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S30 Smart Observing - 02/27/2025

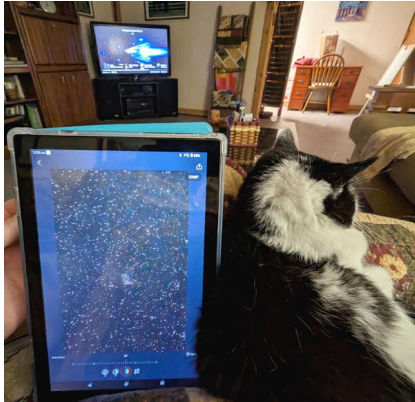
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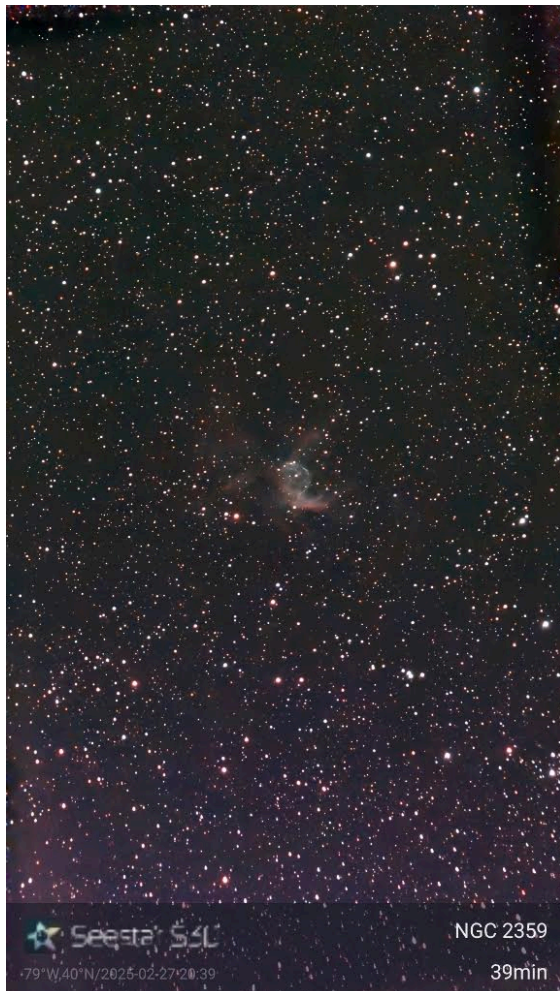
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To: oras io group <ORAS@groups.io>, "KiskiAstronomers@groups.io" <KiskiAstronomers@groups.io>

hi all,
Right at Sunset, the skies cleared off here in Pittsburgh.
Looking at the weather app, I had about an hour before clouds rolled in from the west. I quickly fired-up the SeeStar S30, plopped it on the patio table and headed indoors and connected with my tablet.
Here's my cat and I sitting on the couch and enjoying a little science and science-fiction,,, :)



Not quite 40 minutes into the session, my phone started announcing severe thunderstorm warnings, (hail and high winds), so I pulled the scope back indoors. 15 minutes later, it was raining.
While it was a short session, I would not have accomplished even this in if I had attempted to walk out to the observatory and tried using my main scope. Smart scopes are just so easy to use!
Here's the S30 observation of NGC2359 in Canis Major, better known as "Thor's Helmet". NGC2359 is an emission nebula about 12,000 light-years away & 30 light-years in diameter illuminated by a Wolf-Rayet central star.



(30 second subs livestacked for 39 minutes, narrowband filter, in-app adjustments & de-noise)

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