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 - By providing incentives for astronomical observation and research, and
 - By fostering communication among amateur astronomical societies.



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Michael A. Hotka
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Re: Lunar Imaging Award #1303-I

Dear Mike:

I was very pleased to receive your excellent and beautifully imaged submission for the Astronomical League's Lunar Imaging Program. I offer my congratulations to you on completing all the photographic tasks with such skill. I am enclosing your certificate. (I know you already have the lunar pin from 2003, but I am sending along the newer version in case you'd like to have it.)

For reasons of which you are aware as a national director, we have been asked to adhere to strict *Reflector* deadlines. Since we have passed the September 1 deadline for the December issue, this award will appear in the March issue.

As you know, the Solar System Imaging Program requires a highly varied set of imaging skills. It calls upon observers to photograph widely varying subjects that include white light solar imaging, lunar imaging, faint planet imaging, sunrise or sunset azimuth change imaging, asteroid detection and imaging, eclipse imaging, comet imaging, Jovian satellite imaging, occultation and transit imaging, Saturn ring imaging, and much more. These projects take time and dedication and completing them is a significant achievement.

To date, over 20,000 certificates have been issued to over 7,000 different individuals completing observing programs that began as early as 1967. Your support of these programs as a

national director, a coordinator, and a master platinum observer have been keys to that success and is greatly appreciated.

I wish you all the best with your future imaging and citizen science work.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Chuck", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Chuck Allen
Lunar O. P. Coordinator

Enclosure