



# THE STAR DIAGONAL

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## The President's Message

Hi All:

This month we will be watching the Ott Planetarium's show, Hubble Vision II. I want to express a big thank you to Dr. Palen, for accommodating us. I know I probably don't say it enough, but I think we all owe Dr. Palen and her staff a lot of gratitude for all they do for us. There are not a lot of amateur astronomy clubs out there with access to a planetarium so we should consider our selves lucky to have such a great place to meet.

This month we have a couple of school star parties coming up. The dates are not firm as of right now, but I will let you all know as soon as I do. We will also be trying to set up next years schedule so bring any ideas for star parties and outings to the meeting this month and we will try to fit in as much as we can. Also, bring your shirt orders, we will need to close the group order after the meeting so that we can have the shirts back for the December meeting.

This past month some of us was lucky enough to have a clouded out star party so we could attend the talk up at Weber State. It was on the expanding universe. It was a very informative and interesting talk, it some what helped me wrap my mind around the expanding universe. This is something that I have had trouble conceptualizing. I still have problems with some of it, but I know where they're coming from now. Just gaining that idea alone was worth the time to attend.

Clear Skies  
Craig

## OAS Minutes, Oct 05

The Annual meeting of the Ogden Astronomical Society was held on October 13. President Craig Browne called the meeting to order. Mike Klein had brought in some commemorative coin ideas that he

has been pursuing. We could design a coin for something like the Star Dust Mission. The coins could be produced for from \$4 to \$6 a piece. We could then sell them at various activities for about \$10. Mike is trying to get a couple of organizations so do this together. In general it sounded like we could possibly use this as a fund raiser. It will be discussed again.

Other announcements were: A star party in Bountiful on 10/27, A school star party in Sunset on 11/1, A private star party west of Promontory on 10/28 and 10/29, and A private star party in St. George on 11/4 and 11/5.

We then watched a movie on Teaching Astronomy to Kids. This movie showed how kids can have problems understanding some of the concepts that we explain to them. I thought the movie really pointed out that you some how have to show or have them act out the concept.

- David Dunn



A Picture of Doug at Monte Cristo. The ornament hanging from his hat was made by Les Bitton.