



# THE STAR DIAGONAL

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## The President's Message

Hi All:

Well here we go, it is almost Spring and the old phone is starting to ring for star parties. This month we have a party for Bates Elementary on the March 16<sup>th</sup>. The school is located at 850 E. 3100 No. in North Ogden. They have asked for a 6:00 start time so they can get the children home early. We will be having our Messier marathon on the 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> at a site yet to be determined. Please bring a suggestion with you to the meeting. I am looking in to a area out by the testing range in the west desert but if you can think of a better one please let us know. Last but not least we will be at Sunset Jr. High School on the March 31<sup>st</sup>. The address is 1610 No. 250 W. in Sunset.

This month I have asked Dr. Stacy Palen to give us a talk and to my great pleasure she has accepted. If you have not had a chance to hear Dr. Palen do a talk, you must do so she is a true joy to listen to. Hopefully, our shirts will be in for this meeting so bring your money if you have ordered a shirt.

I would like to start seeing more of you out to the star parties. Come on out and join in. Come and see a child's face when they see Saturn for the first time. Trust me it is worth the effort. Come and enjoy the comradeship with like minded folks, if you just let it happen you will find yourself enjoying it. You don't even need to drag out the scope, just show up and wander around and look through others scopes and visit for a minute. I know that I find great enjoyment in it.

Clear Skies  
Craig

## OAS Minutes, Feb 2006

The Monthly meeting of the Ogden Astronomical Society was held on February 9 at the Ott Planetarium. President Craig Browne called the meeting to order. Craig handed out copies of our 2006 Star Party schedule for our public and our planned private star parties. SLAS is inviting members of OAS to a private star party at SPOC on 5/19. Dr. Palen will be speaking at the SLAS meeting on 2/28. Her talk is titled: "Dark Energy, the Accelerating Universe and the Cosmological Constant: News from the January American Astronomical Society Meeting". It will be held at the downtown campus of Salt Lake Community College. The address is 115 S. Main Street in SLC. Some of us are planning to attend so if you are interested in car pooling, contact one of the executive committee members. We have received a star party request from Bates Elementary in North Ogden. The date is 3/16. It is almost a third quarter moon so we are still working to firm up the date. For the main part of the meeting, we watched the new planetarium show. The title was "The Great Space Race". It was written by a local high school student and was entirely produced by students at Weber State. It was a really enjoyable show about the space race between the US and USSR. After the meeting some of us adjourned to Village Inn for an after meeting meal and visit.

David Dunn

## **Private Star Party Schedule**

March 24-25 – Messier Marathon – TBD  
April 28-29 – Dead Horse Point St. Park, UT  
July 27-29 – Monte Cristo  
August 24-26 – Monte Cristo  
October 20-22 – Cathedral Gorge St. Park, NV.

[OAS\\_News-subscribe@yahoogroups.com](mailto:OAS_News-subscribe@yahoogroups.com). Please include enough information so that I know who you are. If I don't know who you are, I will send you an email asking. We use this group to communicate with everyone about our events. We don't want to get it cluttered with Spam.

David Dunn

## **Antelope Island Star Party Schedule**

April 22  
May 27  
June 24  
July 22  
August 5  
September 23  
October 14

## **Snow Basin Star Party Schedule**

May 13  
June 10  
July 8  
August 12  
September 9  
October 7

## **Membership Notes**

This month we will be sending out a copy of the Star Diagonal to everyone through the regular mail. We do this once a year so that we can include a copy of the membership list with out sending it through the insecure internet.

The first column, PDF?, indicates how you want to receive the Star Diagonal. Y is through email, B is Both and blank is through regular mail. If you wish to change your preference, let me know.

We also have a private yahoo group that we use to notify everyone about up coming events. If you are not on the list, and want to be, you can join by sending an email to,