



## Feature Story: First Comments on the Mercury Transit of May 6, 2016

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As of this writing (May 14), the ALPO Solar Section received 26 submissions of observations of the Mercury Transit. The transit was well-advertised in the JALPO and Solar blog through John Westfall's article about the transit. In order to accommodate the request to provide a number of images taken exactly at the full hour, a number of submissions were filed which were taken to the second at XX.00 .00 UT. It is our understanding that some of these images have been used by individuals to re-calculate the distance between the Earth and the Sun (1 AU). In addition, several composite images showed the planet as it tracked in front of the sun and during ingress and egress. Take a look at the archive to see what was submitted:

[http://www.alpo-astronomy.org/gallery/main.php?g2\\_itemId=82053](http://www.alpo-astronomy.org/gallery/main.php?g2_itemId=82053)

We thank all who took the time to observe this event and submit their observations.

