Space Weather Highlights 07 – 13 July 2008

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Solar activity was very low. No flares were detected. The visible disk was spotless.

No proton events were observed at geosynchronous orbit.

The greater than 2 MeV electron flux was at high levels on 13 July.

Geomagnetic field activity began the period at mostly quiet levels. Late on 11 July the geomagnetic field became active due to a co-rotating interaction region (CIR), ahead of a coronal hole high speed stream. Wind speed values increased from roughly 350 km/s on 07 July to values of over 500 km/s and interplanetary magnetic field Bz component varied between +/- 12 nT with the arrival of the CIR. As the coronal hole high speed stream became geoeffective on 12 July, wind speeds continued to increase to a maximum of around 730 km/s by the end of the summary period. The geomagnetic field was at quiet to minor storm levels on 12 July and then settled to quiet to active conditions on 13 July as the wind speed values leveled off.

Space Weather Outlook 16 July – 11 August 2008

Solar activity is expected to be very low.

No proton events are expected at geosynchronous orbit.

The greater than 2 MeV electron flux at geosynchronous orbit is expected to reach high levels on 16 July, 19 - 21 July, and again on 09 - 11 August.

Geomagnetic field activity is expected to be at quiet to unsettled levels 16 - 18 July due to the current coronal hole high speed stream. On 19 - 21 July expect mostly quiet conditions as the high speed stream rotates out of a geoeffective position. A recurrent coronal hole high speed stream is expected to be geoeffective on 22 - 26 July, increasing activity levels to quiet to unsettled conditions with isolated active periods possible on 23 July. On 27 July to 06 August expect predominately quiet conditions as the Earth moves out of the influence of the coronal hole high speed stream. Another recurrent coronal hole high speed stream is expected to become geoeffective on 07 - 11 August. The geomagnetic field is expected to be at quiet to unsettled levels during this timeframe with minor storm conditions possible on 08 August and active conditions likely on 09 August.



Daily Solar Data

| | Radio | Sun | un Sunspot X-ray | | | Flares | | | | | | |
|---------|---------|------|--------------------------|---|---|------------|---|---|---------|---|---|---|
| | Flux | spot | Area | Area Background | | X-ray Flux | | | Optical | | | |
| Date | 10.7 cm | No. | (10 ⁻⁶ hemi.) |) | С | M | X | S | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| 07 July | 66 | 0 | 0 | <a1.0< td=""><td>0</td><td>0</td><td>0</td><td>0</td><td>0</td><td>0</td><td>0</td><td>0</td></a1.0<> | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 08 July | 66 | 0 | 0 | <a1.0< td=""><td>0</td><td>0</td><td>0</td><td>0</td><td>0</td><td>0</td><td>0</td><td>0</td></a1.0<> | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 09 July | 66 | 0 | 0 | <a1.0< td=""><td>0</td><td>0</td><td>0</td><td>0</td><td>0</td><td>0</td><td>0</td><td>0</td></a1.0<> | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 10 July | 65 | 0 | 0 | <a1.0< td=""><td>0</td><td>0</td><td>0</td><td>0</td><td>0</td><td>0</td><td>0</td><td>0</td></a1.0<> | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 11July | 66 | 0 | 0 | <a1.0< td=""><td>0</td><td>0</td><td>0</td><td>0</td><td>0</td><td>0</td><td>0</td><td>0</td></a1.0<> | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 12 July | 65 | 0 | 0 | <a1.0< td=""><td>0</td><td>0</td><td>0</td><td>0</td><td>0</td><td>0</td><td>0</td><td>0</td></a1.0<> | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 13 July | 65 | 0 | 0 | <a1.0< td=""><td>0</td><td>0</td><td>0</td><td>0</td><td>0</td><td>0</td><td>0</td><td>0</td></a1.0<> | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

Daily Particle Data

| | | •) | Electron Fluence (electrons/cm ² -day-sr) | | | | |
|----------|--|--|--|---|--|--|--|
| >1 MeV | >10 MeV | >100 MeV | | MeV >4 MeV | | | |
| 8.2E + 5 | 1.8E+4 | 4.2E+3 | 4.8 | E+6 | | | |
| 1.1E+6 | 1.9E+4 | 4.3E+3 | 5.4 | E+6 | | | |
| 1.2E+6 | 1.8E+4 | 4.6E + 3 | 5.9 | E+6 | | | |
| 9.8E+5 | 1.8E+4 | 4.3E+3 | 4.7 | E+6 | | | |
| 1.6E+6 | 1.9E+4 | 4.3E+3 | 2.0 | E+6 | | | |
| 2.2E+6 | 1.7E+4 | 3.9E+3 | 4.3 | E+6 | | | |
| 2.2E+6 | 1.6E+4 | 3.5E+3 | 7.8E+7 | | | | |
| | (proto >1 MeV 8.2E+5 1.1E+6 1.2E+6 9.8E+5 1.6E+6 2.2E+6 | >1 MeV >10 MeV 8.2E+5 1.8E+4 1.1E+6 1.9E+4 1.2E+6 1.8E+4 9.8E+5 1.8E+4 1.6E+6 1.9E+4 2.2E+6 1.7E+4 | (protons/cm²-day-sr) >1 MeV >10 MeV >100 MeV 8.2E+5 1.8E+4 4.2E+3 1.1E+6 1.9E+4 4.3E+3 1.2E+6 1.8E+4 4.6E+3 9.8E+5 1.8E+4 4.3E+3 1.6E+6 1.9E+4 4.3E+3 2.2E+6 1.7E+4 3.9E+3 | (protons/cm²-day-sr) (electrons/cm²-day-sr) >1 MeV >10 MeV >100 MeV >.6 MeV >2M 8.2E+5 1.8E+4 4.2E+3 4.8 1.1E+6 1.9E+4 4.3E+3 5.4 1.2E+6 1.8E+4 4.6E+3 5.9 9.8E+5 1.8E+4 4.3E+3 4.7 1.6E+6 1.9E+4 4.3E+3 2.0 2.2E+6 1.7E+4 3.9E+3 4.3 | | | |

Daily Geomagnetic Data

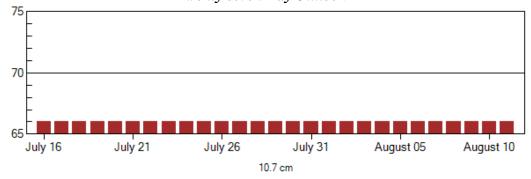
| | Middle Latitude | | | High Latitude | I | Estimated |
|---------|-----------------|-----------------|----|-----------------|----|-----------------|
| | Fredericksburg | | | College | | Planetary |
| Date | Α | K-indices | A | K-indices | A | K-indices |
| 07 July | 2 | 1-1-0-0-1-1-0-0 | 1 | 0-1-1-0-0-0-0-0 | 3 | 1-1-0-0-1-0-0-2 |
| 08 July | 1 | 0-0-0-0-1-1-1 | 1 | 0-0-0-0-0-1-1 | 2 | 1-0-0-0-1-1-2 |
| 09 July | 3 | 0-1-0-1-1-1-2-1 | 2 | 1-1-0-1-1-0-1-1 | 4 | 1-1-0-1-1-0-1-2 |
| 10 July | 2 | 1-0-0-1-1-1-0-1 | 2 | 1-0-0-2-2-0-0-0 | 4 | 1-0-0-1-1-2-1-2 |
| 11 July | 6 | 1-0-2-1-2-2-3 | 9 | 1-1-1-4-3-1-2-2 | 7 | 1-1-1-1-2-1-2-3 |
| 12 July | 16 | 3-4-3-4-3-2-3-2 | 29 | 3-3-6-5-5-3-1-2 | 21 | 3-5-5-4-3-3-2-2 |
| 13 July | 10 | 2-2-3-2-2-1-3-3 | * | 3-*-5-6-5-3-3-2 | 14 | 2-2-3-3-3-3-3 |

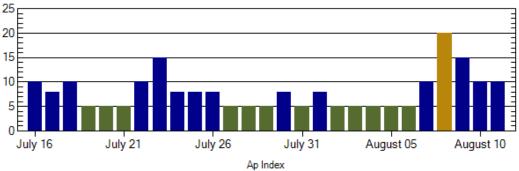
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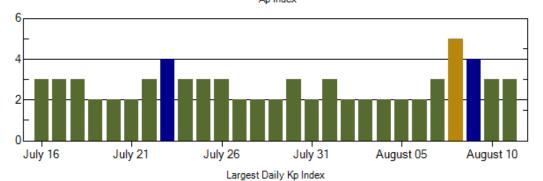
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|----------------------|--|--------------------------|
| Date & Time of Issue | e Type of Alert or Warning | Date & Time of Event UTC |
| 11 Jul 2333 | WARNING: Geomagnetic K = 4 | 11 Jul 2345 – 12/1600 |
| 12 Jul 0003 | ALERT: Geomagnetic $K = 4$ | 12 Jul 0000 |
| 12 Jul 0316 | WARNING: Geomagnetic $K = 5$ | 12 Jul 0330 – 1600 |
| 12 Jul 0328 | ALERT: Geomagnetic $K = 5$ | 12 Jul 0326 |
| 12 Jul 1422 | EXTENDED WARNING: Geomagnetic $K = 4$ | 11 Jul 2345 – 12/2359 |
| 13 Jul 1156 | ALERT: Electron 2MeV Integral Flux ≥1000pf | u 13 Jul 1135 |
| 13 Jul 2000 | WARNING: Geomagnetic $K = 4$ | 13 Jul 2000 |
| 13 Jul 2002 | ALERT: Geomagnetic $K = 4$ | 13 Jul 2001 |



Twenty-seven Day Outlook







| | Radio Flux | Planetary | Largest | | Radio Flux | Planetary | Largest |
|---------|------------|-----------|----------|-----------|------------|-----------|----------|
| Date | 10.7 cm | A Index | Kp Index | Date | 10.7 cm | A Index | Kp Index |
| 16 July | 66 | 10 | 3 | 30 July | 66 | 8 | 3 |
| 17 | 66 | 8 | 3 | 31 | 66 | 5 | 2 |
| 18 | 66 | 10 | 3 | 01 August | 66 | 8 | 3 |
| 19 | 66 | 5 | 2 | 02 | 66 | 5 | 2 |
| 20 | 66 | 5 | 2 | 03 | 66 | 5 | 2 |
| 21 | 66 | 5 | 2 | 04 | 66 | 5 | 2 |
| 22 | 66 | 10 | 3 | 05 | 66 | 5 | 2 |
| 23 | 66 | 15 | 4 | 06 | 66 | 5 | 2 |
| 24 | 66 | 8 | 3 | 07 | 66 | 10 | 3 |
| 25 | 66 | 8 | 3 | 08 | 66 | 20 | 5 |
| 26 | 66 | 8 | 3 | 09 | 66 | 15 | 4 |
| 27 | 66 | 5 | 2 | 10 | 66 | 10 | 3 |
| 28 | 66 | 5 | 2 | 11 | 66 | 10 | 3 |
| 29 | 66 | 5 | 2 | | | | |



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|------|------------|--------|---------|------------|------------------|---------------|------|------------|-----------|--|
| | Pate Time | | X-ray | | ical Information | ı | Peak | Sweep Freq | | |
| Date | | | ½ Integ | | Imp/ | Imp/ Location | | Radio Flux | Intensity | |
| | Begin | Max | Max | Class Flux | Brtns | Lat CMD | # | 245 2695 | II IV | |
| No . | Events Obs | served | | | | | | | | |

Flare List

| | | Optical | | | |
|--------|--------------------|---------|-------|----------|-----|
| | Time | X-ray | Imp / | Location | Rgn |
| Date | Begin Max End | Class. | Brtns | Lat CMD | |
| 07 Jul | No Flares Observed | | | | |
| 08 Jul | No Flares Observed | | | | |
| 09 Jul | No Flares Observed | | | | |
| 10 Jul | No Flares Observed | | | | |
| 11 Jul | No Flares Observed | | | | |
| 12 Jul | No Flares Observed | | | | |
| 13 Jul | No Flares Observed | | | | |

Region Summary

| | Sunsp | ot Characte | risucs | | | | | | | | |
|------------------------|---------------------------------|-------------|--------|-------|-------|-----|---------|-----|--|--|--|
| Flares | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Helio | Area Extent | t Spot | Spot | Mag | X-ray | | Optical | | | | |
| Date (° Lat ° CMD) Lon | (10 ⁻⁶ hemi) (helio) | Class | Count | Class | C M X | S 1 | 2 3 | 3 4 | | | |

No Regions Reported

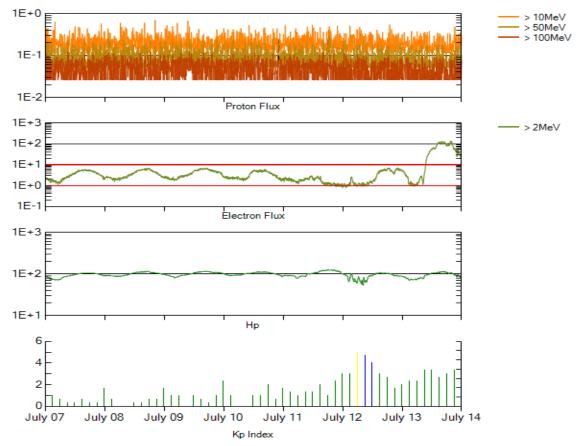


Recent Solar Indices (preliminary) Of the observed monthly mean values

| | Sunspot Numbers Radio Flux Geomagnetic | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|-----------|--|------|--------|--------|--------|------------|-------|-----------|-------|--|--|--|--|
| | Obsamiad | _ | | | walnas | | | | - | | | | |
| M 4 | Observed | | | Smooth | | *Penticton | | Planetary | | | | | |
| Month | SEC | RI | RI/SEC | SEC | RI | 10.7 cm | Value | <u>Ap</u> | Value | | | | |
| | | | | | 2006 | | | _ | | | | | |
| July | 22.6 | 12.2 | 0.54 | 27.2 | 15.3 | 75.8 | 80.3 | 7 | 8.7 | | | | |
| August | 22.8 | 12.9 | 0.57 | 27.6 | 15.6 | 79.0 | 80.3 | 9 | 8.7 | | | | |
| September | 25.2 | 14.5 | 0.58 | 27.7 | 15.6 | 77.8 | 80.2 | 8 | 8.7 | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| October | 15.7 | 10.4 | 0.66 | 25.2 | 14.2 | 74.3 | 79.4 | 8 | 8.6 | | | | |
| November | 31.5 | 21.5 | 0.68 | 22.3 | 12.7 | 86.4 | 78.5 | 9 | 8.5 | | | | |
| December | 22.2 | 13.6 | 0.61 | 20.7 | 12.1 | 84.3 | 77.9 | 15 | 8.5 | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 2007 | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| January | 26.6 | 16.9 | 0.64 | 19.7 | 12.0 | 83.5 | 77.5 | 6 | 8.4 | | | | |
| February | 17.2 | 10.6 | 0.62 | 18.9 | 11.6 | 77.8 | 76.9 | 6 | 8.4 | | | | |
| March | 9.7 | 4.8 | 0.49 | 17.5 | 10.8 | 72.3 | 76.0 | 8 | 8.4 | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| April | 6.9 | 3.7 | 0.54 | 16.0 | 9.9 | 72.4 | 75.2 | 9 | 8.5 | | | | |
| May | 19.4 | 11.7 | 0.60 | 14.2 | 8.7 | 74.5 | 74.2 | 9 | 8.4 | | | | |
| June | 20.0 | 12.0 | 0.60 | 12.8 | 7.7 | 73.7 | 73.2 | 7 | 7.8 | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| July | 15.6 | 10.0 | 0.64 | 11.6 | 7.0 | 71.6 | 72.5 | 8 | 7.4 | | | | |
| August | 9.9 | 6.2 | 0.63 | 10.2 | 6.1 | 69.2 | 71.8 | 7 | 7.6 | | | | |
| September | | 2.4 | 0.50 | 9.9 | 5.9 | 67.1 | 71.5 | 9 | 7.8 | | | | |
| 1 | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| October | 1.3 | 0.9 | 0.70 | 10.0 | 6.1 | 65.5 | 71.5 | 9 | 7.9 | | | | |
| November | 2.5 | 1.7 | 0.68 | 9.4 | 5.7 | 69.7 | 71.1 | 5 | 7.8 | | | | |
| December | | 10.1 | 0.62 | 8.1 | 5.0 | 78.6 | 70.5 | 4 | 7.8 | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | 2008 | | | | | | | | |
| January | 5.1 | 3.4 | 0.67 | | | 72.1 | | 6 | | | | | |
| February | 3.8 | 2.1 | 0.55 | | | 71.2 | | 9 | | | | | |
| March | 15.9 | 9.3 | 0.58 | | | 72.9 | | 10 | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| April | 4.9 | 2.9 | 0.59 | | | 70.3 | | 9 | | | | | |
| May | 5.7 | 2.9 | 0.51 | | | 68.4 | | 6 | | | | | |
| June | 4.2 | 3.1 | 0.74 | | | 65.9 | | 7 | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | • | | | | | |

NOTE: All smoothed values after September 2002 and monthly values after March 2003 are preliminary estimates. The lowest smoothed sunspot index number for Cycle 22, RI = 8.0, occurred in May 1996. The highest smoothed sunspot number for Cycle 23, RI= 120.8, occurred April 2000. *After June 1991, the 10.7 cm radio flux data source is Penticton, B.C. Canada. Prior to that, it was Ottawa.





Weekly Geosynchronous Satellite Environment Summary Week Beginning 07 July 2008

Protons plot contains the five-minute averaged integral proton flux (protons/cm²-sec -sr) as measured by GOES-11 (W135) for each of three energy thresholds: greater than 10, 50, and 100 MeV.

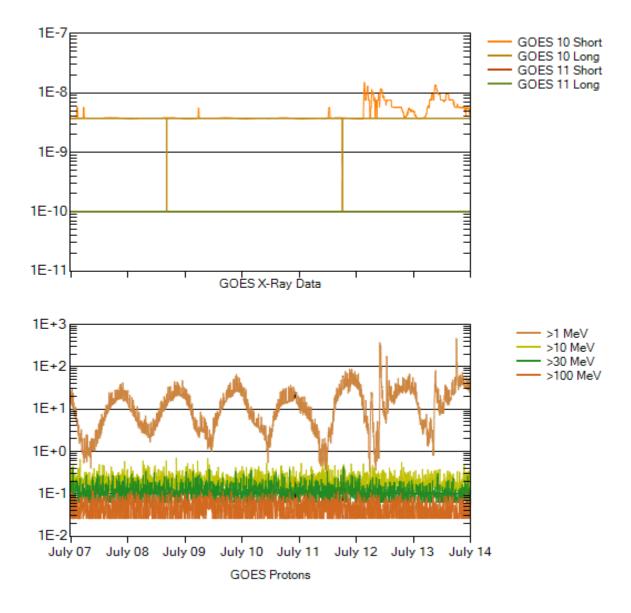
Electrons plot contains the five-minute averaged integral electron flux (electrons/cm²-sec -sr) with energies greater than 2 MeV at GOES-12 (W075).

Hp plot contains the five minute averaged magnetic field H - component in nanoteslas (nT) as measured by GOES-12. The H component is parallel to the spin axis of the satellite, which is nearly parallel to the Earth's rotation axis.

Kp plot contains the estimated planetary 3-hour K-index (derived by the Air Force Weather Agency) in real time from magnetometers at Meanook, Canada; Sitka, AK; Glenlea, Canada; St. Johns, Canada; Ottawa, Canada; Newport, WA; Fredericksburg, VA; Boulder, CO; Fresno, CA and Hartland, UK. These data are made available through cooperation from the Geological Survey of Canada (GSC), British Geological Survey (BGS) and the US Geological Survey. These may differ from the final Kp values derived from a more extensive network of magnetometers.

The data included here are those now available in real time at the SEC and are incomplete in that they do not include the full set of parameters and energy ranges known to cause satellite operating anomalies. The proton and electron fluxes and Kp are "global" parameters that are applicable to a first order approximation over large areas. H parallel is subject to more localized phenomena and the measurements generally are applicable to within a few degrees of longitude of the measuring satellite.





Weekly GOES Satellite X-ray and Proton Plots

X-ray plot contains five-minute averaged x-ray flux (watts/ m^2) as measured by GOES 10 (W060) and GOES 11 (W135) in two wavelength bands, .05 - . 4 and .1 - .8 nm. The letters A, B, C, M and X refer to x-ray event levels for the .1 - .8 nm band.

Proton plot contains the five-minute averaged integral proton flux (protons/cm² –sec-sr) as measured by GOES-11 (W135) for each of the energy thresholds: >1, >10, >30 and >100 MeV. P10 event threshold is 10 pfu (protons/cm²-sec-sr) at greater than 10 MeV.

