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Subject: Re: Julian Day Numbers

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J.D. Smith (jdsmith@astro.cornell.edu) writes:

> IDL just cribbed the code from Numerical recipes, which itself cribbed  
> the code from somewhere else. They state: "A convenient reference  
> points is that Julian Day 2440000 began at noon of May 23, 1968". If  
> you give that a try, you find IDL has correctly implemented the NR  
> routine. This leaves the question of the Astronomical Almanac. Since  
> virtually everyone agrees (there are hundreds of julian calculators on  
> the net) on the julian scale but AA, we have to presume (horrors), that  
> it is in error.

Maybe we should hand count the days until we get it right. :-)

Cheers,

David

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