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The President's Message

Hi All:

This month our meeting will be held at our Monte Cristo star party on Saturday the 9th of July at a time to be determined later. I always look forward to our camp outs. I am going to try and be up there on the 5th to increase my odds of having a good nights observing. Come on up, even if you can only make for one night, if it is as good a clear night like we have seen in the past, you will not be sorry you came up.

I would like to thank everyone for your support this last month we have had a busy schedule. Our Antelope Island star party was nice we had OK skies but a small turn out. This has been the story for most of the parties this year but we didn't leave anyone wanting to look through a telescope, we had almost as many scopes as public. Kent's market was about the same. The moonlight bike ride was a little windy we were afraid to get BOB out for fear that it would swing around and clobber someone, but the crowd was good. Seeing 400 little head lights coming across the causeway was impressive, see the picture on page 3.

This month we have our camp out at Monte on the 8th and 9th then on the 16th we will be at Kent's market. July 30th will find us up at Eden Park for a public party.

Our nominating committee will be contacting everyone coming up in the months ahead so if you have a nomination or would like to run for office please let them know.

Clear Skies

Craig

The meeting of the Ogden Astronomical Society was held on June 9. President Craig Browne called the meeting to order. We have several star parties coming up. On 6/10 at 11pm, we have a star party at WSU for the Walk For Life that will be going on overnight at the stadium. On Jun 17, we will be teaming with the Clarke Planetarium to do a star party for the Moonlight Bike Ride at Antelope Island. We will be setting up by the Marina. On June 18, we will be at Kent's Market for our public star party. For the next two months our regular meeting will be our star party at Monte Cristo. We also need to get together our Nominating Committee for our elections coming up in Sept. Lee Priest and Mike Klein both volunteered to be on the committee. We need one more person. The Nominating Committee members typically take 10 to 20 members on the list and call them to see if they want to run for office. If anyone is interested in being a part of the committee, please call or email Craig or I. Our phone numbers are listed above. We then watched the IMAX movie Destiny In Space.

- David Dunn

Monte Cristo Star Party

The Monte Cristo Star Partys are one of the highlights of the year for OAS members. The observing site has adark sky and is at a high altitude. In past years, using B.O.B. we have seen details in the spiral arms of M101. We also have a lot of fun getting together for potluck dinners and daytime chat sessions (called tea parties). The children always seem to have a good time playing together. The Monte Cristo campground is on Highway 39 about 30 miles east of Huntsville. Here are some details from Lee.

Hi All,

The Forest Service has approved our July 7, 8, 9, and 10 Monte Cristo Star party. They were concerned that with all the snow this winter, the meadow would be to wet to allow

vehicles to drive out there. The firebreak road and the meadow were dry last week and we now have our permit.

The star party events will be the same as they have been in the past. We will be at the Monte Cristo campground, loop E. They don't allow reservations so we could get spread out a little. Camping is \$12.00 per night and they have restrooms with running water and flush toilets. We will have our usual Pot Luck dinners Friday and Saturday evenings about 6:00 pm. Bring something for the barbeque and a side dish to share, we should have enough portable grills to share but if you have one bring it along. If you would like to come for the star party but don't want to camp, that's OK too. You can park in the meadow or at someone's campsite and join us, you don't even need a telescope, there will be plenty there you can look through.

If you have any questions just ask any of the officers or reply to the group.

Lee

Pictures From Antelope Island



Pictures from the Moonlight Bike Ride

