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V5558 SAGITTARII

R. W. Russell, D. K. Lynch, and R. Pearson, The Aerospace Corporation; M. L. Sitko, University of Cincinnati and Space Science Institute; H. B. Hammel, Space Science Institute; L. Beerman, University of Cincinnnati; and W. Golisch, Infrared Telescope Facility (IRTF), NASA, report on observations made of V5558 Sgr (cf. *IAUC* 8832) using the IRTF (+ BASS) on July 9 UT. The spectrum was smooth and featureless, roughly following a 2000-K blackbody curve, although there were minor departures from a true blackbody. If the object is a classical nova, then the F-type spectrum (expected near peak brightness) is probably significantly reddened. The narrowband $[N]$ magnitude was $\approx$ 2.0.

Visual magnitude estimates, most forwarded by E. Waagen, AAVSO: Apr. 21.136 UT, 9.9 (P. Schmeer, Bischmisheim, Germany); 30.090, 9.6 (F. Vohla, Altenburg, Germany); May 5.347, 9.3 (L. Shotter, Uniontown, PA, U.S.A.); 18.504, 9.0 (S. Kerr, Glenlee, Qld., Australia); 24.072, 8.6 (A. Amorim, Florianapoulos, Brazil); June 5.944, 8.5 (A. Kammerer, Malsch, Germany); 11.987, 8.4 (J. Speil, Walbrzych, Poland); 24.122, 8.4 (J. Bortle, Stormville, NY, U.S.A.); 26.861, 8.1 (S. Bolzoni, Busto Arsizio, Italy); 29.396, 7.5 (H. Matsuyama, Kanimbla, Qld., Australia); July 3.093, 7.5 (Bortle); 7.903, 6.7 (T. Scarmato, Calabria, Italy); 11.866, 6.6 (K. Hornoch, Vohancice, Czech Republic).

THE EDGAR WILSON AWARD 2007

The Smithsonian Astrophysical Observatory announces that the 2007 Edgar Wilson Award for the discovery of comets (cf. *IAUC* 6936, 8730) is being divided among the following three individuals for four different comets: John Broughton (Reedy Creek, Qld., Australia) for C/2006 OF_2 (cf. *IAUC* 8756); David H. Levy (Tucson, AZ, U.S.A.) for P/2006 T1 (cf. *IAUC* 8757); and Terry Lovejoy (Thornlands, Qld., Australia) for C/2007 E2 (cf. *IAUC* 8819) and C/2007 K5 (cf. *IAUC* 8840).

COMET 188P/LINEAR-MUELLER

Comet P/1998 S1 = P/2007 J7 (cf. *IAUC* 8853) has been assigned the permanent number 188P (cf. *MPC* 60060).

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