President's Message

Hi everybody,

For those of you that were not able to attend any of July's activities, I want to tell you what a great month we had.

Our Monte Cristo trip was a great turn out with two new members coming up and about 10 other members. The skies were ok most of the time and we got some good observing in and a whole lot of visiting. If you can make it, please try to come to the August 10 Monte Cristo campout. I will be there on Wednesday the 8th and we will have the whole loop reserved for us. (We were all kind of scattered last time).

On July 28th we had another Snowbasin lunar party. Our member turn out was disappointing. We only had four telescopes and 5 members attend. The pubic turn out was very good. If you have not ever been up there, you are sure missing out. A great ride up the gondola and a discounted dinner, it is a treat.

I encourage all members to get signed up on the yahoo newsgroup list so you can get all the latest emails. This is how we communicate what's happening on a regular basis.

The September meeting is fast approaching so that means that the nominating committee is looking for future OAS officers. So if you want to be more involved in the club, now is the time to step forward. For those of you that have moved, changed email addresses, phone #s, etc. Please let us know so that we can update member list.

On Saturday August 4th we have another star party at Antelope Island. I hope to see you all there. Dr. Armstrong will be the guest speaker.

We have about 15 coffee mugs left for sale. The price is $15.00 each. They have the OAS logo set over a nebula background. They are very nice looking. These can be custom made to order and can be done in small quantities. We also have two mouse pads left.

Mike Klein.

OAS Minutes, July 2007

No monthly meet was held for July 2007.

David Dunn.

Monte Cristo July

Monte Cristo in July was quite fun. We had a bit of bad luck with some evening clouds and some smoke in the air. The Star Party was well attended. We had a couple of fun "Tea Parties" and were able to meet a few of our new members. We did get a little viewing in on several of the nights. Hopefully August will be better for the Star part of the party.
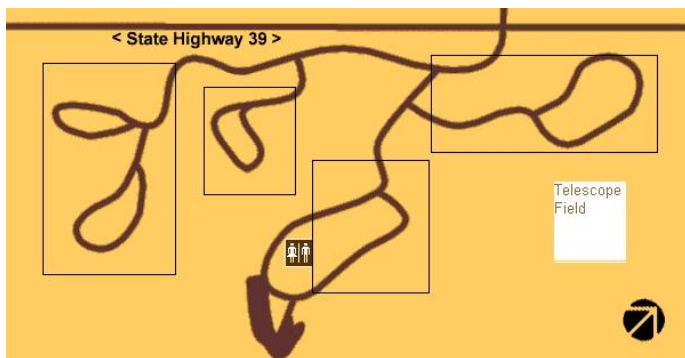
Monte Cristo

Our next Monte Cristo Star Party is Aug 9th through the 12th. The following, from in last month's Star Diagonal, is included for those that are new to the club.

For those that are new to OAS, our Monte Cristo Star Parties are one of the highlights of the year. This is a star party where we go camping at the Monte Cristo campground on highway 39 in Rich County. The formal star party is Friday and Saturday nights. Many of us arrive as early as Tuesday to get more observing time. When the weather is nice, this can be a great place to observe from. We are at almost 9000

ft. The light domes from the cities are far away so they don't interfere with our observing. When the air is stable, we have seen really neat detail in galaxies like M101 and M51. The dust lanes in M31 are real nice as well.

We obtain a permit to use a meadow to the north of the campground. We set up our telescopes there. We have potluck dinners on Friday and Saturday night. We also have "Tea Parties" each day at around lunch time. These are fun events where we sometimes discuss different astronomy topics or just enjoy each others company. We usually have several snacks prepared for the tea parties. They have included chips and salsa, cookies, chips and Doug Sandwiches (Ritz cracker, Salami, sharp Cheddar cheese and a Jalapeño pepper).

Map of Monti Cristo campground. There are more restrooms than noted. You want to try to get in the small loop by the Telescope field. The other loop near the field is also close.