

CHASING SUPERNOVA 1987A: PART II

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Abstract

A successful journey to Papeete, Tahiti, to observe Supernova 1987A is described.

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At the end of the AAVSO Spring Meeting in San Francisco, Charles Scovil and I traveled to Papeete, Tahiti, for three nights of observing Supernova 1987A, the nights of May 18, 19, and 20. Luck was with us in that we found an observing site next to our hotel, all three nights were clear, and the supernova peaked at maximum brightness during our expedition.

The photograph below, taken with hypered Konica 1600 print film through a 50mm lens, depicts the supernova as it appeared to us without optical aid. In the photograph, the supernova is magnitude 2.8.

