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The President's Message

Hi All:

It's hard to believe fall is already here but when I go and let the dogs out in the morning Orion is straight over head. The schools are starting to call for star parties so if you thought you were going to get some rest after the summer, think again. I would like to thank everyone for your support in the elections and I am looking toward serving one more year.

This month I am not sure of what will be presented I am working on getting a speaker for the meeting but I haven't confirmed it as of writing this so check your emails, I will let everyone know as soon as I can. We have our last monthly public star party this month at Antelope Island on the 1st, then on the 7th we have a star party at Adele C. Young Intermediate School in Brigham City the address is 830 Law Dr. if you take the first Brigham exit and head east to the first light then turn left (400 W.) take this to 700 So. and turn left once more follow it to Law Drive. and you will see the school we will be setting up in the back of the school we are expecting a good crowd so please come and help out. We might also have Bunderson Elementary again this month it is looking like it will be on the 21st but it is not in stone as of yet. We also have a members only party coming up but we are still working out on the location. Come to the meeting and we will be discussing it.

Clear Skies
Craig

OAS Minutes, Sept 05

The Annual meeting of the Ogden Astronomical Society was held on September 8. President Craig Browne called the meeting to order. Time was turned over to the Nominating Committee to introduce the candidates for OAS officers. The only candidates were the current officers and they were all eligible for

another term. A motion was made and carried to re-elect all the officers.

Craig then announced that the Snow Basin star party was successful. They had so many people come up that they ended out staying a hour extra. We have two public star parties before the next meeting. One is on 9/10 at Eden Park. We will be looking at the Sun and having a picnic prior to the observing. We also have a star party on 10/1 at Antelope Island. The new people at Antelope Island have been very friendly and it appears that we will be able to form a good partnership with them for future parties.

Craig also asked for input as to how many star parties we wanted. It was suggested that we have been a little busy and we should reduce the grocery store parties in April, May, September and October so that we can handle all the school and other party requests.

A suggestion was made that we hold another St. George Star Party on 11/4 & 11/5. Several members were interested so Dave Dunn will contact Debbie Whittacker to see if she wants to join us.

A discussion was held about the web pages. We currently have the web page maintained by Dr. Palen. Mike Klein and Larry Robley have also created a page that is free. The discussion revolved around having things like the calendar be updatable by someone in OAS so that we can do quick updates when Dr. Palen is not available. Some of the members also like Dr. Palen's web page because it reinforces the relationship between the planetarium and OAS. After some discussion, a motion carried that we would table any decision on the web pages for 3 months so that we could do more research into methods of eliminating duplicate sources of information.

- David Dunn

St. George Star Party

We have a members star party scheduled for St. George on November 4th and 5th. We are planning to go to Ft. Pearce, the same place we went last February. Debbie Whitaker will be joining us there. She has joined us for several star parties in Moab and St. George. She was also going to invite a couple of other astronomers that she observes with in St. George. The site is on public land and you could camp there if you want to. Some of us will be staying in St. George, probably at Motel 6. The sky at this site was very dark except for one area to the west. It has a great southern horizon.

Calendar Orders

It's about time to order next years observing handbooks. I will get the same three books we have gotten in the past. The Year in Space Desk Calendar, The Royal Astronomical Society of Canada's Observer's Handbook, and the Guy Ottewell Observers Calendar. The Price will depend on the quantity we order but they should be about \$10.00 for the desk calendar, \$27.00 for the RASC handbook, and \$26.00 for the Guy Ottewell Calendar. At the last meeting I passed around a sign up sheet for those interested, anyone else can sign up at the next meeting, call me, or E-mail me before October 20th and I will get you on the list. Phone: 479- 5803 E-mail "levae@aol.com"

Thanks,
Lee Priest

OAS Apparel Orders

We are preparing to submit and order that may be big enough to get the discounted prices on the attached spreadsheet. If you are interested in ordering a shirt or jacket, fill out the order form and either bring it to the meeting or send it to Lee Priest or Craig Browne.

I know that the attached form isn't very clear. If you can't read the attached form, it is available in our yahoo group file area. I could also send it to you in either pdf or excel format. Email me at DunnDave@aol.com. Make sure and put OAS in the subject.

Star Diagonal Delivery

The Star Diagonal is available by email, regular mail or both. If you want to change the way you receive it, email me at DunnDave@aol.com. Make sure and put OAS in the subject. The email option is nice when we have color pictures. It also should arrive before the regular mail because I send the email out and then head out to Kinkos. Currently it is about half and half for the delivery.

Star Diagonal Column

If anyone is interest in doing a monthly column, email me at DunnDave@aol.com. Make sure and put OAS in the subject. In the past we have had columns on photography, constellations, word puzzles and what's up for the month. Something like this would really make the Star Diagonal more interesting and useful.

