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## Select start of calculation:

| Date: | 24 | July | 2013 |
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| Time: | $00: 00: 00.00$ |  |  |
| in TDT |  |  |  |

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## The Calendar-Sky

The astronomical calendar contains thousands of events per day for every point on Earth. We know that you only care for a very few of these events and hence we let you personalize your own Astro-Calendar. You may primarily do so by switching to your appropriate user level, and by selecting some of the three dozens categories.

In parentheses are forced limits for the maximum calculation interval. The celestial calendar is to be found further below on this page and will appear within some seconds after pressing the Go!-Button (depending on the complexity of your selections). The calendar is created especially for you. The higher your user level, the more complex objects you selected, the longer it does take to calculate. Please do not press the reload-button; the calculations will take significantly longer.

## Calendar and Timekeeping

 Space Calendar:- Birthdays, Rocket Launches Local Events (Talks, Exhibitions)
- NASA TV Guide

Local Telescope
Dealers
$\square$ Public Holidays

- Saint's Day

Zodiac of today.
Change of Zodiac Islamic, Indian

- Persian and Hebrew Calendar
- Week Number Sundials / GPS Time /
- Current Time Definitions
$\square$ Julian Day Number
- Sidereal Time
- Local Magnetic Field


## General events

Lunar Occultations (2 months)
Planetary
Conjunctions

- Lunar Eclipses

Solar Eclipses and Transits

- Meteor Showers

Planetary
Phenomena
$\square$ Lunar Phenomena

- The Sun
$\square$ Asteroids (6 months)
- Comets


## Earth orbiting satellites

Space Station ISS (1 month) short duration Flares
v of Iridium satellites (14 days)
Passes of other bright
$\checkmark$ satellites (1 day, slow!)

## Daily reoccurring events

Graphical night calendar

- Sun and Moon
- Planets
- Asteroids
- Comets
- Meteor Showers
- Polar Star Transits
- Weather Balloons


## Dimmer and more difficult objects Jupiter: Great Red <br> - Spot and satellite events <br> Jupiter's Satellites: position <br> Saturn: Satellite events and storms <br> Saturn's Satellites: <br> position <br> Zodiacal light/Gegenschein <br> Variable Stars (3 <br> months) <br> - Supernovae <br> B Binary Stars <br> Deep sky objects <br> $\square$ Star chart <br> Milky Way <br> - Galaxies <br> O Open Star Clusters <br> $\square$ Globular Star Clusters <br> Nebula

Wednesday 24 July 2013

| Time (24-hour <br> clock) | Object (Link) | Event |
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| (5) |  | Observer Site | gonneville, France <br> WGS84: Lon: -1d27m57.68s Lat: +49d38m20.92s Alt: 156m <br> All times in CET or CEST (during summer) |
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| (3) | 0h00m00s | $\quad$ USA3-4A <br> $(31701$$2007-027-A)$$\rightarrow$ Ground track$\rightarrow$ Star chart |  |
| 5 | 0h00m00s | ```eUSA 194-2/NOSS 3-4C (31708 2007-027-C) \rightarrow G r o u n d ~ t r a c k ->Star chart``` |  |
| (3) | 0h00m29s | ```NOSS 5 (C) (14143 1983-056-C) \rightarrow \text { Ground track} ->Star chart``` | Appears 23h55m52s 8.3 mag az: $212.3^{\circ} \mathrm{SSW}$  <br> $\mathrm{h}: 3.4^{\circ}$     <br> at Meridian 23 h 59 m 52 s 5.2 mag az: $180.0^{\circ} \mathrm{S}$  <br> $\mathrm{h}: 50.9^{\circ}$     |
| (6) | 0h00m40s | $\begin{aligned} & \quad \text { USA } 186 / \text { KH } \\ & \quad(28888 \\ & 2005-042-A) \\ & \rightarrow \text { Ground track } \\ & \rightarrow \text { Star chart } \end{aligned}$ |  |
| (3) | 0h02m44s | ```NOSS 5 (D) (14144 1983-056-D) \rightarrow \text { Ground track} ->Star chart``` |  |
| (3) | 0h04m19s |  |  |
| 3 | 0h85m50s | ```\|USA 215/FIA Radar 1 (37162 2010-046-A) \rightarrow G r o u n d ~ t r a c k``` | Appearshorizon <br> Culmination <br> h:23.6 <br> 23h57m40s <br> distance: 2120.1 km height above Earth: 1104.6 km |



|  |  | 1972-022-B) <br> $\rightarrow$ Ground track <br> $\rightarrow$ Star chart | $\mathrm{h}: 81.2^{\circ}$     <br> distance: 858.8 km height above Earth: 850.1 km elevation   <br> of Sun: $-16^{\circ}$ angular velocity: $0.51^{\circ} / \mathrm{s}$    <br> at Meridian $0 h 22 \mathrm{~m} 12 \mathrm{~s}$ 5.4 mag az: $0.0^{\circ} \mathrm{N}$ $\mathrm{h}: 54.0^{\circ}$ <br> Disappears $0 h 29 \mathrm{~m} 00 \mathrm{~s}$ 9.2 mag az: $12.1^{\circ} \mathrm{NNE}$ horizon |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 5 | 0h21m40s |  |  |
| 3 | 0h22m57s | $\begin{aligned} & \text { SJ 11-03 } \\ & \quad(37730 \\ & 2011-030-A) \\ & \rightarrow \text { Ground track } \\ & \rightarrow \text { Star chart } \end{aligned}$ |  |
| 5 | 0h25m20s | ```FENGYUN 1C DEB (32221 1999-025-CVT) \rightarrow G \text { Ground track} ->Star chart``` |  |
| (3) | 0h25m48s | \% Iridium 41 | Flare from MMAO (Front antenna) Magnitude= 1.9mag Azimuth=261.1 ${ }^{\circ} \mathrm{W}$ altitude= $26.0^{\circ}$ in constellation Bootes $R A=14 \mathrm{~h} 01.8 \mathrm{~m} \quad \mathrm{Dec}=+14^{\circ} 07^{\prime}$ <br> Flare angle $=2.09^{\circ}$ <br> Flare center line, closest point $\rightarrow$ MapIt: Longitude $=3.005^{\circ} \mathrm{W}$ <br> Latitude $=+49.728^{\circ}$ (WGS84) Distance=111.1 km <br> Azimuth $=275.7^{\circ} \mathrm{W} \quad$ Peak Magnitude=-6.5mag <br> Satellite above: longitude $=17.2^{\circ} \mathrm{W}$ latitude $=+47.1^{\circ}$ height above Earth=784.3 km distance to satellite=1500.6 km Altitude of Sun=-16.6 ${ }^{\circ}$ |
| 5 | 0h27m39s |  |  |

20 Items/Events: Export to Outlook/iCal 莒 Print E-mail
Used satellite data set is from 24 July 2013
$\square$ Hide glossary

## Glossary:

Altitude/alt/h
Angular separation of the object from the local mathematical horizon. This accounts for refraction as well.

## Appears

Local time at which the satellite appears visually. The first figure indicates the visual brightness of the object. The smaller the number, the brighter and more eye-catching it appears to an observer. The units are astronomical magnitudes [m]. Azimuth is given in degrees counting from geographic north clockwise to the east direction. The three-character direction code is given as well. In case the satellite exits from the Earth shadow and comes into the glare of the Sun, the elevation above horizon is given in degrees for this event. If this figure is omitted, the satellite is visible straight from the horizon.

## at Meridian

Time of the transit of the meridian, i.e. the satellite is due South or due North. At this time, the satellite will not reach its highest point of the pass. Look for culmination.

## Azimuth/az

Azimuth direction of the object is given in degrees counting from geographic north $\left(0^{\circ}\right)$ clockwise to the east direction. East is $90^{\circ}$, south $180^{\circ}$, and west $270^{\circ}$. The three-character direction code is given as well. For example, NNW stands for north-north-west.

## Culmination

Time at which the satellite reaches his highest point in the sky as seen from the
 observer. For description of the figures see Appears.
Visually "better" passes of satellites are indicated by highlighting the information. The selection within the list of all possible transits is coupled with the observer level, the daylight, and several other conditions.

## Dec., declination, DE

One coordinate used to indicate the position on the sky. It is the angular distance of the object from the celestial equator. North pole, close to Polaris, is $90^{\circ}$ north.

## Disappears

Local time of visual disappearance of the satellite. This may either be the time at which the satellite moves below the observer's horizon or the entry of the object in the shadow of Earth (the elevation is given for this event). The low Earth orbiting (LEO) satellites are usually visible for about 10 seconds more than the listed time, when they start fading rapidly.

## Flare angle

The angle between the direction of the mirrored image of the Sun and the observer. For bright flares, this angle must be as small as possible (i.e., the observer should be as close to the center line as possible).

## Flare

The communication antennas and the solar panels reflect the sunlight almost as a perfect mirror. In case the observer lays within this reflected beam, the satellite suddenly appears very bright, as bright as the Moon in the first quarter; the light is even strong enough to cast shadows. Since the sunlight is bundled, the duration of the whole event is short, and lasts about 10 seconds. The indicated time is the center of the flare event; hence the satellite can be spotted some seconds earlier. Due to the shortness of the event, it is important to look in the right direction at the right time.

## Iridium

Wireless worldwide communication system, which consists of 66 satellites that are in low Earth orbits. The user who has a rather small phone directly contacts one of the satellites, i.e., one of the three Main
Mission Antennas MMA (the three panels in the bottom of the image with a size of about $1 \times 2 \mathrm{~m}^{2}$ ). The satellites constellation consists of 6 planes with 11 satellites each (and some spares). Hence, another Iridium satellite passes at about the same place in the sky every 8 minutes.

## Magnitude/Mag

Brightness of an object considered as a point source of light, on a logarithmic scale.I Visual limiting magnitude is about 6 mag, whereas the brightest star Sirius reaches -1.4 mag . The Hubble Space Telescope can image objects as dim as 29mag.

## R.A., right ascension, RA

One coordinate used to indicate the position on the sphere. It is the angular distance of the object from the spring equinox measured along the celestial equator, expressed in hours of arc.

## Remarks

These calculations are based on mean observed radiants and rates. For exceptional outbursts, these special predictions will be included as well.

## Sat above

Geographic coordinates of the sub-satellite point (in WGS84 coordinates). This is the point on Earth, from which the satellite is in the zenith at the indicated time. The altitude of the satellite from this point is given as "alt".

## Time and Date

Date of validity of calculated output in local time and date, taking into account daylight saving time as well (see the current time zone on the left of the Earth icon on top right of almost all pages). The time is given as hours:minutes:seconds, or $00 \mathrm{~h} 00 \mathrm{m00s}$. The time may also be rounded and given in decimal form, in order to correspond to the accuracy of the calculation: e.g., 10.1 h means that the event will take place at
about 5 minutes past 10 o'clock. This may also happen for days: 4.3 d corresponds to the fourth day at around 7 o'clock. The start time is taken as selected by you, i.e., this is not necessarily at midnight. For intervals shorter than one day, decimal days are given. Times are given in 24 hour format ( 0 hOOm is midnight, 12h: noon, $18 \mathrm{~h}: 6 \mathrm{pm}$.)

## WGS84 / Geographical Coordinates

Geographical coordinates are given by the angles longitude (Lon), latitude (Lat), and altitude in meters (Alt). A place north of the equator at marked by N or + , places south of the equator by S or - . The longitude from the meridian of Greenwich is counted positive towards east ( E ). Places west from Greenwich are marked W or by -. The geographical coordinates refer to an ellipsoid, which fits the true shape of the Earth (geoid). The geoid corresponds to calm sea surface. The keyword "Geographic:" uses the local ellipsoid as reference system. WGS84 mark coordinates referring to the WGS84 ellipsoid. The difference in altitude to the geoid sums up to 100 meters and is called geoid undulation. This is corrected for when tagged "MSL" (mean sea level), such that the origin of the height system is at sea level.

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