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COMET C/2009 S3 (LEMMON)

An apparently asteroidal object discovered in the course of the Mt. Lemmon survey (discovery observation tabulated below) has been found to be diffuse on follow-up CCD images taken by W. H. Ryan and E. V. Ryan on Sept. 26.2 UT with the Magdalena Ridge Observatory 2.4-m f/8.9 reflector, following posting on the Minor Planet Center's 'NEOCP' webpage.

2009	UT	α_{2000}	δ_{2000}	Mag.
Sept.2	4.16207	$18^{^{\mathrm{h}}}\!01^{^{\mathrm{m}}}\!23\overset{_{\mathrm{s}}}{.}44$	$+33^{\circ}14^{'}06^{''}_{.3}$	20.9

The available astrometry, the following preliminary parabolic orbital elements, and an ephemeris appear on MPEC 2009-S122.

$2000 WT_{169} AND 2003 YU_{179}$

K. S. Noll, Space Telescope Science Institute (STScI); W. M. Grundy, Lowell Observatory; S. D. Benecchi, STScI; and H. A. Levison, Southwest Research Institute, report the detection of binary companions to the transneptunian objects 2000 WT₁₆₉ (cf. MPECs 2000-X31, 2002-B11) and 2003 YU₁₇₉ (cf. MPEC 2006-H29), from four dithered observations of each object that were made using the Hubble Space Telescopes Wide Field Planetary Camera 2 through the F606W filter starting on 2008 Sept. 24.3825 and 27.3823 UT, respectively. For 2000 WT₁₆₉, a second component was found at $-0''.069 \pm 0''.003$ in α and $-0''.050 \pm 0''.001$ in δ , which was fainter than the primary by 0.43 magnitude. The 2003 YU₁₇₉ secondary was found at $-0''.039 \pm 0''.008$ in α and $-0''.054 \pm 0.005$ in δ , being 1.3 magnitudes fainter than the primary.

COMET 225P/2009 Q3 (LINEAR)

Corrigendum. On $IAUC\,9068,$ in the title, the designation should read 'P/2009 Q3'.

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