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**Summary:** On Feb. 4th and 5th, the interplanetary magnetic field (<u>IMF</u>) near Earth tilted south, opening a crack in Earth's magnetosphere. Solar wind poured in and fueled auroras over Scandinavia and Russia. See also <u>January 2009</u>.

Photographer, Location	Images	Comments
Fredrik Broms, Kvaløya, Norway Feb. 5, 2007	#1, more	Bright auroras tonight in Northern Norway and it almost felt like the bright half Moon was almost outshined for a little while. It made a very nice couple in the sky! Took this shot around midnight local time through my window.  Photo details: 400 ISO, 3 second exposure, Nikon D3, Nikkor 20mm f/2,8
Aleksander Chernucho, Mt. Khibiny, Kolyskia peninsula, Russia Feb. 5, 2009	#1, #2, #3, #4, more	<b>Photo details:</b> Nikon D700 iso640-800 6-10 s. f3.5-4
Jostein Johansen, Tromsø, Norway <b>Feb. 4, 2009</b>	#1, #2, #3, #4	Auroras and Venus over Kvaløya, Tromsø Taken from my balcony with Canon EOS 1000D, Kit lens, Iso 800, 4 sec, not totally dark and moon present. The auroras lasted for more than one hour, and took on many shapes.

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