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The President's Message

Hi All:

Now the holidays are over with and it is time to look to what we will be doing for the next year. I will try and have a calendar of events ready for the meeting this month. I will schedule the Monte Cristo campouts but if you would like to do some others please come and let us know your ideas, we will try and fit them in. We will be having our monthly star parties at Antelope Island this year. I think we will be up at Snow Basin on full moon weekends. I know it's not the best seeing conditions at full moon, but the numbers of the public that comes up there are outstanding. It gives us a lot exposure, I believe we have had a few members join from the star parties up there.

This month we will be watching the new show at the Planetarium. I tried to get Dr. Palen to give us a preview of her talk at the Clark Planetarium, but she is going to be at the American Astronomical Society Conference. By the way, her talk is on Black Holes. She will be giving it at the premier of the Clark Planetarium's new show, "Black Holes". The premier is on January 17th. The cost is \$20 or \$15 if you are a member of the Clark Planetarium. Several of us are planning to go to this event. If you plan on going, you should get your tickets early. I'm sure it will be sold out. Tickets are available at the ticket counter at Clark Planetarium or with a credit card by calling 801-456-4966.

Mike Kline will have our Stardust coins at the meeting they look great and are \$10.00 for OAS members and \$13.00 for nonmembers. Come and get one before they are sold out. Also, thanks to Mike for arranging for the discounted rate at the Motel 6 for those of us going to see Stardust reenter over in Wendover on the January 14th. You need to tell them that you are with the Weber State/ OAS groups and

ask for the \$29.99 rate. Their phone number is 1-435-665-2267.

Clear Skies
Craig

OAS Minutes, Dec 05

The Monthly meeting of the Ogden Astronomical Society was held on December 8 at the Ott Planetarium. President Craig Browne called the meeting to order. Craig will have a proposed schedule of our Star Parties by the January meeting. One activity was announced, on Sunday January 15th, Star Dust will be returning to earth at 3am. We are planning to go to a site in Wendover where a bunch of people from NASA and the public will be watching it come in. According to estimates, it will be a magnitude -10 when it comes in. Dr. Palen talked about her plans for the \$1000000 grant money that the planetarium is going to receive. She plans to work on K12 Outreach especially to the rural communities, some national shows and a new computer system for rendering the shows more quickly. We then proceeded with the show and tell.

After show and tell we adjourned and some of the members went to Denny's for a snack.

David Dunn



Picture of the Stardust Coin.