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The President's Message

SUCCESS AT LAST, a star party where you could actually see stars! It was at the August Monte Cristo camp out. The turnout was down a little and the weather was threatening most of the time, but viewing was good Friday and Saturday nights, I had my best views of Mars yet. I did manage to get first light on my new 16" truss dob. David Dunn and I have been building scopes together, he had his at the July Monte Cristo.

We have the annual business meeting and elections scheduled for September 4, your vote is important, please come and support the candidates.
Thanks,

Lee Priest
President
Ogden Astronomical Society

Upcoming Events & 2003 Star Party Schedule

Except for the OAS meetings, all events listed are star parties.

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| Sept 4 | OAS meeting, Ott Planetarium - Annual Business Meeting (moved to the first Thursday because of the Lowell trip)
Elections! Prizes! (If you get elected, you get to hold the office for a whole year! Imagine that!) |
| Sept 8, 9, 10 | Lowell Observatory, Flagstaff AZ. |
| Sept 27 | Antelope Island |
| Oct 9 | OAS meeting |
| Oct 25 | Antelope Island |

OAS Executive Committee Nominees for 2004

The nominating committee present the following nominees for the OAS Executive Committee offices for 2004.

For: **President**
Lee Priest (Unopposed)

For: **Vice President**
Cliff Peterson
Craig Browne

(Craig's nomination acceptance statement)

"Although I have only been a member of O.A.S. for just over a year now I am pleased to be nominated of the position of vice president and will do my very best to support the President and O.A.S. with any help that I can. I do not think that there is any need for changes in the club every one that is currently holding a position has done a super job and deserves our thanks and support. I will have a chicken in every light bucket and clear skies for every star party if I'm elected (just thought that I need to sound like a politician there).

Craig Browne"

For: **Secretary**
Jim Seargeant (Unopposed)

For: **Treasurer:**
Doug Say (Unopposed)

OAS Nominating Committee
Kay Hargis
Gary Liptrot
Ron Vanderhule

Webcam Imaging

After trying planetary imaging with my SBIG ST7 with only mixed success and reading the article on Webcam cameras in the June, 03 Sky & Tel, I purchased a Philips ToUcam from PocketScope and a 1 1/4" adapter from

Steve Mogg. I've taken a few sets of images of Mars, but have not yet processed them - looks promising, though. The Webcam approach to imaging may be just the ticket for those who don't want to take the plunge into CCD equipment as I did. As can be seen from these images, the camera is quite small and can be hung on most any sort of OTA and, compared to the cooled CCD cameras, is quite inexpensive. If any are interested in this sort of imaging, give me a call and we can kick it around a bit.

Jim Sargeant

