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President's Message

Hi everybody,

The monthly meeting of the OAS will take place on April 10th at 7:30pm at the Ott Planetarium at Weber State University. Mike is still working on the program and we will send out an announcement on OAS_News as soon as we hear back.

OAS Minutes, March 2008

The monthly meeting of the Ogden Astronomical Society was held at the Ott Planetarium on the campus of Weber State University on March 13, 2008. It was called to order by President Mike Klein at 7:30pm.

Announcements:

- We still have copies of the Star Diagonals available on DVD. We also have OAS window stickers available. You can pick these up at meetings and most star parties.
- We will be moving Jim McCormich's Observatory to Antelope Island. Jim has donated it to them. His son will help us load it using a crane.
- Sportsman's Warehouse has at Meade MySky at a good discount. Contact Dustin Klein if you want more details.
- Our Dead Horse Point star party is April 2nd through the 5th. You should get your reservations soon if you plan to attend.
- There will be a Messier Marathon star party at the Curlew Campground on April 4th and 5th. This will be a fun alternative for those that aren't planning to go to Dead Horse Point.
- April 10 – OAS Meeting for April

- April 11 – Young Intermediate School star party, Brigham City.
- April 12 – Antelope Island star party.
- April 24 – Bountiful Jr. High star party.
- May 1 – Adams Elementary star party.
- May 2 – Antelope Elementary star party.
- Kay Hargis still has a couple of Green Laser pointers for sale. They are \$35.

After the announcements and business, the time was turned over to Dr. Shane Larson. His presentation was titled "Whispers from the Cosmos: The Dawn of Gravitational Wave Astronomy". It was a very interesting presentation on Gravity, Gravitational Waves and how the scientists are working to detect them.

The meeting then adjourned and some of the members met at Village Inn for some refreshments and further conversation.

David Dunn

Star Party Schedule

The proposed dates for the public star parties are as follows.

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| Apr. 12 | Antelope Island |
| May 3 | Antelope Island |
| May 10 | Astronomy Day (TBA) |
| Jun. 7 | Antelope Island |
| Jul. 19 | Snowbasin |
| Aug. 16 | Snowbasin |
| Aug. 23 | Antelope Island |
| Sep. 6 | Antelope Island |
| Oct. 4 | Antelope Island |

Requested Star Parties

Apr. 11 Young Intermediate (Brigham City)

April 24 Bountiful Jr. High (Bountiful)
May 1 Adams Elementary (Layton)
May 2 Antelope Elementary (Syracuse)

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Our Private Star Parties are as follows.

Mar. 7-8 Messier Marathon (Curlew)
Apr. 2-5 Dead Horse Point
Jul. 30-Aug. 2 Monte Cristo
Aug. 27-30 Monte Cristo
Oct. 24-25 Messier Marathon (TBD)

Green Laser Pointers

Kay Hargis still has 2 or 3 Green Laser Pointers. If you are interested, please contact Kay or Mike Klien.

Messier Marathon

This year's Spring Messier Marathon will be held at two locations. One will be at Dead Horse Point State Park, near Moab. The other will be at the Curlew Campground.

For those attending the Dead Horse Point event, Dave Dunn and family will be in campsite #17. We will determine the best place to observe from when we get there.

The Curlew Campground is at Stone Reservoir which is about 6 miles north of Snowville. To get there, take the first Snowville exit. Head north following the road. After about 6.5 miles, the road turns right. A quarter mile after the right, you turn left onto a road that heads north again. There is a sign for the road but it is easy to miss. This is the road into the campground. The GPS coordinates of the campground are

42° 4.171'N 112° 41.470'W

We have four star parties that we have been requested to host.

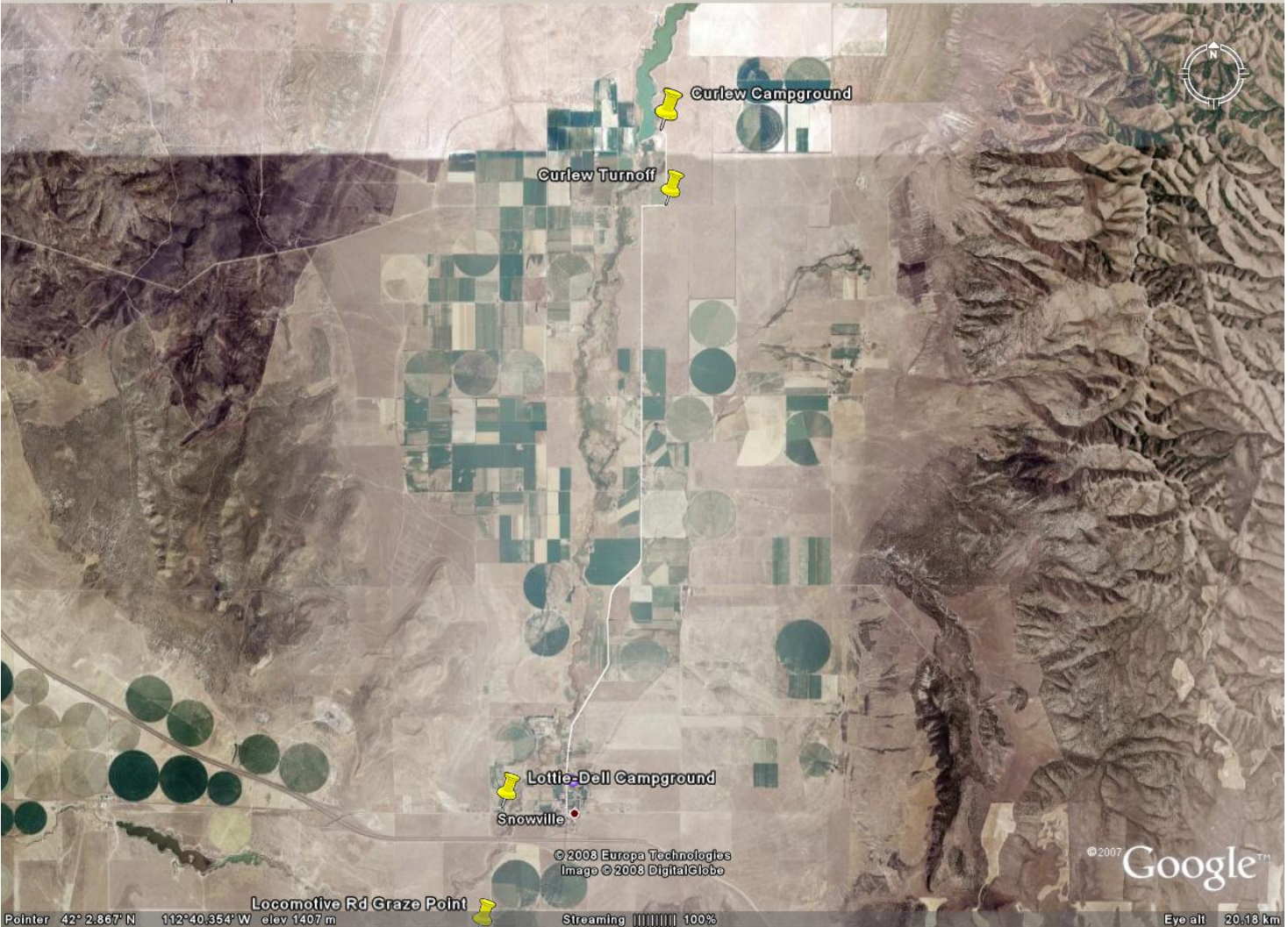
The first is at Young Intermediate on April 11th. The school is located at 830 Law Dr. in Brigham City. I-15, north to the Brigham City (362) Exit. Turn right and follow US-91 (1100S). Turn left on Medical Dr. Turn left at 885 S. Turn right onto Law Dr. This school is giving us a donation so your support would be appreciated.

The second is at Bountiful Jr. High on April 24th. The address is 30 W. 300 N. in Bountiful. To get there, take I-15 south to exit 317 (left exit). Follow 500 W. to Willey St. (400 N.) Turn left, the school is about .6 miles from the turn. This school is giving us a donation so your support would be appreciated.

The third star party is at Adams Elementary in Layton on May 1st. The address is 2200 E Sunset Dr. in Layton. As we have in the past, we will hold this star party on the south-east corner of the soccer field behind the school. From Hwy-89, take Sunset Dr. west. Turn Left at 2275 E. Turn right on 2400 N.

This is the parking lot for the park. If you come from I-15, take the Antelope Drive exit and head east. You will continue east passing Fort Lane, Fairfield and Church St. Church St. is a 4 way stop. After Church St. you will go down into a gully and back up the other side. The first left at the top is Sunset Dr. Follow Sunset Dr. past the school and turn right on 2275 E. and right on 2400 N. We will set up on the grass behind the houses. This school is giving us a donation so your support would be appreciated.

The last one is at Antelope Elementary in Syracuse on May 2nd. The address is 1810 S. Main in Clearfield. To get there, take I-15 to Antelope Dr. Head west. After you cross the viaduct, you will turn left at the Chevron station. This is Main St. We will set up behind the school. This school is giving us a donation so your support would be appreciated.



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Pointer 42° 2.867' N 112° 40.354' W elev 1407 m

Streaming 100%

Eye alt 20.18 km

Locomotive Rd Graze Point