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*COMET C/2005 M1 (CHRISTENSEN)*

E. J. Christensen, Lunar and Planetary Laboratory, reports his discovery of a comet on images taken with the 1.5-m  $f/2$  reflector in the course of the Mount Lemmon Survey (discovery observation given below). On four co-added 90-s CCD images from June 17.4 UT, Christensen noted a 5'' coma and a 10'' tail in p.a. 230°–240°; images taken in improved seeing on June 18.4 showed a 15'' tail in p.a. 230° and a compact coma of diameter  $\approx 7''$  (four co-added 60-s exposures). Following posting on the ‘NEO Confirmation Page’, A. C. Gilmore found a moderately condensed, circular coma of diameter  $\sim 15''$  (but no tail) on four co-added 120-s CCD frames taken on June 19.7 with the 1.0-m  $f/7.7$  reflector at Mount John University Observatory.

2005	UT	$\alpha_{2000}$	$\delta_{2000}$	Mag.
June 17.41206		22 <sup>h</sup> 41 <sup>m</sup> 08 <sup>s</sup> .59	−7°52′07 <sup>″</sup> .8	19.9

The available astrometry, the following very preliminary parabolic orbital elements, and an ephemeris appear on *MPEC* 2005-M33.

$$\begin{array}{rcl}
 T = 2005 \text{ Jan. } 24.728 \text{ TT} & \omega = 140.756 & \\
 q = 2.94607 \text{ AU} & \Omega = 143.962 & \\
 & i = 8.741 & \left. \vphantom{\begin{array}{l} \omega \\ \Omega \\ i \end{array}} \right\} 2000.0
 \end{array}$$

*COMETS C/2005 G7, C/2005 H2, AND C/2005 H3 (SOHO)*

Following are the initial positions for additional comets found on SOHO website images (continuation to *IAUC* 8546); C/2005 H2 belongs to the Meyer group, the others being Kreutz sungrazers. K. Battams writes that C/2005 G7 had a diffuse ‘teardrop’ shape, reaching mag  $\sim 7.5$  at  $7.1R_{\odot}$  (Apr. 14.085 UT). C/2005 H2 was elongated and faint, but Battams notes that this may or may not have been a tail, adding that it is not uncommon to see stars appear “diagonally elongated” in the SOHO images; it peaked in brightness at mag  $\sim 7.8$  at  $7.0R_{\odot}$  (Apr. 17.726). C/2005 H3 was partly obscured by the pylon in the C3 coronagraph, but in C2 images it reached mag  $\sim 5.2$  at  $6.6R_{\odot}$  on Apr. 22.368, when its tail length was 93''.

Comet	2005	UT	$\alpha_{2000}$	$\delta_{2000}$	Inst.	F	<i>MPEC</i>
C/2005 G7	Apr.	14.171	1 <sup>h</sup> 38 <sup>m</sup> .4	+ 8°36′	C2	HS	2005-K43
C/2005 H2		17.629	1 48.2	+12 06	C2	HS	2005-K43
C/2005 H3		21.779	2 14.4	+10 16	C3/2	HS	2005-K43