

Don Machholz's Messier Marathons							
#	Date	#	Location	Instrument	Missed Objects, Notes	# completed	# Clouded Out
1	1979 Mar. 23/24	107	Loma Prieta, CA.	10", f/3.8 rl.	M74, M110, M30. First viewing of 104-107 objects	1	
2	1979 Mar. 30/31	108	Loma Prieta, CA.	10", f/3.8 rl.	M74, M33. First viewing of 108 objects.	2	
3	1980 Mar. 12/13	109	Loma Prieta, CA.	10", f/3.8 rl.	M30. First viewing of 109 objects. No charts, only audio.	3	
4	1980 Mar. 15/16	109	Loma Prieta, CA.	10", f/3.8 rl.	M30. Found the first 60 objects from memory.	4	
5	1981 Mar. 05/06	109	Loma Prieta, CA.	10", f/3.8 rl.	M30	5	
6	1981 Apr. 03/04	107	Loma Prieta, CA.	10", f/3.8 rl.	M77, M74, M33. I viewed a total of 599 objects	6	
7	1982 Mar. 20/21	70	Loma Prieta, CA	10", f/3.8 rl.	Then clouds interfered.		1
8	1983 Jul. 09/10	96	Loma Prieta, CA.	10", f/3.8 rl.	M 42, 43, 78, 50, 79, 47, 46, 48, 41, 93, 44, 67, 1, 35.	7	
9	1984 Mar. 19/20	109	Loma Prieta, CA.	10", f/3.8 rl.	M30. Moon = 3.0 days past Full.	8	
10	1985 Mar. 15/16	77	Loma Prieta, CA.	80mm,20x Bino.	Then clouds interfered.		2
11	1985 Mar. 15/16	92	Loma Prieta, CA.	10", f/3.8 rl.	Then clouds interfered.		3
12	1985 Mar. 19/20	107	Loma Prieta, CA.	80mm,20x Bino.	M74, M110, M30.	9	
13	1985 Mar. 19/20	109	Loma Prieta, CA.	10", f/3.8 rl.	M30.	10	
14	1988 Mar. 11/12	86	Uvas Res., CA.	10", f/3.8 rl.	Then clouds interfered.		4
15	1988 Mar. 18/19	109	Loma Prieta, CA.	10", f/3.8 rl.	M30.	11	
16	1990 Mar. 24/25	67	Henry Coe Park, CA	10", f/3.8 rl.	Then clouds and fog interfered.		5
17	1990 Mar. 30/31	109	Loma Prieta, CA.	10", f/3.8 rl.	M74	12	
18	1993 Mar. 20/21	109	Colfax, CA	6" rl.	M30	13	
19	1994 Mar. 18/19	82	Colfax, CA	6" rl.	Then clouds interfered.		6
20	1995 Mar. 24/25	108	Colfax, CA	6" rl.	M74, M30	14	
21	1999 Mar. 12/13	100	Colfax, CA	6" rl	To M69, then comet hunt	15	
22	2000 Mar. 31/01	63	Colfax, CA	6" rl.	2-Hour evening session only		7
23	2001 Mar. 25/26	88	Nr Joshua Tree, CA	6" rl	Then clouds interfered.		8
24	2001 Mar. 26/27	110	Nr Joshua Tree, CA	6" rl	None	16	
25	2002 Mar. 17/18	109	Colfax, CA	6" rl.	M30	17	
26	2002 Oct. 29/30	106	Dutch Flat/Colfax CA	6" rl.	M4, 104, 68, 83. 36% moon in morning sky.	18	
27	2003 Mar. 29/30	108	Dutch Flat/Colfax, CA	6" rl.	M72, M73. From memory.	19	
28	2003 Oct. 29/30	105	Dutch Flat/Colfax CA	6" rl.	M4, 61, 104, 68, 83.	20	
29	2004 Mar. 24/25	108	Nr Joshua Tree, CA	6" rl	M74, M30. From memory	21	
30	2004 Mar. 25/26	110	Nr Joshua Tree, CA	6" rl	From memory. Plus all nine planets.	22	
31	2005 Mar. 13/14	109	Colfax, CA	6" rl.	M30. From memory, with checklist.	23	
32	2006 Mar. 23/24	110	Nr Joshua Tree, CA	6" rl	From memory, No checklist.	24	
33	2006 Mar. 24/25	110	All Arizona MM Site	6" rl	From memory, No checklist.	25	
34	2006 Mar. 25/26	102	All Arizona MM Site	6" rl	From memory. Clouds. Miss M74, 33, 31, 32, 110, 72, 73, 30.	26	
35	2007 Aug. 12/13	85	Dutch Flat, CA	6" rl.	Clouds for first part of evening		9
36	2007 Mar. 16/17	109	Colfax, CA	6" rl.	M30. From memory, with checklist.	27	
37	2007 Mar. 23/24	100	Dutch Flat, CA	6" rl.	From memory. Clouds, M77, 74, 33, 31, 32, 110, 55, 72, 73, 30.	28	
38	2008 Mar. 24/25	97	Dutch Flat, CA	6" rl.	M74,28, 22, 69, 70, 54, 55, 75, 15, 2, 72, 73, 30. Clouds in AM		10
39	2008 Oct. 25/26	105	Dutch Flat, CA	6" rl.	M80, 4, 83, 68, 104.	29	

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40	2009 Mar. 26/27	109	Nr Joshua Tree, CA	6" rl.	From memory. M74	30	
41	2009 Mar. 27/28	109	All Arizona MM Site	6" rl.	From memory. M74	31	
42	2009 Mar. 28/29	110	All Arizona MM Site	6" rl.	From memory	32	
43	2010 Mar. 13/14	109	Colfax, CA	6" rl.	M30. From memory	33	
44	2011 April 2/3	107	Colfax, CA	6" rl.	M77, M74, M33. From memory.	34	
45	2012 Feb. 24/25	102	Colfax, CA	6" rl.	M69, M70, M2, M55, M75, M72, M73, M30	35	
46	2012 Mar. 23/24	110	All Arizona MM Site	6" rl.	From memory	36	
47	2012 Mar. 24/25	84	All Arizona MM Site	6" rl.	Clouds in PM, even more in AM.		11
48	2014 Mar. 28/29	109	All Arizona MM Site	6" rl.	Clouds in PM, then clear. From memory for all except M30.	37	
49	2014 Mar. 29/30	60	All Arizona MM Site	6" rl.	Cloudy in PM, overcast after midnight. From memory.		12
50	2015 Mar. 20/21	109	All Arizona MM Site	6" rl.	M30. From memory	38	
51	2015 Mar. 21/22	109	All Arizona MM Site	6" rl.	M30. From memory.	39	
52	2015 Mar. 27/28	108	Blue Canyon Airport	6" rl.	M74, M30. From memory.	40	
53	2016 Mar. 15/16	105	Colfax, CA	6" rl	M75, M55, M72, M73, M30. From memory.	41	
54	2017 Mar. 24/25	70	Wikieup, AZ	6" rl	Clouds in AM		13
55	2020 Mar. 15/16	109	Stargazer, AZ	6" rl	M30. 50% moon up in AM, used my new MM book (on phone).	42	
56	2020 Mar. 23/24	110	Stargazer, AZ	10", f/3.8 rl.	From memory.	43	
57	2020 Mar. 24/25	66	Stargazer, AZ	16", f/4.6	Dobsonian mount. From memory with blank checklist. Clouds in AM.		14
58	2020 Mar. 26/27	107	Stargazer, AZ	100mm, 25,40x Bino	M74, M77 (clouds), M30 (clouds). From memory. Starchair 3000.	44	
59	2020 Mar. 27/28	109	Stargazer, AZ	5.3" 29x Blue Bino	M74, From memory.	45	
60	2020 Mar. 29/30	108	Stargazer, AZ	5.3" Refr Blue	M74, M77 (clouds) From memory.	46	
61	2020 June 17/18	95	Stargazer, AZ	100mm, 25,40x Bino	From memory. Maximum available. Starchair 3000.	47	
62	2021 February 10/11	103	Stargazer, AZ	10", f/3.8 rl.	From memory, maximum available, missed M15, 2, 55, 75, 72, 73, 30	48	
63	2021 March 13/14	109	Stargazer, AZ	16", F/4.6 rl	M30. Dobsonian mount.	49	
64	2021 March 16/17	109	Stargazer, AZ	100mm, 25,40x Bino	M30. From memory, no checklist. Starchair 3000 on trailer.	50	