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The President's Message

Hi All:

Well I now know how Lee felt on his last year; so far we have had four star parties and so far we have had four cloudy nights. It can be a little frustrating to have the weather man give you a good report for the weekend on Monday then on Thursday it all turns to muck. But hopefully the weather will improve through the month.

This month we have a star party for Adams Elementary on Thursday the 27th April. They are located at 2200 E. 2500 No in Layton. Take the road to the east of the school and follow around to the rear play ground; we set up there. We will also be having our first public party of the year at Antelope Island on the 22 and then on the weekend of the 28th and 29th we are going down to Dead Horse Point State Park. On May 6th we will be having a Astronomy Day Solar Party at Wall-Mart in Layton; thanks to Mike for setting this one up.

This past month we had our Messier Marathon and was, of course, clouded out. I showed up a little late to find most of the Membership was turning in at 9:00. I had come from doing building inspector classes in Richfield, so I just jumped in the truck and left for home. I was just about to the Tooele exit and looked up to see clear skies, but I kept on trucking hoping the clouds would follow me and give the rest of the group some good seeing.

Clear Skies
Craig

OAS Minutes, Feb 2006

The Monthly meeting of the Ogden Astronomical Society was held on March 9 at the Ott Planetarium. President Craig Browne called the meeting to order. Two school star parties were announced; Bates Elementary on 3/16 at 6pm, Sunset Jr. High on 3/31. The Messier Marathon will be held March 23 & 24. Discussion was held on possible sites. The site that was chosen was out near Knolls. There was talk about updating the OAS logo. Members can submit their ideas to Mike Klein or bring them to the April meeting. We are looking for a location for Astronomy Day. It is on May 6th. We want a location that is going to be a place that people will see us. A couple of ideas that we are checking on are the Air Force Museum and the Layton Wal-Mart. The time was then turned over to Dr. Palen. She gave an enhanced version of the talk that she gave to SLAS a couple of weeks ago. It was a very interesting talk about the expanding universe and some of the new ideas that Astronomers are trying to observe. After Dr. Palen finished speaking, we adjourned. Some of us adjourned to Village Inn for an after meeting meal and visit.

David Dunn

Mare Crisium

There hasn't been much imaging going on, here. New equipment to learn and get working, too many clouds, too much work, etc, etc. Hopefully I can get it going again, but here's a quick snapshot of the Moon's Mare Crisium.

Jim Seargeant

