



# THE STAR DIAGONAL

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### *The President's Message*

Hi All:

This month we will be watching the DVD that I have it is called *Destiny in Space* it was an Imax movie and it looks to be interesting. The executive committee met this week and we have come up with a list of activities for the coming year I will try and have a calendar with the dates on them for everyone so if vacation time needs to be arranged you will have something to go by.

I would like to thank everyone that has come out to Eden Park and to Harmon's grocery store although the weather was not cooperative at either location we had a nice turn out by the members. Eden Park was cloudy to start the party it did clear off as the night went on we saw some straight shooting by Robert Hillier with a green laser shooting out two street lights in just a few seconds after some of us told him it could not be done. I think that we will be visiting the park in the coming year. The lunar party at the Roy Harmon's was pretty much a wash out we did get to see a quick glance of the eclipsing moon it looked a little less than quarter to me then the heavens let loose on us, but I did enjoy visiting with all who came.

We are going to be having our fall Messier marathon this month on the 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> it will not be at the Golden Spike Monument because of construction on there building we will be setting up a little farther west on BLM land I will be sending out an email with directions to the local when Dave and I come up with a location.

Craig Browne

### OAS Minutes, Oct 04

The meeting of the Ogden Astronomical Society was held on Oct. 14. President Craig Browne called the meeting to order at 7:30. It was announced that there are two star parties scheduled for October. One on 10/15 at the Bunderson Elementary and the other on 10/16 at the Eden Park. We still need more events logged for the Night Sky Network. In order to continue participating we need 5 events. We had only logged 3 so far. If you don't have time to enter the events, please send an email to [dunndave@aol.com](mailto:dunndave@aol.com). Include information on what part of the kit you used, what type of event was it (school, etc), estimate the number of kids and adults, tell what you thought of the materials. I will enter the events for you. Calendars that were ordered last month will arrive for the November meeting. We are planning to host a party to watch the total Lunar Eclipse on 10/27. It will be at Harmons in Roy.

The rest of the meeting was a discussion of possible events, etc, that we would like to see in the coming year. Some of the ideas were: A monthly star party at Harmons. Using Big D park for some of our public parties. Hooper City is willing to turn off the lights at their park for some star parties. A telescope buying class. Going to Lowell Observatory in June to look at Saturn and Jupiter. Hold our April Dead Horse Point star party in Cathedral Gorge, because the weather is nicer there. Hold a September star party at Dead Horse Point. Lee Priest had received a new Night Sky Network materials box. It has several new demonstrations. David Dunn passed the broken binoculars around and demonstrated the new blinking lights. The meeting adjourned at 8:40.

## **21 Years Ago In the Star Diagonal**

October 13, 1983 – The October meeting of the Ogden Astronomical Society was brought to order at 7:31 pm in the Ogden Chiropractic Clinic, President Tim Parry conducting. Carl Sandefur presented the month's "What's Up" presentation. Gary White presented the Constellation of the month. Gary described Sagittarius and the many deep sky objects it contains. Tim handed out an agenda for the upcoming meetings. The group considered the possibility of regularly scheduled Star Parties. A Star Party was scheduled for November 11 at Tim's house, rain or shine. After Show & Tell, the meeting adjourned. Some members retired to a coffee shop to continue informal discussion.

## **Star Party Reports**

We had a couple of good star parties last weekend. They both started off fairly cloudy and then cleared off for some enjoyable viewing. On Friday night, about 100 people came to Bunderson Elementary in Brigham City. Craig and I were able to show them some of neat things in the night sky. I think the kids and their parents had a good time, even with the long lines (only 3 telescopes). They may try again in the spring.

The Eden park was a pretty good site. There are a couple of Hg vapor lights near by that were annoying. I had heard that they could be turned off with a Laser. It worked real well. Mr. Hillier (as all the Jr. High kids call him) was a good shot. He took them right out. Of course they came back on a few times before we were finished. If the night had been looking better we would have walked over and asked the people if they could turn them out for a few hours and come over and enjoy the star party. I think it would be fun to try that location again some time.

David Dunn

## **Executive Committee Meeting**

As Craig mentioned, the Executive Committee met last Monday. We worked out a tentative schedule for the Star Parties this year. We still need to finalize them with Dr. Palen and the chosen sites. I think it is going to be a fun year. In addition to our July & August Monte Cristo parties, we have tentatively scheduled two for Golden Spike (March & End of October), Dead Horse

Point in September, Lowell Observatory in June and possibly Cathedral Gorge in April. We also are checking into a February Star Party in St. George or Mesquite. I think it will be fun to try a few more camping weekends. I am also looking forward to some hopefully warmer viewing of the winter sky.

Make sure that you let Craig know any ideas that you have for fun locations for Star Parties or any ideas that you have for a good meeting.

While we are begging for input, I can always use newsletter material.

Dave