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M. Templeton, AAVSO, informs us that this variable is apparently at or near its historic minimum; a number of observers have found this star to be fainter than visual mag 14.0 since early Nov. 2008, and both visual and instrumental measures are now indicating V $\geq$ 14.5. R CrB began its current fading episode around 2007 July 6 and faded from $m_v \sim 6.0$ to $>$ 12.0 by 2007 Aug. 12 (cf. *CBET* 1052); the star has continued to fade for the past 17 months. The duration of the current episode and its depth are similar to that observed during the previous extreme fading episode that began around June 1963 and continued (with only one brief interruption) until around Dec. 1965, when R CrB faded to visual mag about 14.5.

COMETS C/2003 Q1, Q6; C/2008 R13, AND C/2008 S4–S8 (SOHO)

Further to *IAUC* 9011, additional Kreutz sungrazing comets have been found on SOHO website images. C/2008 R13 (which was inadvertently tabulated on *IAUC* 9011; peak magnitude ~ 7.5), C/2008 S4 (peak mag ~ 6.5–7), and C/2008 S5 (peak mag ~ 7) were small and stellar in appearance. C/2008 S6 was tiny and stellar in appearance (mag ~ 7.5) in C3 images, but quite diffuse and very faint in C2 images. C/2008 S7 was small and stellar in appearance (mag ~ 6.5–7) in C3 images, but very diffuse and slightly elongated in C2 images. C/2008 S8 was stellar in appearance (mag ~ 6.5–7) in C3 images, but diffuse with a very faint, diffuse, short tail in C2 images.

Comet	2008	UT	α_{2000}	δ_{2000}	Inst.	F	*MPEC*
C/2008 S4	Sept.	17.571	$11^h23^m.1$	$+ 0°54'$	C3	RM	2008-X25
C/2008 S5		19.696	11 31.2	+ 0 18	C3	RM	2008-Y04
C/2008 S6		28.388	12 09.3	− 3 43	C3/2	MK	2008-Y04
C/2008 S7		29.096	12 03.6	− 3 46	C3/2	JR	2008-Y04
C/2008 S8		30.179	12 08.4	− 4 12	C3/2	MK	2008-Y04

K. Battams adds that C/2003 Q1 and C/2003 Q6 (cf. *IAUC* 8339) were both tiny and stellar in appearance (peaking at mag ~ 8–8.5); improved astrometry for these presumed comets was published on *MPEC* 2008-Y06.

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Corrigendum. On *IAUC* 9011, line 12, *for* reached −3204 km/s *read* reached −320 km/s

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