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The President's Message

Hello Everyone;

This month we will be holding our meeting up at Monti Cristo camp ground. This is not a formal meeting. We usually just get together and visit or watch a movie in the afternoon and have a snack. We have a potluck dinner together each evening. Please bring your own meat and a side dish to share. The official star party will be July 28th and the 29th. We do the potluck dinner on both nights. I am trying to make it up there on Tuesday (25th) for some R&R. We try to monopolize loop E. If you are tenting it you can share a space with one of us or get your own site.

We will be at Antelope Island on the 22nd of July. Last month we had a fantastic turn out from our members. This helped to keep lines small and made for a good night. Please beware that the nominating committee will be contacting you to ask if you would like to nominate or be nominated for a position with OAS. Please consider serving as one of the officers. There is some work involved in being an officer of the club, but it's not too bad and there are some rewards that come with it.

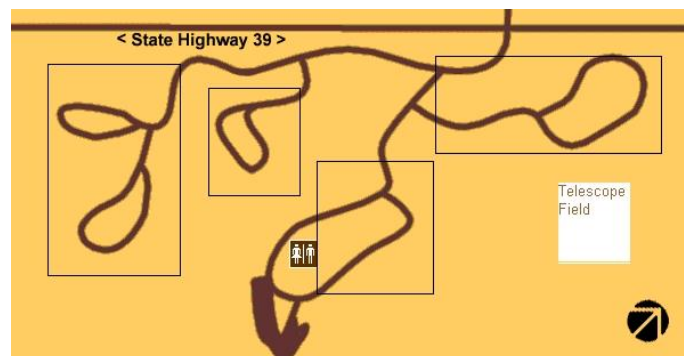
Clear Skies
Craig

OAS Minutes, June 2006

The Monthly meeting of the Ogden Astronomical Society was held on June 8 at the Ogden Airport Terminal. President Craig Browne called the meeting to order. Craig announced several star parties. We have a star party for the Cancer Walk at Weber State's stadium at 8:30 on 6/9. We also have

Antelope Island on 5/24. Volunteers were requested for the Nominating Committee. Dale Hooper, Wayne Sumner and Lee Priest volunteered to serve on the committee this year. We acquired a couple of new tools this month. As was mentioned last month, the mount that we have been using for the Coronado H-alpha telescope is broken. We had decided to get an Orion 100mm telescope for about \$450. Craig was able to acquire a Celestron 100mm refractor for \$334.83. This was on the same mount as the Orion and was less expensive because it was the floor model. The mount was steady. We are still waiting for the tracking motors. We will also need an anti-fringe filter. The Moon and Jupiter both show color around the edges. This is common with Achromatic refractors. We also bought a digital projector that we can use for star parties. We do many star parties where a lecture is requested. We have been using very old slides and a projector. Using this new digital projector, we will be able to use some of the new photographs from the web to make an up-to-date presentation. We spent some time checking out both of the new tools. After the meeting some of us adjourned to Village Inn for an after meeting meal and visit.

David Dunn



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.