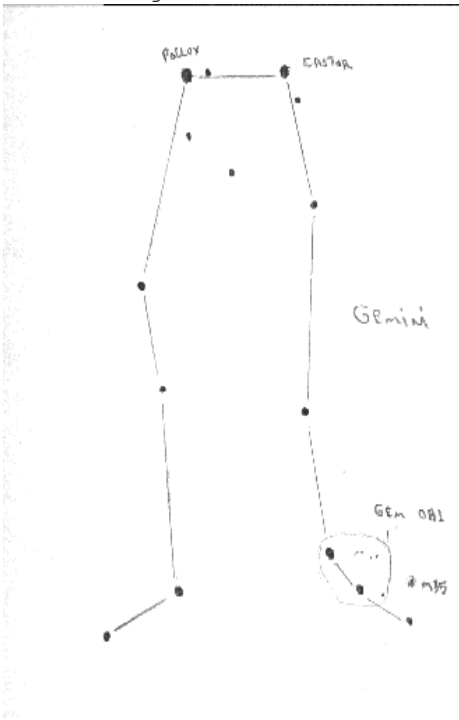
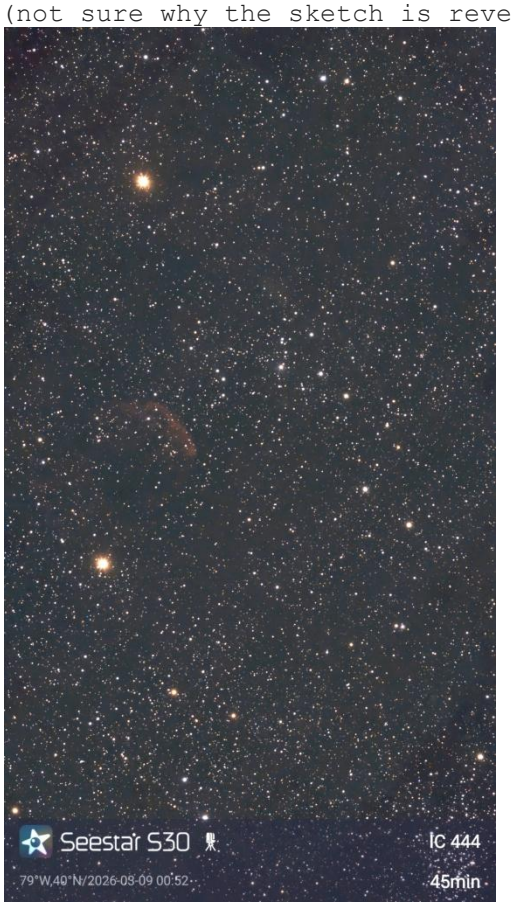
SeeStar S30 OB Association Observing Part2. March, 2026

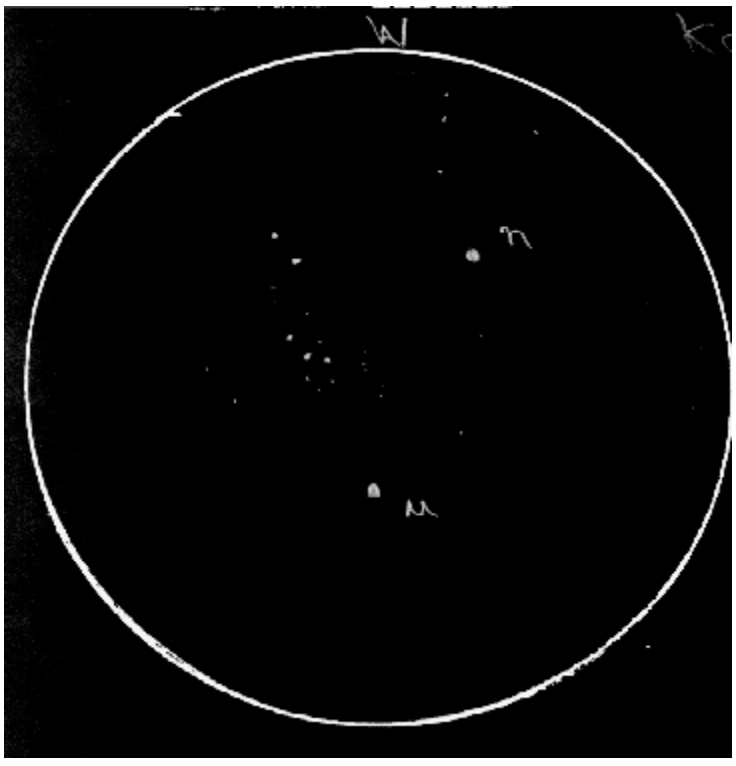
In addition to the Orion OB Associations, I used the new S30-Pro to EAA observe the associations in Gemini and Canis Major. This time the smart scope was out on the patio.

Here's the Gemini constellation image using the S30-Pro 3mm wide-field lens.
(Jupiter is in the middle of the FOV, Castor and Pollux above to the left)
Also a hand-drawn 'finder-chart' showing the location of Gemini OB1, down near M35.



Here's the observation using the S30-Pro 30mm tele in mosaic mode, and 1993 sketch:
(not sure why the sketch is reversed, must not have been using my amici prism)

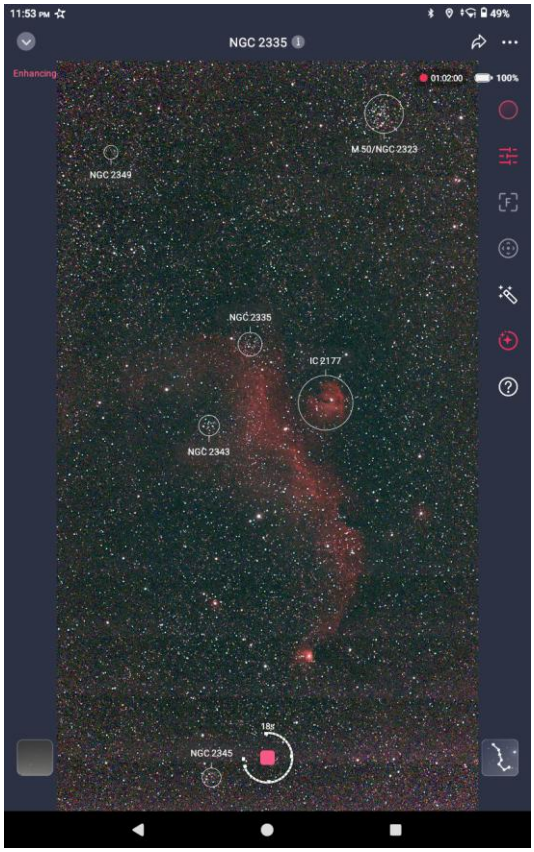




The ‘Jellyfish Nebula’ – IC444 is faintly visible in the image between the two bright stars. Also, open cluster M35 is peeking thru the watermark in the lower right corner.

(SeeStar S30-Pro: 20 second exposures in EQ mode with the IR filter, livestacked for 45 minutes, then AI noise reduction applied in-app)

Then Canis Major OB1 with the S30-Pro. The stars of the OB Association surrounds the bright ‘SeaGull Nebula’ – IC2177. After I had saved the livestack, I grabbed a screenshot with the annotated tool turned-on, lots of little NGC clusters along with M50 in the FOV.



(SeeStar S30-Pro: 60 second exposures in EQ mode with the NB filter, livestacked for 60 minutes, then AI noise reduction applied in-app)

So to conclude this little testrun, the S30-Pro is a fun tool to utilize in EAA observing large-scale OB Associations. I think I may have to now have to re-observe all those mid-90’s visual observations. ☺

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