# **Digital Astrophotography References**

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  - A guide to choosing and using CCD cameras for amateur astronomers
- Amateur Telescope Making, Stephen F. Tonkin
  - Chapter 14 is on building and using a Cookbook CCD Camera by Al Kelly, 14 pages
- The Art and Science of CCD Astronomy, David Ratlidge, 162 pages, http://www.astrovid.com/CCDBOOKS.HTM
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- Astronomical Equipment for Amateurs, Martin Mobberley
  - Chapter 8 is on electronic imaging, 43 pages
- Astrophotography for the Amateur, 2<sup>nd</sup> Ed., Michael A. Covington
  - Chapter 12 is on Computer Image Enhancement, 26 pages & Chapter 13 is on CCD Imaging, 16 pages
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  - An intermediate to advanced understanding of CCD camera design, operation and imaging processing.

- http://www.willbell.com/ccd/ccd4.htm or http://www.astrovid.com/CCDBOOKS.HTM
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  - Covers the fundamental requirements for obtaining good CCD images.
- The Handbook of Astronomical Image Processing 2<sup>nd</sup> edition, Richard Berry & James Burnell
  - 2005, 683 pages with CD
  - Includes Astronomical Image Processing for Windows (AIP4WIN) V2.0
  - Willmann-Bell, Inc. http://www.willbell.com/ccd/index.htm
- The Handbook of Astronomical Image Processing, Richard Berry & James Burnell, 640 pages
  - A very good book on image processing & it includes Astronomical Image Processing for Windows (AIP4WIN)
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  - Part 4: More Power to You, 17 pages
- Video Astronomy, Revised Edition, Steve Massey, Thomas A. Dobbins & Eric J. Douglass, 200 pages
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  - A beginners' guide to using video
  - Sky Publishing Corp., http://skyandtelescope.com/
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Imaging Processing & Control Software for Astroimaging				
Software	Source	Notes		
245Plus &	Willmann-	http://www.willbell.com/ccd/camcookupg.htm	Image processing & control for	
211Plus	Bell, Inc		Cookbook	
AIP245	Willmann-	http://www.willbell.com/ccd/ccd7.htm	Image processing + book	
	Bell, Inc			
AIP4WIN V2	Willmann-	http://www.willbell.com/aip/index.htm	Image processing + book	
	Bell, Inc			
AstroAlign	Carsten Arnholm	http://arnholm.org/software/index.htm	Image processing	
Astroart 4.0	MSB Software	http://www.msb-astroart.com/	Image processing & camera control	
Astronomy Tools	Noel Carboni	http://actions.home.att.net/Astronomy_Tools_ For_Full_Version.html	Photoshop actions	
AstroStack	Robert J. Stekelenburg	http://www.astrostack.com/	Stacking images	
AVI2BMP		http://www.daansystems.com/freestuff/	Convert AVI to BMP images	
iMerge, AVIDark & iCatch	Jon Grove	http://www.geocities.com/jgroveuk/Astrophot ography.html	AVI image pre-processing programs	
CCDSoft 5	Software	http://www.bisque.com/	Image processing & camera	
CCDSOIL 3	Bisque	ntep.// www.orsque.com/	control	
DeepSkyStacker 3.2.2		http://deepskystacker.free.fr/english/index.htm	Registering & stacking software	
ImagesPlus 3,75	Mike Unsold	http://www.mlunsold.com	Image processing	
PC-IRAF 2.14	IRAF Programming Group & NOAO	http://iraf.noao.edu/	Free image processing software	
PixInsight 1.4 & LE	Pleiades Astrophoto	http://pixinsight.com/	Image processing software	
IRIS 5.57	Christian Buil	http://www.astrosurf.com/buil/us/iris/iris.htm	Free image processing & camera	
1105 5.57	Christian Bun	http://groups.yahoo.com/group/Iris_software/	control	
K3CCD Tools	Peter	http://www.pk3.org/Astro	Camera control, stacking &	
	Katreniak	, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,	image processing	
MaxIm DL 5	Diffraction	http://www.cyanogen.com	Image processing & camera	
	Limited		control	
MIRA	Mirametrics Inc	http://www.mirametrics.com/	Image processing & camera control	
QMiPS32 1.81	Christian Buil	http://www.astrosurf.com/qm32/	Image processing	
Sigma	Ray Gralak	http://www.gralak.com/Sigma/	Image combining	
SigmaReject	Russell	http://www.rc-	Image combining plugin	
,	Croman	astro.com/resources/sigma_reject.html		
StellaImage 6	AstroArts	http://www.astroarts.co.jp/products/software.s html	Image processing	
RegiStar	Auriga Imaging	http://aurigaimaging.com	Registration software	
Registax 5	Cor Berrevoets	http://www.astronomie.be/registax/	Registration software	
Envisage	Meade	http://www.meade.com/support/downloads.ht	Cameras & Image processing	
Version 7.05	Instruments	ml		
Win245	Intricate Micro	http://www.intricate-ms.com/	Cookbook CB245 control	

Systems	
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Photo Editing Software Commonly Used for Astroimaging						
Software	Source	URL	Notes			
IrfanView	Irfan Skiljan	http://irfanview.tuwien.ac.at/	Graphics program (free)			
GIMP 2.6	GIMP	http://www.gimp.org/	8-bit graphics program (free)			
Paint Shop Pro	COREL	http://www.corel.com/	Low cost 16-bit graphics program			
X2						
Photoshop CS4	Adobe	http://www.adobe.com	High end graphics program			
Picture Window	Digital Light &	http://www.dl-c.com	Full 16 bit editing, many application notes on			
	Color		web site			

Commercial CCD & Video Cameras for Astroimaging					
Company	URL	Cameras	Notes		
Adirondack Video	http://www.astrovid.com/	Atik, Celestron, Canon,	CCD & Video		
Astronomy		Lumenera, QSI, SBIG,	cameras		
		Starlight Xpress, StellaCam			
		II, etc			
Apogee Instruments	http://www.ccd.com/	Alta, AP & KX Series	CCD cameras		
Celestron	http://www.celestron.com	NexImage			
Finger Lakes	http://www.fli-cam.com/	IMG, IMGX, & MaxCam,	CCD cameras		
Instrumentation		Series			
Meade	http://www.meade.com/	Deep Sky Imagers, LPI, etc.	CCD & Guide		
			cameras		
OpticsStar	http://www.opticstar.com	DS & AG Series	CCD & Guide		
			cameras		
Orion Telescopes	http://www.telescope.com/	Orion StarShoot Pro Deep	CCD & Guide		
and Binoculars		Space Color CCD Camera,	cameras		
		StarShoot Solar System			
		Color Imager III, etc			
QHYCCD	http://www.qhyccd.com/index.html	QHY Series	CCD cameras		
Quantum Scientific	http://QSImaging.com	QSI 500 Series	CCD cameras		
Imaging	http://tech.groups.yahoo.com/group/QSI-				
	ccd/				
Santa Barbara	http://www.sbig.com	ST & STL Series	CCD & Guide		
Instrument Group	http://groups.yahoo.com/group/SBIG/		cameras		
(SBIG)					
Fishcamp	http://www.fishcamp.com/index.html	Starfish Guide camera	Guide cameras		
Engineering					
Starlight Xpress	http://www.starlight-xpress.co.uk	SXVF & SXV Series	CCD & Guide		
			cameras		

Build Your Own CCD Camera for Astroimaging					
Camera	URL	Notes			
Cookbook CB245 & CB211	http://www.wvi.com/~rberry/cookbook/cookbook.htm	CB245 is very popular, uses TI-245			
Audine CCD camera	http://www.astrosurf.com/audine/English/index_en.htm	Audine CCD camera uses KAF-0400			

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- Murnaghan Instruments, http://www.e-scopes.cc/Murnaghan\_Instruments\_Corp56469.html
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- Optec, Inc., http://www.optecinc.com
  - Telecompressor lens for CCD cameras, PC-controllable filter slides/filter wheels and pre-viewer equipment

# **AstroPhoto Insight Magazine**

AstroPhoto Insight master index http://astrophotoinsight.com/node/575

#### **CCD Astronomy Magazine**

- CCD Astronomy was published from spring 1994 to winter 1997 with four issues per year.
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  - Especially summer 1995 for the article *Starting Out Right* by Douglas George.
    - This is a must to read article for anyone starting in CCD imaging.

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  - Issue #12, Noise in CCD Cameras by Richard Berry
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  - 1999 5<sup>th</sup> Edition, From Darkroom to Digital
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  - 2006 December, How to make a lunar mosaic
  - 2006 October, Shooting through the light
  - 2006 September, Big results from a small package
  - 2006 September, Yankee digital dandy
  - 2006 July, Designed to shoot the sky
  - 2006 June, Relive the Red Planet's big show
  - 2006 May, Astronomer for a night
  - 2006 April, Eye on the southern sky
  - 2005 November, Shoot the Moon
  - 2005 September, Stalking star clouds
  - 2005 August, Image like a pro
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  - 2005 May, Small eyes on the sky
  - 2005 April, Sharper photos with film
  - 2004 September, Shooting the sky
  - 2004 September, Cannon 10D digital camera

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- 2004 May, All-sky fireball network
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- 2004 March, Capturing aurorae
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- 2003 December, Imaging with webcams
- 2003 November, A night with the Feras
- 2003 October, Simple telescope shooting
- 2003 September, Basic CCD techniques
- 2003 August, Imaging the Red Planet
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- 2003 March, Testing a CCD trio
- 2003 January, Join the Hunt (for extrasolar planets)
- 2002 September, Capture the Sky from Kitt Peak
- 2002 July, Over the Rainbow
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- 2002 February, Catching the Light Digitally Enhancing Your Astrophotos
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- 2000 April, In Cyber Color
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- 2000 February, Capture the Sky on a CCD
- 1999 September, Adaptive Optics Meet CCDs
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- 1997 February, In Search of Faint Galaxies
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- 1995 February, Catching Comets with a CCD
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  - 2005 April, I Pursuit of the Ultimate Image
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- 1999 July, Under One Roof (MaxIm DL)
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- 1998 November, Astrophotography with a Twist, Digital Image Processing
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  - Telescopes & Camcorder, A Match Made in Heaven
- Vision Systems Design Magazine, http://www.vision-systems-design.com
  - 1998 June, Off-The –Shelf Software Provides Astronomy Researchers with Deblurred Images
- Back issues of Observatory Techniques Magazine, (605) 226-1078, Email: otm@midco.net. This
  magazine is not being published in any more. Issues 1 23 were published and had information on
  CCD imaging.

# **CCD Astroimaging Conferences and Organizations**

- OMSI Astronomy Conferences and Workshops, http://www.stargazing.net/david/OMSI/index.html
- AstroImage conferences by the Orange County Astronomers, http://www.ocastronomers.org/astroimage/2006/index.asp
- Society for Astronomical Sciences symposiums, http://socastrosci.org/
- Advanced Imaging Conference http://www.aicccd.com/flash/index.html
- Transitsearch.org, discovering transit planets orbiting stars, http://www.transitsearch.org/index.htm
- AAVSO: American Association of Variable Star Observers, http://www.aavso.org/
- Center for Backyard Astrophysics, http://cbastro.org/

# **CCD Astroimaging Web Articles**

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  - A talk presented at the January 1999 meeting of the American Association of Physics Teachers Anaheim, CA
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- U. of Virginia
  - History of Photometry in Astronomical Observations http://www.astro.virginia.edu/~afs5z/photometry.html
  - History of Photography in Astronomy http://www.astro.virginia.edu/~afs5z/photography.html
  - Hall of Precision Astrometry http://www.astro.virginia.edu/~afs5z/engines.html

# CCD Astroimaging Images on the Web (Also check Astroimaging Astronomer's Web Sites below)

- Cookbook CCD Camera Image Gallery, http://www.wvi.com/~rberry/cookbook/cookbook.htm
- CCD Images of Messier Objects, http://zebu.uoregon.edu/messier.html

#### Selected Astronomer's Web Sites

- Berry, Richard http://www.wvi.com/~rberry/
  - Author of many books, articles & software programs.
  - Co-author of *The Handbook of Astronomical Image Processing*
  - Cookbook CB245 camera information & images
- Brewster, Jon http://astro.brewsters.net
  - Meade LX200 and 416XT techniques and images
- Burnell, James http://www.jburnell.com/
  - Co-author of *The Handbook of Astronomical Image Processing*
  - HX916, Cookbook CB245 camera images, AIP4WIN imaging processing software
- Carrico, Tom http://www.ccdargo.com/
  - SBIG ST-10ME and ST-7E camera images
- Cidadao, Antonio http://www.astrosurf.com/cidadao/
  - Lunar & planetary CCD imaging
- Cole, Michael The Urban Imager http://home.earthlink.net/~urbanimager
  - SBIG ST10XE & ST-7 camera images
- Cook, Lew CCD Photometry http://www.geocities.com/lcoo/
- Denny, Bob http://dc3.com/
  - ACP Observatory Control Software, PinPoint Astrometric Engine, Astronomer's Control Panel (ACP1)
- Forsberg, Andy http://pages.prodigy.net/cs-imaging/
- Goldman, Don http://www.astrodon.com/
  - RGB Weight Calculator for CCD Astrophotography
- Graham, Glenn Imaging Web Page, http://home1.gte.net/res0jwg1/astronomy
  - SBIG STV, Meade Pictor 216xt & webcam images
- Haworth, David http://www.stargazing.net/david/
  - QSI 500, Nikon D70, Fastar SBIG ST-237, Nikon Coolpix 990, ToUcam & Cookbook CB245 camera images
- Kenyon, Dave http://my.starstream.net/davekenyon/kao/
  - SBIG ST-7 camera images and CCD articles
- Lodriguss, Jerry http://www.astropix.com/INDEX.HTM
  - Film images and digital imaging techniques articles
- Mais, Dale http://mais-ccd-spectroscopy.com/
  - Spectroscopy, ST-8
- McLaughlin, William http://nightskypictures.com/
  - Author of the Astronomy Magazine article In Search of Faint Galaxies.
  - Many types of CCD cameras, images & imaging articles
- Mobile Astronomical Society http://skywatch.brainiac.com/astroland/index.htm
  - Astrovideography
- Okano, Kunihiko http://www.asahi-net.or.jp/~rt6k-okn
  - SBIG ST-7E camera images, DDP image processing techniques and images
- Puckett, Tim http://www.cometwatch.com
  - Apogee AP7 camera images
- Stephens Robert http://members.dslextreme.com/users/rstephens/
  - SBIG ST-7 camera images
- Trimarchi, Eddie, FITS Plugin for Photoshop http://astroshed.com/
- Tucker, Roy http://gpobs.home.mindspring.com/gpobs.htm
  - Moving Object and Transient Event Search System (MOTESS)
- Wallis, Brad http://www.frazmtn.com/~bwallis
  - SBIG ST-7 camera images
- Webber, Larry, FocusMax http://users.bsdwebsolutions.com/~larryweber/
- West, Rob http://www.rwest.org/

• Cookbook CB245 camera images

# **CCD Astroimaging Computer CD-ROMs**

- Photoshop for Astrophotographers CD-ROM, Jerry Lodriguss
- CCD Imaging CD-ROM, Software Bisque, http://www.bisque.com/
  - Includes FOSTER CCD Imaging electronic book.
  - Before and after processed images
  - SkyPro CCD astronomy software demo (V2.04) with over 1,000 sample images taken with a wide range of optical instruments.
- The Ultimate CCD Collection, Images by Jack Newton & Don Parker
  - SkyPro CCD astronomy software demo (V2.04) with over 300 color images.
  - Images are provided in 24-bit TIFF, JPEG and 8-bit bitmap files.
  - http://www.bisque.com/

#### **CCD Observing**

- New Mexico Skies Guest Observatory, http://www.nmskies.com
- Nightly and Advanced Observing Program at Kitt Peak, the National Optical Astronomy Observatory (NOAO)
  - http://www.noao.edu/outreach/aop
- Observatory, Bed & breakfast, Jack Newton, http://www.jacknewton.com
  - Arizona Sky Village & Osoyoos, BC, Canada

# **CCD Astroimaging Email List Servers**

- Yahoo! Groups Top>Science>Astronomy has many groups on CCD cameras & image processing software
  - 266 groups in http://dir.groups.yahoo.com/dir/Science/Astronomy/Astrophotography
- CCD list send "subscribe ccd" to Majordomo@listserv.wwa.com

#### **CCD Astroimaging Video Tapes**

- Image Processing in Astronomy and other CCD videos, STV Press & Video, Tom Cleveland (800) 493-3005
  - http://www.thinkvideo.com/astronomy.html
- 1996 Santa Barbara Instrument Group CCD Imaging Conference video tapes http://www.sbig.com
  - Try to obtain the ST-4 tape if you are just starting to use the ST-4.

#### Webcam

- Yahoo Groups QuickCam and Unconventional Imaging Astronomy Group, http://groups.yahoo.com/group/QCUIAG
- Yahoo Groups ToUcam Group, http://groups.yahoo.com/group/ToUcam/
- Haworth, David, Philips PCVC740K ToUcam PRO PC Video Camera http://www.stargazing.net/david/toucam/index.html
- Cidadao, Antonio, Logitech grayscale QuickCam http://www.astrosurf.com/cidadao/quickcam.htm

#### **Astroimaging with Standard Digital Cameras**

- Digital camera T-mount adapters are available from CKC Power, http://www.ckcpower.com/ and Scopetronix http://www.scopetronix.com/.
- Bryan, http://webpages.charter.net/bbiggers/DCExperiments/index.html, has an extensive web site on digital cameras.
- Buil, Christian, http://www.astrosurf.com/buil/us/test5/cp9901.htm, review of Nikon Coolpix 990 in French.
- Haworth, David, http://www.stargazing.net/david/Nikon990/index.html, images of the Sun and Moon with a Nikon Coolpix 990 and Orion ShortTube 80mm Refractor.
- Konkel, Greg, http://www.nwgis.com/greg/equip.htm using an Olympus C-2020 Z Digital Camera

- Lonestardigital.com, http://www.lonestardigital.com/coolpix950.htm, Online Digital Photography
  Magazine, has lots of information on the Coolpix 950 and 990 and includes a Moon image with
  Coolpix 950 using a CKC Power Spotting Scope.
- McKee, Bret, http://www.imaging-resource.com/ARTS/ASTRO/ASTRO.HTM, has a nice one-web page overview article on Digital Camera Astrophotography.
- Salzgeber, Philipp, http://www.salzgeber.at/astro/moon/aristarchus2.html, has a Moon image taken with 5.1" Newton telescope with a Coolpix 950 digital camera.

#### **Astronomy Websites Lists**

- Sky & Telescope Magazine Astronomy Web Sites, http://skyandtelescope.com/resources/internet/article\_330\_1.asp
- Astronomy Links http://www.btlguce.com/Links.htm
- More Info on CCDs and Astronomical Image Processing http://www.phy.duke.edu/~kolena/talks/moreinfo.html
- Astronomy links http://www.geocities.com/shepard\_d/all.html

#### **Book Stores**

- Large astronomy book vendor: Willmann-Bell, Inc. http://www.willbell.com/ccd/index.htm
- Amazon.com book store online search, http://www.amazon.com/
- Powells a local Portland book store with online search, http://www.powells.com/