

# Clouds 2



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This skew-T unfortunately must be taken with a grain of salt, though, since not only does altocumulus lenticularis usually occur directly in the wake of a mountain range, but also there were clearly no such formations moving east in the sky that day. Discussions of the relation between skew-T data and altocumulus lenticularis, as well as a description of the reason for their formation is described in the previous Clouds project submission [3].

The field of view was approximately 20 degrees. At this angle, the farthest point of the largest formation is most likely ~7 miles away, making the camera about 11000m away from the center of the target. The lens focal length was 18mm, Aperture was f/13.0, the exposure time was 1/400 s, exposure was set to “Normal program”, ISO was 400, and the lighting was ambient. The camera is a Canon Digital Rebel XT. The beginning and final image size are the same at 3,456 x 2,304 pixels. The only modification to the image was an iPhoto “retouch” to eliminate a black spot in the right portion of the image.

I'm pleased that I was able to take photos that day. Unfortunately, I did miss out on some pretty interesting images earlier when I didn't have my camera on me (those clouds never reformed). This image did turn out quite well, though. The largest lenticularis coming down from the diagonal is an excellent attention grabber. The satellite lenticularis provides for a strange but pleasantly asymmetrical figure that causes the viewer's eyes to scan through the entire image, and the faint stratisformis provide a pleasant background detail that would otherwise be replaced by empty blue sky.

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