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Table I. American Relative Sunspot Numbers (Ra) for February 2006 [boldface = maximum, minimum]

Day	N	Raw Mean	Ra
1	26	1	1
2	23	0	0
3	24	0	0
4	32	1	0
5	30	1	1
6	24	0	0
7	28	4	3
8	26	10	7
9	29	13	9
10	21	3	2
11	28	1	1
12	26	2	1
13	29	8	5
14	30	10	7
15	29	17	12
16	21	19	14
17	24	10	6
18	25	4	3
19	23	4	3
20	25	0	0
21	21	0	0
22	26	0	0
23	26	0	0
24	22	1	0
25	22	1	0
26	25	1	1
27	30	7	4
28	21	7	5
29			
30			
31			

Means:

29

4.4

3.0

Total No. of Observers: 56
Total No. of Observations: 716

Table II. February 2006 Observers

			1	
2	AAP	P.Abbott	21	KA
13	AJV	J.Alonso	17	KN
15	ANGR	R.Ang	1	KR
20	ARAG	G.Araujo	6	LA
15	BARH	H.Barnes	. 9	MM
2	BATR	R.Battaiola	21	OA
5	BEB	R.Berg	9	OB
9	BERJ	J.Berdejo		OY
6	BLAJ	J.Blackwell	11	RΙ
18	BMF	M.Boschat	L	RΙ
25	BRAB	B.Branchett	7	SC
		D.Branchett		SC
		R.Branch		SI
		R.Brown		ST
3	CAMP	P.Campbell		ST
23	CHAG	G.Morales		ST
	CKB	B.Cudnik	21	
11	CLZ	L.Corp	13	sz
6	COMT	T.Compton	13	SZ
	CR	T.Cragg		TA
11	DEJV	J.van Delft	16	ΤE
20	DGP	G.Dyck	7	ТJ
13	FERJ	J.Fernandez	9	
		T.Fleming	: 21	VA
		K.Fujimori	4	
		M.Goetz	12	WΙ
	HAYK	K.Hay	6	WR
5	JENJ	J.Jenkins	16	ΥE
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21	KAPJ	J.Kaplan
17	KNJS	J.Knight
1	KROL	L.Krozel
6	LARJ	J.Larriba
9	MMI	M.Moeller
21	OATS	S.Oatney
9	OBSO	IPS Observatory
1	OYE	Y.Ogmen
11	RICE	E.Richardson
		A.Ritchie
7	SCGL	G.Schott
		G.Scholl
		C.Simpson
		G.Stefanopoulos
		G.Stemmler
	~	N.Stoikidis
		M.Suzuki
		K.Szatkowski
13	SZUM	M.Szulc
16	TAKH	H.Takuma
		D.Teske
		J.Temprano
		P.Urbanski
		A.Vargas
		D.Williams
		W.Wilson
		R.Wheeler
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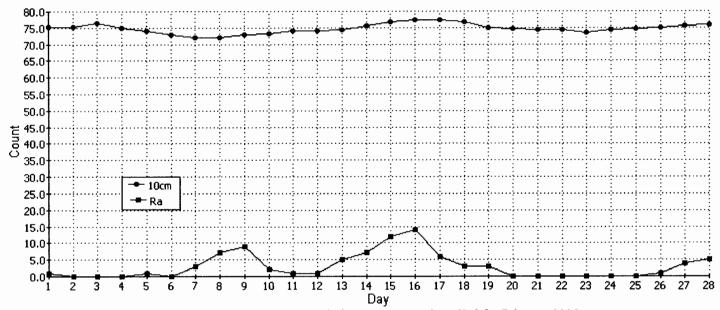


Fig. 1. 10 cm Solar Flux and American Relative Sunspot Numbers (Ra) for February 2006.

10 cm source: http://www.drao.nrc.ca/icarus

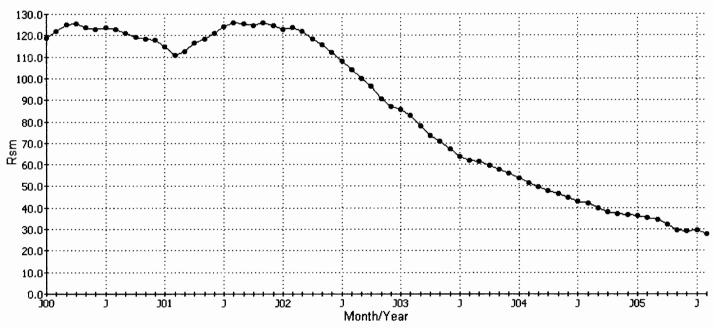
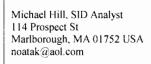
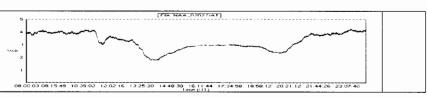


Fig. 2. Smoothed Mean Sunspot Numbers (Rsm) from January 2000 to August 2005 (Waldmeier Method).

<u>Sudden Ionospheric Disturban</u>ce Report





Sudden Ionospheric Disturbances (SID) Recorded During February 2006

(Analysis performed by Michael Hill, SID Analyst) Date Max Max Imp Max Imp There Were No SID Events Recorded This Month 1-: <19 1: 19-25 1+: 26-32 2: 33-45 2+: 46-85 Importance rating: Duration (min) 3: 86-125 3+: >125

Observer Code Station(s) monitored Observer Code Station(s) monitored

The events listed above meet at least one of the following criteria

- 1) Event reported by two or more observers within ± 5 minutes
- 2) Event matched to GOES-8 XRA event to within ± 15 minutes and event time < $1000\ UT$
- 3) reported by observer with a quality rating > 8 (scale 1-10)

Solar Events

As much as I have talked about slow months in the past, no month can or will be slower than this. We had ZERO Correlated SID Events this month even though 14 of you dutifully kept watch and reported in. This in an interesting month in it's own respect. The GOES Satellite only reported 6 X-Ray events, and all of them were B-Class. A few of you did report in with some events; Suprising since I had received so many reports on non-activity. That is OK though, better to be on the side of caution but do use this as a chance to get a feel for what are false positives with your particular reception characteristics. Thanks to all of you for reporting your results. Some day soon the sun will be sure to get active again. As you may have read the next solar max is predicted to be one of the more active cycles so that is something to watch build over the next five or six years. We certainly will be starting from a memorable lull in activity. Although I usually only include observer ID codes with the SID Database monthly record file if some or all of your data correlated with other observers events, this month I have included all of the observer ID codes just for the record of the observers reporting in for the month we had no events in this cycle (first time). I will continue to do this as long as we have months with no correlated events reported. The SID Database can be accessed from the AAVSO-SID web page.

