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The President's Message

Hello All:

We have had a very busy summer this year it seems that everyone wants us for a star party this is good but it sure keeps some of us hopping. Our Monte Cristo camp out was real nice we had good skies up to Saturday it was clouded out but we were all given a green laser safety lesson by Doug Say that proved to be most entertaining. Our tea parties were nice, good conversation and Doug sandwiches seem to go together. Our party at Kent's market was slow as usual if anyone has a suggestion on how to improve our attendance for this location please let us know. I would like to thank all who have come to the girl's camp star parties and helped out.

We will be back up to Monte Cristo for our August camp out on the weekend of the 5th and 6th who knows what lesson we will be treated to this time but if clear skies prevail then who cares. I know I sound like a broken record on this but if you have ever been up on Monte on a good clear night you know how good it can be. Try and come up if it is clear you will not be sorry you did. For you new members out there we always try and monopolize loop E it is the first left as you come in to the campground the road that goes to the meadow is just East of the campground entrance follow it up you will see scopes setup there. I don't know if I would take my Honda up the road but I do see a few cars up there from time to time. We also have a girl scout Star party at Fort Buenaventura on Friday the 12th. I know that we have a Kent's Market that night but I think we should cancel it for a party that we know we will have some impact at. On the 13th we will be out to Antelope Isle for our public party. I think the entrance will be the same as last time if you have a scope you get in free no scope its \$8.00 to get in, then on the 19th we have been asked to set up some

scopes up at the Needles Lodge at Snow Basin. The Western horizon will be blocked but the East will be very good. We will be taking the gondolas up to the lodge and setting up from there. They are talking about asking us up for future parties so I do feel this could be a very good thing for us.

One thing that has me a little nervous is the email that is going around about Mars being as big as the full moon in August this came from the opposition of two years ago but it has raised its ugly head again this year. I have been receiving about two calls a week on this so if you receive the email, send it out to all your contacts and tell them it is bunk. I would hate to see a repeat of the Antelope Isle of two years ago.

Clear skies

Craig Browne

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No formal meeting was held. We had some real fun tea parties including one where we watched some astronomy lectures that Lee Priest has acquired. The lectures were very interesting and done in a fun way that was easy to understand. Maybe Lee will bring them again and we can watch some of the others. My family also enjoyed a trip to the beach at Bear Lake.

One other star party that should be mentioned is our public star party at Eden park on 7/30. This looked like a good location last year even though we had clouds. If the clouds go away this weekend, come on up.

Dave