



Newsletter December 2009

Seasons Greetings from Atik Cameras!

Hello from a frosty, snowy, Norwich. It really feels like Christmas is with us. It's been a huge year for Atik as the cameras have gained in popularity and we have welcomed many new Atik users. Atik itself has also grown, and we now have a software engineer Jonathan and marketing manager Jennifer on board. With this growth spurt we have backed up on a number of new products we have been developing. The good news is we are now able to announce details of many of these (later in Newsletter) and are now in production. These should see us build on our reputation of great quality and sensible pricing. It should be a very exciting 2010.

I would like to say thanks to all our customers and wish you all a very happy Christmas.

Cheers

Steve

Many thanks to everyone who has tried Dawn and provided feedback on it - this has been very useful, and further comments are always welcome. This month I have been working on additional functionality including a new filter action, a facility to save and load workflows, and a new action to create a colour image from monochrome images in each of three colour bands, for release in the new year. Best wishes to everyone over the festive season!

Cheers,

Jonathan

Season greetings Atik fans!

I would like to thank you all that have supported us during this fantastic year. It was a very busy one, especially towards the end, but it surely was worth every minute! Providing you with the best products at a reasonable cost is our main goal, a goal that we will continue to pursue. New products have just been announced, and more will come in 2010, so stay tuned!

Rui Tripa

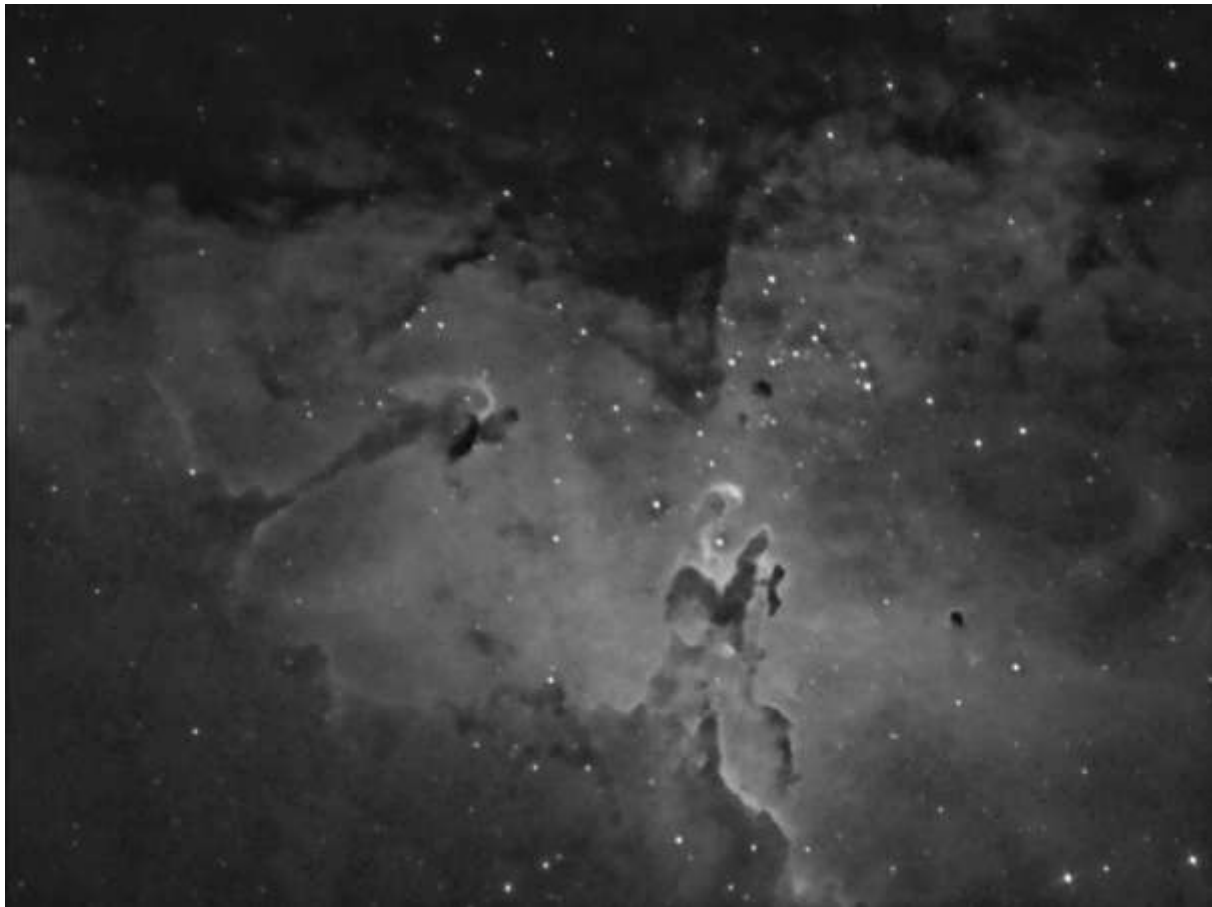
Hi all,

It's exciting times at Atik with all the new products being released, I would like to show you my brief efforts with the prototype of one of the new items, the off axis guider. The M16 image below was taken during the warm weather of August this year using a Vixen VC200L fitted with the off axis guider and 16IC as guide camera. The main camera was a 314L+ fitted with a Baader 7nm hydrogen alpha filter. The whole set was mounted on my G11 and I'm happy to say that there were many guide stars to choose from in the window of the 16IC. The total exposure time was just 15 minutes taken in 5 minutes subs due to a tree and this being such a low object for us in the UK.

I would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a happy new year

Regards

Vince



Just a reminder....

The 3rd Annual Atik Photography Competition is well under way so get your images in to us asap! We would really like to see more large format entries. We know you 4000 and 11000 users are out there so let's see what you've got. The prizes this year as well are the best they have been with first prize being a weekend with well known astro-photographer, Olly Penrice at his Astro-photography B&B, Les Granges in 'clear night, every night' France. In addition to this, the winner will receive an Atik 314L+ camera. All entries will be printed and displayed at AstroFest 2010 so get your images in to competition@atik-cameras.com.

The deadline of January 15th is fast approaching

ATIK Cameras

3rd Annual Photography Competition

Email your ATIK photo to competition@atik-cameras.com

Top Prize

- * ATIK 314L+ CCD Camera
- * Two free nights of Astronomy B & B at Les Granges Astronomy Farmhouse in Provence. Includes the use of the observatories including free imaging tuition & two evening meals of fine French cuisine.

Runner Up

- * Choice of ATIK 16IC or ATIK Filter Wheel

3 Categories for Entry

- * Atik 16, 16IC, 16IC-S, Artemis 429
- * Atik 16HR, 314L+, 314E, Artemis 285
- * Atik 4000, 11000, Artemis 4021, 11022

- maximum file size 5Mb
- non winning entries from previous years can be re-submitted
- entries will be printed and displayed at Astrofest 2010
- deadline for entries is 15th January 2010
- Atik reserves the right to use photos entered for promotions, crediting the imager

All entries may be viewed at:

www.Atik-Cameras.com



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*model shown 314L+

Winner Spring 2009
George Ioannidis
M27 - The Dumbell Nebula
Atik 16-IC-S

And now without further delay...

The new releases from Atik!

Atik 383L+

The new Atik 383L+ is an 8 Megapixel camera using the Kodak 8300 CCD. Built on the platform of the highly successful Atik 314L+ this fabulous new camera has a huge number of good sized pixels and will be available at an irresistible price. With the same low read out noise and reliability you have come to expect from Atik, this camera should redefine mid range astro-imaging.



Atik 320E

The new Atik 320E is a 2 million pixel camera allowing very high resolution images to be taken that will look great on the web or printed A4 or larger. Its relatively small pixels make it ideally suited to the popular short focal length refractors.

Based on the highly regarded Atik 3 series platform, this camera gives the lowest read out noise of any camera currently available to amateur astronomers at a very competitive price.



Atik 2 inch Filter Wheel

The new Atik EFW2 boasts multiple filter capacity with exchangeable filter disks, and large 54mm openings on each side, allowing it to easily support sensors up to full frame (35mm) format. In addition it is slim and lightweight with a slick design.



Atik Off-Axis Guider

As a complement to the Atik EFW2, this Off-Axis Guider features a moving prism, extremely smooth and precise fine focus, and three extension rings for use with different types of cameras. The Atik OAG will be available January 2010.



For more information and detail specifications on these products, please visit our website: <http://www.atik-cameras.com/html/news.html>

Well here we are at the end of 2009 and what a year it has been! I would like to thank everyone who has supported Atik over the past year and I ask for your continued support in the one to come. With a load of new products having just been released and a growing fan base, I think this one will be the best yet. Happy Christmas & New Year!

Jennifer



Christmas Tree Nebula by Vincent Bygrave

In next month's newsletter...

1. AstroFest 2010
2. ATIK on Facebook! Still to come...
3. And Happy New Year!

Until then- Adios Amigos!