

Fwd: [ORAS] Watch the Skies!!

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hi all,
For all you heliophiles, this is a good week to watch the skies. (in-between Western PA snowstorms, lol)
There is a large sunspot/active region that has just rotated onto the Earth facing side of the Sun's disk, AR4294/AR4296. The group is already producing strong flares, so we might get aurora from it.
Using a hand-held white-light solar filter, the group is just barely visible to the naked-eye. Any kind of properly **solar filtered** telescope will show plenty of details.
So dust off your filters and cameras and monitor the sunspot's progress via SpaceWeather: <https://www.spaceweather.com/>
Here's today's observations using my S30 SeeStar that I plunked out on the patio table:



(SeeStar S30 f5, 10 millisecond exposure in Alt-Az mode with the WL solar filter, gain=10 and brightness adjusted in-app, 1x, 2x, & 4x zoom)

Larry

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