

88 Lorne Ave.,
St. Catharines, Ont.
Mar. 6, 1963

Mr. James W. A. Low,
411 Briston Ave.,
St. Lambert, P.Q.

Dear Sir:

Here are February's negative search reports - another bad month! Only 13 this time.

Nova Herculis 1963 (is that its proper name?) was spotted on the morning of March 1st, using 7x50's. In the 8" f8 reflector it seemed a little yellowish to me. I took a ten minute exposure on Tri-x film with a small camera mounted on the 8" for guiding. It was a little misty, but the image seemed around magnitude 5.0 to my unpracticed eye!

Feb. 26th was a fairly clear night and I joined Dr. Booth at his home. He has a fairly good south-western horizon. We observed Comet 1963a with his 8" f5, and my 8" f8. Dr. Booth suspected that the comet had a slightly asymmetrical coma with no tail visible. I took a ten minute exposure on Tri-x with a small camera and succeeded in recording a rather faint image, as the comet was fairly low in the sky. Again no tail was visible. On Feb. 28th at my home in St. Catharines I took a similar exposure with similar results. Comet Ikeya seemed brighter than mag. 4.5 on Feb. 26 + 28. It is fairly close to the predicted path, although I think it is slightly to the east. I haven't seen it near a bright star so I had to guess at its position.

It has been cloudy every night since the 28th and the weatherman is predicting freezing rain for later on today.

With this happy thought I'll bid you goodbye,

with sincere good wishes,

Sueh W. A. Maclean,
Magiana Falls Centre.