP

Bob, I realized that you might want something in the way of an ephemeris for the night of closest approach to the Perseid stream, because it moves across the sky so rapidly. So here is an ephemeris, produced as before, for 0.01-day intervals from Aug. 11.85-12.10 TDT:

1993 TT R. A. (2000) Decl. Delta r Elong. Phase m1  
 Aug. 11.85 3 59.82 +58 38.0 0.0072 1.011 72.9 106.7 -6.1  
 11.86 4 02.69 +58 38.3 0.0068 1.011 72.5 107.1 -6.3  
 11.87 4 05.87 +58 38.3 0.0065 1.011 72.1 107.5 -6.4  
 11.88 4 09.40 +58 38.0 0.0062 1.011 71.7 108.0 -6.5  
 11.89 4 13.34 +58 37.2 0.0058 1.011 71.2 108.5 -6.6  
 11.90 4 17.75 +58 35.8 0.0055 1.012 70.6 109.1 -6.7  
 11.91 4 22.74 +58 33.5 0.0051 1.012 70.0 109.8 -6.9  
 11.92 4 28.42 +58 30.0 0.0048 1.012 69.2 110.5 -7.0  
 11.93 4 34.92 +58 24.8 0.0045 1.012 68.4 111.4 -7.2  
 11.94 4 42.44 +58 17.3 0.0041 1.012 67.4 112.4 -7.3  
 11.95 4 51.20 +58 06.3 0.0038 1.012 66.2 113.6 -7.5  
 11.96 5 01.51 +57 50.3 0.0035 1.012 64.8 115.0 -7.7  
 11.97 5 13.77 +57 26.8 0.0031 1.012 63.2 116.7 -7.9  
 11.98 5 28.49 +56 51.9 0.0028 1.012 61.1 118.8 -8.2  
 11.99 5 46.32 +55 59.0 0.0025 1.012 58.5 121.4 -8.4  
 12.00 6 08.07 +54 37.2 0.0022 1.012 55.1 124.8 -8.7  
 12.01 6 34.66 +52 27.4 0.0019 1.012 50.6 129.3 -9.1  
 12.02 7 06.89 +48 56.9 0.0016 1.012 44.4 135.5 -9.4  
 12.03 7 45.05 +43 10.4 0.0013 1.012 35.7 144.3 -9.8  
 12.04 8 28.29 +33 47.2 0.0011 1.012 23.1 156.9 -10.2  
 ??? bad sector

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To: FN23MIKUZ  
CC:  
Subj: FW:  
Date: 6 Aug 1993 12:40:22 -0500  
From: "Stachnik, Bob" <rstachnik@smtpgmgw.ossa.hq.nasa.gov>  
Subject: FW:  
A cautionary note:  
-Bob

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To: gm.ossa.hq.nasa.gov::rstachnik@cfa.DECNET@cfa.harvard.edu  
Cc: BRIAN  
From: brian%cfaps1.DECNET@cfa.harvard.edu on Fri, Aug 6, 1993 12:20 PM  
I don't think the night-to-night motion is important, because one should only be looking very close to the "storm", if there is one. But now I'm worried about Rao's figures, for it seems to me that for a fast-moving stream like the Perseids, one should look much closer to the Perseid radiant, which is well north of Algol. I'm so involved with some other urgent projects that I don't have time to do any further thinking on this myself, but I am making enquiries of Duncan Steel in Australia. (Rao is already on a cruise in the Mediterranean himself, I think, and other North American meteor experts have also gone to unreachable points in Europe.)

From: MX%"rstachnik@smtpgmgw.ossa.hq.nasa.gov" 6-AUG-1993 21:48:42.27  
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 Date: 6 Aug 1993 15:43:49 -0500  
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 Colleagues-  
 The following is important update information regarding the location of the Perseid meteor stream.  
 -Bob

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 To: smtpgmgw.ossa.hq.nasa.gov::rstachnik@cfa.DECNET@cfa.harvard.edu  
 From: Daniel W. E. Green, SAO, 617-495-7440 on Fri, Aug 6, 1993 3:24 PM  
 Subject: my ephemeris  
 I should add that there are two significant potential problems with the ephemeris I sent you this morning:  
 1) the orbital elements of P/Swift-Tuttle that were used are from an epoch in December 1992; I'm checking now to see what difference it might make to use elements with epoch in August 1993, but I think that a more major problem is:  
 2) The comet's orbit and the meteor stream are not one and the same, especially considering that we may be looking on Aug. 11-12, 1993, at debris that left the comet in 1862 or 1737; it is hard to say how the center of such stream "clumps" have strayed off of the comet's actual path.  
 If you look at my ephemeris, you'll see that the path of the comet is shifted about an hour east of the actual radiant, and that this comes nowhere close to the "10 degrees south of Algol" that Joe Rao wrote about in Sky and Telescope and in WGN. We don't know how Rao did his calculations, and he's evidently in Europe now and unreachable anyway. So my best recommendation is that observers use my ephemeris as a guide to motion of any potential cloud, but to be aware that wide-field observations should be made of the whole region 10 to 30 degrees west of my ephemeris positions! The rough direction and rate of motion of any possible cloud should, however, move as indicated in my ephemeris, and we don't know how large such a cloud might be. -- Dan

From: MX%"rstachnik@smtpgmgw.ossa.hq.nasa.gov" 6-AUG-1993 23:57:12.01  
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 Date: 6 Aug 1993 17:57:44 -0500  
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Colleagues-

Johnson Spaceflight Center (JSC) has set up a Perseids Coordination Center. Please cc them on all messages sent to me. They should, in fact, be the primary point of contact for issues involving characterization of the Perseid storm.  
 -Bob Stachnik

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 To: Stachnik, Bob  
 From: PERSEIDS@sn.jsc.nasa.gov on Fri, Aug 6, 1993 5:39 PM  
 Subject: New mailing address  
 We have set up our new Perseids Coordination center...it should be

manned beginning Monday morning. The Internet mailing address is  
PERSEIDS@SN.JSC.NASA.GOV

(ie, the same as mine, except replace my name with perseids.)

The phone number is (713) 244 - 5023...this line can role over to 3 more  
lines. A speaker phone that can connect to a computer is (713) 483 - 1556.

You should start sending copies of your messages to this address, and  
pass the information on to others.

Don Kessler



From: MX%"rstachnik@smtpgmgw.ossa.hq.nasa.gov" 9-AUG-1993 01:35:15.72  
To: FN23MIKUZ  
CC:

Subj: Second source of a glow!  
Date: 8 Aug 1993 09:47:49 -0500

From: "Stachnik, Bob" <rstachnik@smtpgmgw.ossa.hq.nasa.gov>

The following describes a phenomenon, separate from scattering by the stream itself, which could contribute to a diffuse glow at the time of the predicted storm.

Remarks on Phenomena in a Great Meteoric Shower

by A. F. Cook

Harvard-Smithsonian Center for Astrophysics

This document arises from discussions instigated by Robert Stachnik of NASA Headquarters involving at least Michael Mendillo of the Department of Astronomy at Boston University, B.G. Marsden and R.E. McCrosky of the Harvard-Smithsonian Center for Astrophysics, Stachnik and the author of this note. The essential point is to note two competing causes for the diffuse glows about the radiants of the great showers of the Leonids in 1866 and of the Andromedids in 1872 reported by visual observers and collected by W.J. Baggaley in 1978. His explanation was that they had seen the cloud of meteoritic dust along the orbit of the shower. An alternative explanation may apply to meteor showers in which observed trajectories start above a height of 100 km.

This occurs for all meteors which enter at the velocities of the Perseids and Leonids and also for slow meteors which ablate at anomalously great heights such as the October Draconids (associated with Comet Giacobini-Zinner) and the one accurately observed annual Andromedid from the Harvard meteor program. It is well known that every Perseid which is sufficiently bright starts its luminous path with emission of the forbidden oxygen green line at 5577 angstrom. This, in turn, is quenched once the spectrum becomes filled with the usual atomic lines associated with the vaporization of the meteoroid. This phenomenon manifests itself to visual observers as a train of about one second duration for every bright meteor. The lower state for this line is a metastable one and a further cascade is possible through the two red lines at 6300 and 6364 angstroms, with about three photons emitted by the former for each one from the later. The radiative lifetime of this state is about 110 s compared to 0.74 s for the upper state of the green line. In the absence of collisional quenching by atmospheric molecules, every four photons at 5577 angstrom will lead to the appearance of three photons at 6300 angstrom and one at 6364 angstrom.

But the dispersion of the by winds will be pronounced over the 110 s decay period for this radiation. Combine this with the perspective of convergence of trails seen looking toward the radiant and we have a recipe for producing a glow about the radiant provided the shower shows the great abundance of faint meteors often seen in great showers and that the state of the upper atmosphere is such as not to cause the upper state of the red lines to be quenched.

The two possible sources of any observed glow about the radiant can be easily distinguished by wide angle photography through a filter passing 6300 angstrom and not one passing any expected atmospheric or galactic emissions other than starlight and reflected sunlight.

Further characteristics of dust in the orbital plane of Comet Swift-Tuttle that may be looked for are concentration to the orbital plane as we pass through it and a steeper gradient in the reflected light away from the sun than toward it. This gradient will change sides across the orbit as we pass through the plane. The possibility that the mean planes for larger meteors and smaller meteors may differ a bit should be considered. This has already been seen for a few showers from radar and photographic observations. Thus passage through the plane of any reflecting dust may occur earlier or later than the maximum of the shower.

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Subj: ANNOUNCEMENT OF NASA PERSEIDS STORM WATCH CENTER ACTIVATION

Date: Mon, 9 Aug 1993 21:49:17 -0500 (CDT)

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X-Vmsmail-To: @PERSEIDS

THIS MESSAGE IS SENT TO ADVISE YOU OF THE ACTIVATION OF THE NASA PERSEID STORM WATCH CENTER, LOCATED AT NASA/JOHNSON SPACE CENTER IN HOUSTON, TEXAS, USA.

YOUR NAME/COMPUTER ADDRESS HAS BEEN COMPILED FROM PREVIOUS COMMUNICATIONS WITH MR. JOE LOFTUS AND MR. DON KESSLER OF NASA. PLEASE ACKNOWLEDGE RECEIPT OF THIS MESSAGE WITH A REPLY AND YOUR GEOGRAPHIC LOCATION.

THE GOAL OF THIS CENTER IS TO COLLECT AND DESSIMINATE OBSERVATIONS OF THE PERSEID SHOWER AND TO PROVIDE ASSISTANCE TO SPACECRAFT OWNER/OPERATORS CONCERNED WITH THE HAZARD POTENTIAL ASSOCIATED WITH THIS EVENT.

THE CENTER MAY BE CONTACTED VIA INTERNET AS:

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ALTERNATELY, WE MAY BE CONTACTED VIA TELEPHONE AT:

713-244-5023 (VOICE) OR

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PLEASE ACKNOWLEDGE RECEIPT OF THIS MESSAGE AT YOUR EARLIEST CONVENIENCE.

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From: MX%"rstachnik@smtpgmgw.ossa.hq.nasa.gov" 10-AUG-1993 21:13:54.25  
 To: FN23MIKUZ  
 CC:  
 Subj: FW: where to see the "glow"  
 Date: 10 Aug 1993 15:15:35 -0500  
 From: "Stachnik, Bob" <rstachnik@smtpgmgw.ossa.hq.nasa.gov>  
 Subject: FW: where to see the "glow"  
 To: "Brown, Peter" <peter@canlon.physics.uwo.ca>, "Emerson, Gary" <emerson%vega.colorado.edu@spot.colorado.edu>, "Fienberg, Rick" <fienberg@cfa.harvard.edu>, "Green, Dan" <green@cfa.harvard.edu>, "Gyssens, Mark" <gyssens@wins.uia.ac.be>, "Marsden, Brian" <marsden@cfa.harvard.edu>, "Mattei, Janet" <aavso@cfa0.harvard.edu>, "Meisel, David" <meisel@uno.cc.geneseo.edu>, "Mendillo, Michael / BU" <mendillo@buasta.bu.edu>, "Mikusz, Herman" <herman.mikuz@uni-lj.si>, "Niedner, Mal" <niedner@stars.gsfc.nasa.gov>, "Noyes, Bob" <noyes@cfa.harvard.edu>  
 I believe you have already seen this?

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 To: Stachnik, Bob  
 From: KESSLER@sn.jsc.nasa.gov on Tue, Aug 10, 1993 1:45 PM  
 Subject: where to see the "glow"  
 Herb Zook and I (mostly Herb) have checked Duncan Steels calculations, and agree with his location of the apparent "glow" expected as we pass through the orbital plane of the comet...that is the glow radiant should be located RA= 30 to 60 deg Dec =+83 to 87 deg and the anti-glow radiant would be RA= 210 to 240 deg Dec =-83 to -87 deg.  
 Herb and I also went through the calculation of where a glow might be expected a day before passing through the comet plane. The answer depends on where a concentration of material might be expected, but the glow will always be on a line between the meteor stream radiant (ie around RA=46 deg and Dec=58 deg) and the glow radiant given above. If there is a strong concentration of material exactly such that it will collide with the Earth, then the glow will be located at the meteor stream radiant; However, if the concentration is constant along the comet path, the optical depth (and hence the brightness) will be greatest somewhere along the line connecting the two radiants; as the Earth gets closer to passing through the comet's orbital plane, the brightness and contrast of the glow near the glow radiant will increase, and reach a maximum as we pass through the plane.  
 I would suggest that a day before passage, we obtain data all along the line between the 2 radiants. On the day of passage, we need only look at, or near, the glow radiant. Any bias near the glow radiant should be along a line between the glow radiant and the sun...this will ensure that we are always looking in the plane of the comet. I suggest any bias be less than 5 deg at the time of passage through the plane.  
 Good Luck on any observations,  
 Don Kessler

From: MX%"PERSEIDS@sn.jsc.nasa.gov" 11-AUG-1993 07:06:27.30

To: FN23MIKUZ

CC:

Subj: NASA Perseid Stormwatch Center Announcement No. 3

Date: Tue, 10 Aug 1993 23:57:58 -0500 (CDT)

From: PERSEIDS@sn.jsc.nasa.gov

Subject: NASA Perseid Stormwatch Center Announcement No. 3

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NASA Perseids Stormwatch Center

Announcement No. 3

11 Aug 1993, 0400 UT

This message requests that all observational data, either from ground-based observers or spacecraft owner/operators, be forwarded AT THE OBSERVER'S EARLIEST POSSIBLE CONVENIENCE to the NASA Perseids Stormwatch Center.

The Center may be reached via E-mail as a 'reply' to this message or sent to: PERSEIDS@SN.JSC.NASA.GOV

Alternately, we may be contacted 24 hours a day at:

713-244-5023 (primary voice line)

713-483-1556 (simultaneous voice/data modem line)

713-483-1573 (telefax)

For international contactees, the preceding numbers should be prefixed by 1, the US country code.

We request that all data be reported in the following format for ground-based observers:

observer name

observer telephone/telefax/e-mail address, as appropriate

observer location (lat,lon,alt)

observation start time (UT)

observation end time (UT)

number of meteors observed during this interval

local sky quality during this interval

observer field of view, if applicable

After listing these data, any other comments regarding your observations would be welcome. If possible, multiple time intervals are requested so as to better define the temporal nature of the event as observed from your site.

We request that satellite owner/operators utilize the following format:

reporter name

reporter telephone/telefax/e-mail address, as appropriate

reporter's company or agency

reporter's satellite

- common name
- international designator (e.g. 1995-017A)
- US Space Command catalog number, if known

satellite event(s) time (UT)

nature of event(s)

Again we request that these data be reported to us at the operator's EARLIEST CONVENIENCE. We appreciate your cooperation and forbearance with this additional imposition on your schedule.

We intend to summarize these observations as quickly as possible and forward them to the individuals on our email list, as well as to those on our fax list. It is our hope that all of you will find them timely enough to consider them in planning your observations.

The data assembled from your observations will be integrated into an encounter model of the Perseid storm passage. NASA plans to sponsor a workshop in the spring of 1994 to discuss the results of the analysis of the data.

Dr. Phillip D. Anz-Meador

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From: MX%"PERSEIDS@sn.jsc.nasa.gov" 11-AUG-1993 07:37:53.74  
To: FN23MIKUZ  
CC:  
Subj: announcement no. 4  
Date: Wed, 11 Aug 1993 0:34:41 -0500 (CDT)  
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NASA Perseids Stormwatch Center  
Announcement No. 4  
11 AUG 1993  
0530 GMT

NASA's Transportable Radar System, Johnson Space Center, has detected an increase in the meteor flux overhead. Radar frequency is 49.92 MHz. Shortly after midnight, Houston local time, the radar began seeing meteors at a rate of 1.5 per minute, with a flurry of 10 meteors in one 3 minute interval. Earlier today, the radar had measured an effective rate of 1 per minute. Aviano, Italy, has reported from 0140 UT to 0155 UT 4 meteors . Fort Hunter, Georgia, USA, about 0200 UT, observed the same effective rate.

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From: MX%"PERSEIDS@sn.jsc.nasa.gov" 11-AUG-1993 16:51:23.08

To: FN23MIKUZ

CC:

Subj: Very good!!

Date: Wed, 11 Aug 1993 9:51:19 -0500 (CDT)

From: PERSEIDS@sn.jsc.nasa.gov

Subject: Very good!!

To: herman.mikuz@uni-lj.si

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Thank you for your report! You have the honor of having transmitted the first data to us. We will be including it in our first bulletin, which we have begun to assemble. Please note that, as we approach the time of peak activity, we probably will not be able to respond to each message you send. You can be sure that your information will be included in our bulletins.

Thank you, and good luck!!

From: MX%"PERSEIDS@sn.jsc.nasa.gov" 11-AUG-1993 18:46:36.95

To: FN23MIKUZ

CC:

Subj: Observations from Slovenia and Hawaii

Date: Wed, 11 Aug 1993 11:40:32 -0500 (CDT)

From: PERSEIDS@sn.jsc.nasa.gov

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NASA Perseids Stormwatch Center

Announcement No. 6

11 August 1993, 1640 UT

The following table describes, in compressed format, a summary of the latest observations as reported to the Perseid Stormwatch Center in Houston, Texas, USA. The name of the location is given, accompanied by its coordinates, when available. The time interval of the observation is indicated in the column labeled "UT." The frequency of meteors (all meteors observed, unless specifically described as Perseids with a "P" following the number) reduced to the number per hour is given next; this figure applies only to the period given in the UT column. The estimated magnitude of the faintest star visible at the reporting site is given in the next column, followed by a short description of the sky conditions. Note that the presence of the Moon will not be included in the sky conditions, which are expressed in terms of the percent of the sky estimated to be clear at the reporting site, whenever possible. Comments should be self-explanatory.

Freq. Limiting

Location UT (no./hr) Mag. Sky Comments

Slovenia 2100-2300 10 P 5.2 90% 10 August

(45.9N, 2300-0100 15 P 5.2 90% 10/11 August

14.0E) 0100-0300 20 P 5.2 100% 11 August

Hawaii 1000-1030 16 P 6.0 "Cloudy" Intermittant clouds

1340-1415 12 P 6.0 "Cloudy" Intermittant clouds



From: MX%"PERSEIDS@sn.jsc.nasa.gov" 11-AUG-1993 23:15:11.44  
To: FN23MIKUZ  
CC:  
Subj: The first report of The Big Night  
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We are performing visual observations with naked eye and telescopic,  
radio on low frequencies and scanning CCD wide angle camera.

So far, naked eye visual observations are reported as follows:

09. Aug 1993. UT 2100-2205 ZHR of Perseids = 25 +/- 9

11. Aug 1993. UT 0016-0254 ZHR of Perseids = 40 +/- 8

CCD wide angle camera has program of searching for meteoroid particles.

We will be scanning stripe of the sky from the radiant of Perseids to the  
head of the Draco. It follows from our calculations that most luminous  
part of meteoroids will be seen in that direction. Results will be E-mailed  
after the watch.

From: MX%"PERSEIDS@sn.jsc.nasa.gov" 11-AUG-1993 23:33:20.49

To: FN23MIKUZ

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Subj: obs from japan

Date: Wed, 11 Aug 1993 16:29:05 -0500 (CDT)

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Subject: obs from japan

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CC:

Subj: report from Syuichi Nakano in Sumoto, Awaji Island, Japan

Date: Wed, 11 Aug 93 17:27:26 -0400

Message-Id: <9308112127.AA25159@cfa.harvard.edu>

From: green%cfaps2.DECNET@cfa.harvard.edu (Daniel W. E. Green, SAO, 617-495-7440)

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Subject: report from Syuichi Nakano in Sumoto, Awaji Island, Japan

From: CFAPS1::SYUICHI 11-AUG-1993 15:37:18.03

To: BRIAN,DAN

CC: SYUICHI

Subj:

Dear Brian & Dan:

We had a clear sky! What this is the first night in this summer!

I have observed Perseid meteor during 13h - 19h UT on August 11.

There was no shower and appearance of Perseids was rather fewer than an average year. Appearance of Perseids was HR 14-23 (note no corrections Factor and elevation of Radiant point).

I have never seen such weak appearance of Perseids! Will we have a shower just after a few hours?

Syuichi

From: MX%"PERSEIDS@sn.jsc.nasa.gov" 12-AUG-1993 03:13:14.24  
 To: FN23MIKUZ  
 CC:  
 Subj: latest update  
 Date: Wed, 11 Aug 1993 20:07:51 -0500 (CDT)  
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 location UTday UTtime #/hour m.v l.m sky comments

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Croatia 9 Aug 2100-2205 25 +/- 9 - - -
Slovenia 10 Aug 2100-2300 10 - 5.2 90% Perseids only
" 10-11 2300-0100 15 - 5.2 90% "
" 11 Aug 0100-0300 20 - 5.2 100% "
Croatia 11 Aug 0016-0254 40 +/- 8 - - -
Hawaii 11 Aug 1000-1030 16 - 6.0 cloudy Perseids only
" 11 Aug 1340-1415 12 - 6.0 cloudy "
Japan 11 Aug 1300-1900 14-23 - - 100% 'no shower'; 'weak'
Slovenia 11 Aug 2000-2100 25 - 4.9 clear Perseids only
" 11 Aug 2100-2200 38 - 5.4 " "
" 11 Aug 2205-2255 49 - 5.1 " "
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From: MX%"PERSEIDS@sn.jsc.nasa.gov" 12-AUG-1993 04:58:44.54  
 To: FN23MIKUZ  
 CC:  
 Subj: Nonstandard, but very interesting, observations  
 Date: Wed, 11 Aug 1993 21:54:53 -0500 (CDT)  
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 phacb@cc.flinders.edu.au  
 lat -34.9 deg, ling 138.65 E, altitude 150meters  
 1840Ut- 1940 UT 75% coverage no impacts seen  
 2000-2015 UT 80% coverage no impacts seen  
 2035 -2112 Ut 80% coverage no impacts seen  
 all August 11, 1993  
 Sky Quality clear sky no cloud, suburban back yard  
 7 derees [ 7 by 50 binoculars]  
 These observations were prompted by predictions of possible mag 1  
 flashes mentioned in iau Circ 5839. Coverage is not complete  
 because 1. need to move observing site to avoid blocking by trees  
 2. Resting arm muscles.  
 3. Checking latest information on Perseids  
 No impacts means I saw nothing as bright as magnitude 4.  
 No glow at the counter apparent radiant was seen but  
 sky conditions were too bright anyway for that.  
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 Meteor Group Hawaii observations on 50.064MHz of meteor trail echoes.  
 (Beacon is located on the North Shore of Oahu, receiver is at Ewa Beach on the  
 SouthWest shore.)  
 Preliminary results (number of echoes heard by person monitoring  
 receiver versus time):  
 Date UTC interval #pings  
 9Aug 21-22 9  
 10Aug 00-01 11  
 01-02 4  
 02-03 2  
 03-04 8  
 04-05 3

19-20 8  
20-21 17  
21-22 17  
22-23 6  
23-24 17  
11Aug  
00-01 24  
01-02 6 (Severe radio frequency interference  
02-03 8 during 01-05 UTC  
03-04 5 from 47KV power lines arcing in rain.)  
04-05 3  
18-19 14  
19-20 28  
20-21 26  
21-22 25  
22-23 17  
23-00 17  
12Aug  
00-01 16 (at 01 radiant is only .6 degrees  
above horizon as seen from Oahu)  
01-02 15 (at 02 radiant 4.71 degrees below  
horizon)

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Further monitoring for the possible cloud of meteoritic dust show no evidence of these phenomena.

Series of 5 min frames covering the areas proposed by D. Green, H. Zook and D. Kessler, as well as those suggested by K. Korlevic were taken during 1993 Aug. 11.87-11.93UT in moonless conditions with Zeiss 2.8/20mm wide angle lens (stopped to f/5.6) + 574x384 CCD + Schott RG610 filter. The camera field was 35x24deg.  
H. Mikuz, Crni vrh Observatory, Slovenia  
1993 Aug. 12

From: MX%"PERSEIDS@sn.jsc.nasa.gov" 12-AUG-1993 06:17:57.30  
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 Date: Wed, 11 Aug 1993 23:07:46 -0500 (CDT)  
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The following table describes, in compressed format, a summary of the latest observations as reported to the Perseid Stormwatch Center in Houston, Texas, USA. Column headers are self explanatory, with the exceptions of M.V (visual magnitude) and L.M (limiting magnitude). The "sky" column denotes the clarity of the sky expressed as a percentage of sky free of clouds or a short description of local conditions particular to that site. Note that the presence of the Moon will not be included in this column.  
 location UTday UTtime #/hour m\_v l\_m sky comments

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Croatia 9 Aug 2100-2205 25 +/- 9 - - -
Slovenia 10 Aug 2100-2300 10 - 5.2 90% Perseids only
" 10-11 2300-0100 15 - 5.2 90% "
" 11 Aug 0100-0300 20 - 5.2 100% "
Croatia 11 Aug 0016-0254 40 +/- 8 - - -
Hawaii 11 Aug 1000-1030 16 - 6.0 cloudy Perseids only
" 11 Aug 1340-1415 12 - 6.0 cloudy "
Japan 11 Aug 1300-1900 14-23 - - 100% 'no shower'; 'weak'
Slovenia 11 Aug 2000-2100 25 - 4.9 clear Perseids only
" 11 Aug 2100-2200 38 - 5.4 " "
" 11 Aug 2205-2255 49 - 5.1 " "
Slovenia 11-12 2300-0000 56 - 5.4 clear Perseids only
" 12 Aug 0019-0112 65 - 4.9 " "
Croatia 11 Aug 1952-2052 91 +/- 25 - 6.0 - Perseids only
" 11 Aug 2052-2130 182 +/- 36 - 5.9 - "
" 11 Aug 2212-2312 92 +/- 17 - 5.9 - "
" 11-12 2312-0012 127 +/- 20 - 5.7 - "
" 12 Aug 0012-0112 260 +/- 30 - 5.5 - "
" 12 Aug 0112-0200 269 +/- 33 - 5.5 - "
Colorado 11-12 - 60 - - scattered lots of RF
USA clouds

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Date: Thu, 12 Aug 93 02:35:18 EDT

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To: PERSEIDS@sn.jsc.nasa.gov

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FROM:aavso@cfa0.harvard.edu "Dr. Janet A. Mattei"

Date:12 Aug. 1993

Subj. PERSEID Meteor Shower report

The 450 AAVSO observers worldwide have been alerted to call in their report of the Perseid meteor shower activity, if they observe more than 2 per minute. No phone calls were received on the evening of Aug. 11/12 reporting such activity.

AAVSO summer research assistant Ben Oppenheimer, observing in Vermont reported observing about 60 per hour on Aug. 12, at 2 UT.

AAVSO member Mike Mattei observing in Littleton, Massachusetts, (Lat:+42.521 degrees, Long. 71.472 degrees west, alt. 75 m.) reported the following:

Aug. 12 03:47-04:22 UT 6 meteors of magnitude -3 to +2

Aug. 12 05:24-05:41 UT 6 meteors of magnitude -1 to 1

Sky conditions: patchy fog with 25% clear sky.

Reported by:

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AAVSO

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Subject: IMO Perseid Report

I N T E R N A T I O N A L M E T E O R O R G A N I Z A T I O N

Preliminary report on Perseid observations on August 11-12 up to 03 30 UTC.

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This is a first, preliminary report based on all available data pertaining to observations on August 11-12 up to 03 30 UTC. These data come from observers in Japan, Germany, Southern France, Belgium, England, the Czech Republic and Croatia. It goes without saying that in view of the limited number of observations and discrepancies that inevitably occur among reported rates, the findings in this report should be treated with due care. Observers in Japan reported that no unusual activity occurred up the time they had to cease observations at daybreak on August 12. Almost all European observers confirm this finding and reported that at the beginning of their evening on August 11, activity was not at all unusual. Tentatively the ZHR around 20 30 UTC was in the order of magnitude of 40.

A majority of European observers report a gradual increase in activity between roughly August 11 20 UTC and August 12 01 UTC, for which time a tentative ZHR of around 100 could be proposed.

A significant increase of activity was reported around 01 UTC.

A tentative value for the ZHR in the period 01 UTC to 03 UTC is 200 +/- 50.

The European observers that could pursue their observations the longest up to our present knowledge were those in Southern France. They report that that the activity kept increasing after 01 UTC and that meteor counts tended to increase strongly during the latest part of their observations (say, 02 45 UTC to 03 30 UTC) despite the decreasing limiting magnitude due to moonlight and twilight. In the interval 03 00 UTC to 03 30 UTC, ZHR values may well have surpassed 300.

From the available data it is clear that Europe did NOT see an outburst of activity, although rates after 1 UTC were increased by a factor 2-4 compared to a normal "maximum". In particular,

Mr. Yasuo Yabu, who observed last night

from Puimichel, Southern France, and also witnessed the 1991 Perseid outburst in Japan, remarked that last night's display was distinctively less impressive than the 1991 display.

However, if the observations from Southern France during the last hour of the European night are sufficiently representative for the shower's activity (i.e., that activity was still increasing when observations ceased), it seems that the European observers missed the highest rates. Consequently, higher rates may have been seen by North American East Coast based observers AFTER 3 UT. At the time of this writing however, no observations which might confirm or refute this possibility were available to the IMO.

Almost all observers mentioned a remarkably high percentage of bright meteors and fireballs and of meteors leaving trains. As this appreciation is largely based on first impressions rather than magnitude distributions, it should be treated with caution. Nevertheless, an increased number of bright meteors seems genuine.

Several observers in Europe had to deal with shorter or longer periods of cloudiness thereby missing a significant part of the activity period (Czech Republic, Belgium, England). However, observers in parts of Germany and Southern France were able to observe the entire night under perfectly clear skies.

(Marc Gyssens)

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hello from houston, texas!

after your excellant reporting of yesterday, i am intrigued to know if you had any observations of the perseids this evening? we are maintaining the watch until friday, 1700 UT, visually and with our simple radar.

i look forward to hearing from you, and again extend my congratulations for an excellant set of reports from your observing team members.

dr. phillip anz-meador

lockheed engineering & sciences co.

From: MX%"PERSEIDS@sn.jsc.nasa.gov" 27-SEP-1993 22:11:43.66

To: FN23MIKUZ

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Subj: Thank you for your participation in the 1993 Perseid Stormwatch

Date: Mon, 27 Sep 1993 16:06:47 -0500 (CDT)

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On behalf of the Perseid Stormwatch Center and those involved in planning the launch of STS-51, we would like to extend our gratitude to you and your group for your contributions to the realtime monitoring of the 1993 Perseid meteor shower. Your reports were important to the timely advice we were able to give to the Shuttle Mission Management Team, as well as to satellite owners and operators. We have since learned that two different spacecraft suffered fatal anomalies near the peak in the Perseid shower. While we have no unambiguous data that demonstrate they were damaged by meteoroid impacts, impact is among the potential causes for each loss. The first reports we have received from Russia also tell of a significant number of impacts suffered by the Mir space station.

If nothing else, the 1993 Perseid shower has shown that our understanding of the relationships between parent bodies, orbital dynamics, and meteoroid fluxes remains poorly understood. Clearly, this is an unacceptable state of affairs at a time when more and more of the world's communication, weather- forecasting, and other capabilities are being conducted with assets in Earth orbit, and when the permanent presence of humans in space is a reality.

Addressing these shortcomings will not be simple, but it is important to begin the process. We are hoping to convene a workshop on the 1993 Perseid meteor shower here in Houston next spring, tentatively in early May 1994. Its purpose will be twofold. The first will be to review the data collected during observations of the 1993 shower, and to consolidate it into a database. We appreciate that many of these data are proprietary pending publication of papers or other reports; the process of disseminating such information will also be discussed at the workshop. The second purpose entails planning observations and lines of communication for the 1994 Perseid shower which, as suggested by Drs. Wu

and Williams (in an article to be published in the Monthly Notices of the Royal Astronomical Society), could be more intense than the 1993 event. We would appreciate it if you would send to us your mailing address so we will be able to send you information on the proposed workshop as planning proceeds. Included will be registration forms and applications for travel funds, which we anticipate will be available in limited quantities. We are, of course, always open to suggestions regarding the workshop, planning for next year's Perseids, or any other topic you feel might be relevant to the effort.

Again, thank you very much for your unselfish participation in the 1993 Perseid Stormwatch, and we hope to see you next spring in Houston!

Sincerely,

Dr. Phillip D. Anz-Meador / Lockheed Engineering and Science Company Dr.  
Mark J. Cintala / NASA Johnson Space Center

A. Karalic, leader of Javornik Astronomical Society group, observing from Javornik mountains, Slovenia, report the following results:

Observer name: M. Pratiniker  
Observer telephone: +38 609 610 766  
Observer location (lat,lon,alt): +45deg 53' 12"; 14deg 02' 12" E; 1150m  
Observation start time (UT): 1993 Aug. 10; 21h 16  
Observation end time (UT): 1993 Aug. 10; 23h 00  
Number of meteors observed during this interval: 29 (20 Perseids)  
Local sky quality during this interval: lim. mag. 5.1, 10% cloudiness  
Observer field of view, if applicable: field centered at  
alpha= 295deg; delta=45deg  
Comments: moonlight

Observer name: S. Hribar  
Observer telephone: +38 609 610 766  
Observer location (lat,lon,alt): same as above  
Observation start time (UT): 1993 Aug. 10; 23h 10  
Observation end time (UT): 1993 Aug. 11; 1h 01  
Number of meteors observed during this interval: 48  
Local sky quality during this interval: lim. mag. 5.2, 10% cloudiness  
Observer field of view, if applicable: field centered at  
alpha=295deg; delta=45deg  
Comments: moonlight

Observer name: S. Dekleva  
Observer telephone: +38 609 610 766  
Observer location (lat,lon,alt): same as above  
Observation start time (UT): 1993 Aug. 11; 1h 05  
Observation end time (UT): 1993 Aug. 11; 2h 55  
Number of meteors observed during this interval: 71 (40 Perseids)  
Local sky quality during this interval: lim. mag. 5.2, clear  
Observer field of view, if applicable: field centered at  
alpha=0deg; delta=50deg  
Comments: moonlight

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H. Mikuz, Ljubljana, Slovenia  
1993 Aug. 11

A. Karalic, leader of Javornik Astronomical Society group, observing from Javornik mountains, Slovenia, report further results:

Observer name: I. Macek

Observer telephone: +38 609 610 766

Observer location (lat,lon,alt): +45deg 53' 12"; 14deg 02' 12" E; 1150m

Observation start time (UT): 1993 Aug. 11; 20h 00

Observation end time (UT): 1993 Aug. 11; 21h 00

Number of meteors observed during this interval: 29 (25 Perseids)

Local sky quality during this interval: lim. mag. 4.9, clear

Observer field of view, if applicable: field centered at

alpha= 320deg; delta=65deg

Comments:

Observer name: M. Albreht

Observer telephone: +38 609 610 766

Observer location (lat,lon,alt): same as above

Observation start time (UT): 1993 Aug. 11; 21h 00

Observation end time (UT): 1993 Aug. 11; 22h 00

Number of meteors observed during this interval: 49 (38 Perseids)

Local sky quality during this interval: lim. mag. 5.4, clear

Observer field of view, if applicable: field centered at

alpha=320deg; delta=65deg

Comments:

Observer name: J. Prudic

Observer telephone: +38 609 610 766

Observer location (lat,lon,alt): same as above

Observation start time (UT): 1993 Aug. 11; 22h 05

Observation end time (UT): 1993 Aug. 11; 22h 55

Number of meteors observed during this interval: 48 (41 Perseids)

Local sky quality during this interval: lim. mag. 5.1, clear

Observer field of view, if applicable: field centered at

alpha=320deg; delta=65deg

Comments: moonlight

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H. Mikuz, Ljubljana, Slovenia

1993 Aug. 11; 23:40UT



A. Karalic, leader of Javornik Astronomical Society group, observing from Javornik mountains, Slovenia, report further results:

Observer name: S. Hribar

Observer telephone: +38 609 610 766

Observer location (lat,lon,alt): +45deg 53' 12"; 14deg 02' 12" E; 1150m

Observation start time (UT): 1993 Aug. 11; 23h 00

Observation end time (UT): 1993 Aug. 12; 00h 00

Number of meteors observed during this interval: 72 (56 Perseids)

Local sky quality during this interval: lim. mag. 5.4, clear

Observer field of view, if applicable: field centered at

alpha= 320deg; delta=65deg

Comments: moonlight

Observer name:

Observer telephone: +38 609 610 766

Observer location (lat,lon,alt): same as above

Observation start time (UT): 1993 Aug. 12; 00h 19

Observation end time (UT): 1993 Aug. 12; 01h 12

Number of meteors observed during this interval: 63 (57 Perseids)

Local sky quality during this interval: lim. mag. 4.9, clear

Observer field of view, if applicable: field centered at

alpha=320deg; delta=65deg

Comments: moonlight

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H. Mikuz, Ljubljana, Slovenia

1993 Aug. 12; 01:55UT

A. Karalic, leader of Javornik Astronomical Society group, observing from Javornik mountains, Slovenia, report further results:

Observer name: M. Albreht

Observer telephone: +38 609 610 766

Observer location (lat,lon,alt): +45deg 53' 12"; 14deg 02' 12" E; 1150m

Observation start time (UT): 1993 Aug. 12; 02h 02

Observation end time (UT): 1993 Aug. 12; 03h 27

Number of meteors observed during this interval: 105 (101 Perseid)

Local sky quality during this interval: lim. mag. 5.4-2, clear

Observer field of view, if applicable: field centered at

alpha= 2100deg; delta=60deg

Comments: moonlight, morning dawn

Magnitude distribution during the period above:

Mag. No. of Perseids

-4 2

-2 8

-1 16

0 22

1 17

2 19

3 16

4 1

ZHR values for 1993 Aug. 11-12. They are calculated for +/-0.5h period of the given time.

UT ZHR

20h 30 250 +/-50

21 30 210 +/-30

22 30 290 +/-45

23 30 260 +/-40

0 30 211 +/-30

1 00 220 +/-30

2 30 320 +/-10

3 00 700 +/-90\*

\* - less accurate due to dawn conditions and corresponding errors that may appear in determination of a lim. mag.

A. Karalic suggested that the maximum probably occurred during the local twilight when they observed rapid increase of activity. Numerous bright meteors were observed during the morning dawn when the lim. mag. was 3.9-2.

H. Mikuz, Ljubljana, Slovenia

1993 Aug. 12; 17:45UT

A. Karalic, leader of Javornik Astronomical Society group, observing from Javornik mountains, Slovenia, report the results of Aug. 12-13 Perseid observations.

1993 Aug. 12-13

Observer name: M. Kokole

Observer location (lat,lon,alt): +45deg 53' 12"; 14deg 02' 12" E; 1150m

Observation start time (UT): 1993 Aug. 12; 19h 45

Observation end time (UT): 1993 Aug. 12; 21h 10

Number of meteors observed during this interval: 56 (38 Perseids)

Local sky quality during this interval: lim. mag. 5.7, clear

Observer field of view, if applicable: field centered at

alpha= 285deg; delta=60deg

Observer name: I. Macek

Observer location (lat,lon,alt): same as above

Observation start time (UT): 1993 Aug. 12; 21h 12

Observation end time (UT): 1993 Aug. 12; 22h 15

Number of meteors observed during this interval: 38 (34 Perseids)

Local sky quality during this interval: lim. mag. 5.4, clear

Observer field of view, if applicable: field centered at

alpha=310deg; delta=75deg

Observer name: M. Albreht

Observer location (lat,lon,alt): same as above

Observation start time (UT): 1993 Aug. 12; 22h 28

Observation end time (UT): 1993 Aug. 12; 23h 02

Number of meteors observed during this interval: 35 (33 Perseids)

Local sky quality during this interval: lim. mag. 5.5, clear

Observer field of view, if applicable: field centered at

alpha=0deg; delta=60deg

Observer name: S. Hribar

Observer location (lat,lon,alt): +45deg 53' 12"; 14deg 02' 12" E; 1150m

Observation start time (UT): 1993 Aug. 12; 23h 09

Observation end time (UT): 1993 Aug. 13; 01h 19

Number of meteors observed during this interval: 159 (107 Perseids)

Local sky quality during this interval: lim. mag. 5.5, clear

Observer field of view, if applicable: field centered at

alpha= 330deg; delta=70deg

Observer name: I. Macek

Observer location (lat,lon,alt): same as above

Observation start time (UT): 1993 Aug. 13; 01h 23

Observation end time (UT): 1993 Aug. 13; 02h 58

Number of meteors observed during this interval: 57 (54 Perseids)

Local sky quality during this interval: lim. mag. 5.0, clear

Observer field of view, if applicable: field centered at

alpha=330deg; delta=75deg

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Regards from members of our group at Javornik mountains.

They will continue to monitor the Perseids until Sunday.

Best Wishes,

H. Mikuz, Ljubljana, Slovenia

1993 Aug. 13

A. Karalic, of the Javornik Astronomical Society group, observing from Javornik mountains, Slovenia, report calculated ZHR values for 1993 Aug. 11-12 observations. They are for the +/-0.5h period of the given time.

UT ZHR

20h 30 250 +/-50

21 30 210 +/-30

22 30 290 +/-45

23 30 260 +/-40

0 30 211 +/-30

1 00 220 +/-30

2 30 320 +/-10

3 00 700 +/-90\*

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A. Karalic suggested that the maximum probably occurred during the local twilight during which they observed numerous bright meteors. They completed observations on Aug. 12.145UT.

Observer location (lat,lon,alt): +45deg 53' 12"; 14deg 02' 12" E; 1150m

Magnitude distribution of Perseids during the period Aug. 12.084-12.145UT:

Mag. Number of met.

-4 2

-2 8

-1 16

0 22

1 17

2 19

3 16

4 1

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H. Mikuz, Ljubljana, Slovenia

A. Karalic, leader of Javornik Astronomical Society group, observing from Javornik mountains, Slovenia, report the results of Aug. 10-11 and 11-12 observations.

1993 Aug. 10-11

Observer name: M. Pratkaner

Observer location (lat,lon,alt): +45deg 53' 12"; 14deg 02' 12" E; 1150m

Observation start time (UT): 1993 Aug. 10; 21h 16

Observation end time (UT): 1993 Aug. 10; 23h 00

Number of meteors observed during this interval: 29 (20 Perseids)

Local sky quality during this interval: lim. mag. 5.1, 10% cloudiness

Observer field of view, if applicable: field centered at

alpha= 295deg; delta=45deg

Comments: moonlight

Observer name: S. Hribar

Observer location (lat,lon,alt): same as above

Observation start time (UT): 1993 Aug. 10; 23h 10

Observation end time (UT): 1993 Aug. 11; 1h 01

Number of meteors observed during this interval: 48

Local sky quality during this interval: lim. mag. 5.2, 10% cloudiness

Observer field of view, if applicable: field centered at

alpha=295deg; delta=45deg

Comments: moonlight

Observer name: S. Dekleva

Observer location (lat,lon,alt): same as above

Observation start time (UT): 1993 Aug. 11; 1h 05

Observation end time (UT): 1993 Aug. 11; 2h 55

Number of meteors observed during this interval: 71 (40 Perseids)

Local sky quality during this interval: lim. mag. 5.2, clear

Observer field of view, if applicable: field centered at

alpha=0deg; delta=50deg

Comments: moonlight

1993 Aug. 11-12

Observer name: I. Macek

Observer location (lat,lon,alt): +45deg 53' 12"; 14deg 02' 12" E; 1150m

Observation start time (UT): 1993 Aug. 11; 20h 00

Observation end time (UT): 1993 Aug. 11; 21h 00

Number of meteors observed during this interval: 29 (25 Perseids)

Local sky quality during this interval: lim. mag. 4.9, clear

Observer field of view, if applicable: field centered at

alpha= 320deg; delta=65deg

Comments:

Observer name: M. Albreht

Observer location (lat,lon,alt): same as above

Observation start time (UT): 1993 Aug. 11; 21h 00

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Number of meteors observed during this interval: 49 (38 Perseids)

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Observer name: J. Prudic

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Comments: moonlight  
 Observer name: J. Prudic  
 Observer location (lat,lon,alt): same as above  
 Observation start time (UT): 1993 Aug. 12; 00h 19  
 Observation end time (UT): 1993 Aug. 12; 01h 12  
 Number of meteors observed during this interval: 63 (57 Perseids)  
 Local sky quality during this interval: lim. mag. 4.9, clear  
 Observer field of view, if applicable: field centered at  
 alpha=320deg; delta=65deg

Comments: moonlight  
 Clouds 1h 12 - 2h 02 - no observations  
 Observer name: M. Albreht  
 Observer location (lat,lon,alt): +45deg 53' 12"; 14deg 02' 12" E; 1150m  
 Observation start time (UT): 1993 Aug. 12; 02h 02  
 Observation end time (UT): 1993 Aug. 12; 03h 27  
 Number of meteors observed during this interval: 105 (101 Perseid)  
 Local sky quality during this interval: lim. mag. 5.4-2, clear  
 Observer field of view, if applicable: field centered at  
 alpha= 2100deg; delta=60deg

Comments: moonlight, morning dawn  
 Magnitude distribution during the period 02h 02 - 03h 27:  
 Mag. No. of Perseids

-4 2  
 -2 8  
 -1 16  
 0 22  
 1 17  
 2 19  
 3 16  
 4 1

ZHR values for 1993 Aug. 11-12. They are calculated for +/-0.5h period of the given time.

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 H. Mikuz, Ljubljana, Slovenia

1993 Aug. 13

Dear Colleagues,

Here are some details of my observing site, you wish to obtain.

Crni vrh Observatory:

Longitude: 14deg 04' 25" East

Latitude: 45deg 56' 48" North

Altitude: 730m

Unpolluted , dark location

Regards, Herman Mikuz

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Early attempt to detect possible cloud of meteoritic dust show no evidence of these phenomena. Several 5 min frames of the field (proposed by D. Green) were taken on 1993 Aug. 9.85-9.88UT in moonless conditions with Zeiss 2.8/20mm wide angle lens (stopped to f/5.6) + 574x384 CCD + Schott RG610 filter. The camera covers the field of 35x24deg.

H. Mikuz, Ljubljana, Slovenia

1993 Aug. 10  
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Further monitoring for the possible cloud of meteoritic dust show no evidence of these phenomena.

Series of 5 min frames covering the areas proposed by D. Green, H. Zook and D. Kessler, as well as those suggested by K. Korlevic were taken during 1993 Aug. 11.87-11.93UT in moonless conditions with Zeiss 2.8/20mm wide angle lens (stopped to f/5.6) + 574x384 CCD + Schott RG610 filter. The camera field was 35x24deg.

H. Mikuz, Crni vrh Observatory, Slovenia

1993 Aug. 12