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*COMET C/2009 F2 (McNAUGHT)*

R. H. McNaught reports his discovery of another comet on CCD images taken with the 0.5-m Uppsala Schmidt telescope at Siding Spring (discovery observation tabulated below), the object appearing well condensed with a  $12''$  coma and a possible very weak  $15''$  tail in p.a.  $260^\circ$  (involved with stars). Follow-up observations by McNaught on Mar. 20.49 UT show a  $9''$  coma and no tail. Following posting on the Minor Planet Center's 'NEOCP' webpage, R. Ligustri (Udine, Italy) reports that seven co-added 180-s CCD exposures (taken remotely with a 0.35-m  $f/7$  telescope at Grove Creek Observatory, Trunkey, N.S.W., Australia on Mar. 20.6) show a coma diameter of  $\sim 18''$ .

2009	UT	$\alpha_{2000}$	$\delta_{2000}$	Mag.	Observer
Mar. 19.57501		$10^{\text{h}}57^{\text{m}}44.^{\text{s}}.69$	$-43^\circ26'24.7''$	17.7	McNaught

The available astrometry, the following preliminary parabolic orbital elements, and an ephemeris appear on *MPEC* 2009-F47.

$$\left. \begin{array}{ll} T = 2009 \text{ Nov. } 20.793 \text{ TT} & \omega = 338.758 \\ & \Omega = 219.860 \\ q = 5.18492 \text{ AU} & i = 54.120 \end{array} \right\} 2000.0$$

*COMETS C/2008 W11, C/2009 W12, C/2008 X5, C/2008 X6 (SOHO)*

Further to *IAUC* 9028, additional presumed comets have been found on SOHO website images. C/2008 W11 and C/2008 W12 were slightly diffuse Kreutz sungrazers (peak magnitudes  $\sim 8$  and  $8.5$ , respectively). C/2008 X5 (Meyer group) and C/2008 X6 (Marsden group) were both small and stellar in appearance (mag  $\sim 7.5$ ).

Comet	2008	UT	$\alpha_{2000}$	$\delta_{2000}$	Inst.	F	<i>MPEC</i>
C/2008 W11	Nov.	29.921	$16^{\text{h}}24.^{\text{m}}0$	$-23^\circ25'$	C2	EB	2009-C57
C/2008 W12		29.963	$16^{\text{h}}24.4$	$-23^\circ23'$	C2	RM	2009-E60
C/2008 X5	Dec.	7.022	$16^{\text{h}}56.8$	$-23^\circ57'$	C2	RK	2008-Y06
C/2008 X6		7.504	$16^{\text{h}}53.5$	$-22^\circ17'$	C2	RK	2008-Y06

*COMET 216P/LINEAR*

Further to *IAUCs* 9005, 9010, and 9020, comet P/2009 D1 = P/2001 CV<sub>8</sub> (cf. *IAUC* 9021) has been given the permanent number 216P. (See also *MPC* 65277.)