



THE STAR DIAGONAL

THE JOURNAL OF THE OGDEN ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY

OAS Executive Committee

President- Mike Klein
(801) 775-0341
Vice Pres- Dustin Klein
(801) 309-1233
Secretary- David Dunn
(801) 544-7705
Treasurer- Doug Say
(801) 731-7324

Vol. 37 Number 7

March 2008

<http://ogdenastronomy.com/>

President's Message

Hi everybody,

It's been a long cold winter but now it's time to start gearing up for a new year of star parties. We have two star parties this month. The first is March 5th @ Farmington Jr. High @ 7:00 pm. The second is on the 10th @ north Ogden library @7:00 pm. We will send out driving directions on yahoo news group. April 3-5 we will be going to dead horse point state park near Moab. Dave Dunn will be doing a presentation for them at the visitor center Saturday night. April 11th we have another star party at Adel C Young intermediate school @ 7:00 pm.

Jim McCormick will be donating his 10x10 roll off roof observatory to Antelope Island. For some reason he thinks he wants the better skies in Idaho. We will be getting this early to mid summer. We could sure use some volunteers to get it put back together and build a new floor for it. We will also need new siding.

Remember that you will need your membership card to get access to Antelope Island for our star parties. If you don't have it you will have to pay to get on the island when we have our events there.

I'm looking forward to see all of you at our next meeting on March 13th. I still have two of Kay Hargis' laser pointers that are for sale. They are \$35.00 each.

Mike Klein

OAS Minutes, February 2008

The monthly meeting of the Ogden Astronomical Society was held at the Ott Planetarium on the campus of Weber State University on February 14,

2007. It was called to order by President Mike Klein at 7:30pm.

Announcements:

- On February 20st there is a Lunar Eclipse. We will be holding a public star party at Kent's Market in Roy. We plan to arrive at about 6pm.
- Antelope Island has approved our Star Party dates.
- 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.
- Kay Hargis may still have a couple of Green Laser pointers for sale. They were \$35.

After the announcements, we had our Show and Tell. Lee Priest had a new Night Sky Network kit. This kit is on the Solar System. He demonstrated a really neat presentation on distances between planets. Ron Vanderhule brought in some of his maps. Ron also talked about the large spacecraft that had landed to the south of WSU's campus. Apparently they have installed landscaping around it. Dave Dunn had some dome lights from Ozium.com. They are LED lights and can replace your trailer lights. They come in different colors (red, green and white were demonstrated). They use very little power. Eugene Marshall took some pictures in St. George. We couldn't get them to come up on the computer. Some of them are included in this newsletter. The secretary did a very poor job of taking notes and hopes that he didn't miss anybody.

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.

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

Mar. 5	Farmington Jr. High
Mar. 10	North Ogden Library
Apr. 11	Young Intermediate (Brigham City)
May 1	Adams Elementary (Layton)
May 5	Ranger Program at Dead Horse Point

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 the Curlew Campground. This 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

Two Star Parties

We have two star parties that we have been requested to host. The first is at Farmington Jr. High on March 5th. This will be held behind the school. The school is located at 150 S. 200 W. in Farmington. The party will be from 7 to 10pm. There is an access road to the northwest of the school. This would provide us with access to set up our telescopes. Take Hwy 89 or I-15 to the Lagoon Exit. Follow Park Ln. to Main St. Turn right and follow Main St to State St. Turn Right and follow State St. to 200 W. Turn Left. The school is about .2 miles south of State St.

The other star party is at the North branch of the Weber County Library on March 10th. The address is 475 E 2600 N

North Ogden. Dave Dunn will be speaking at 7pm and then weather permitting, we will have a star party. The library is making a donation so your support would be appreciated.

St. George Star Party

We had a fun time in St. George but didn't get to observe. The clouds moved in at dusk on Friday and it was cloudy on Saturday night. It was nice all day Saturday. We visited Fort Pearce and the dinosaur tracks. Saturday night, Debbie and I went to Mesquite and had a really good buffet.

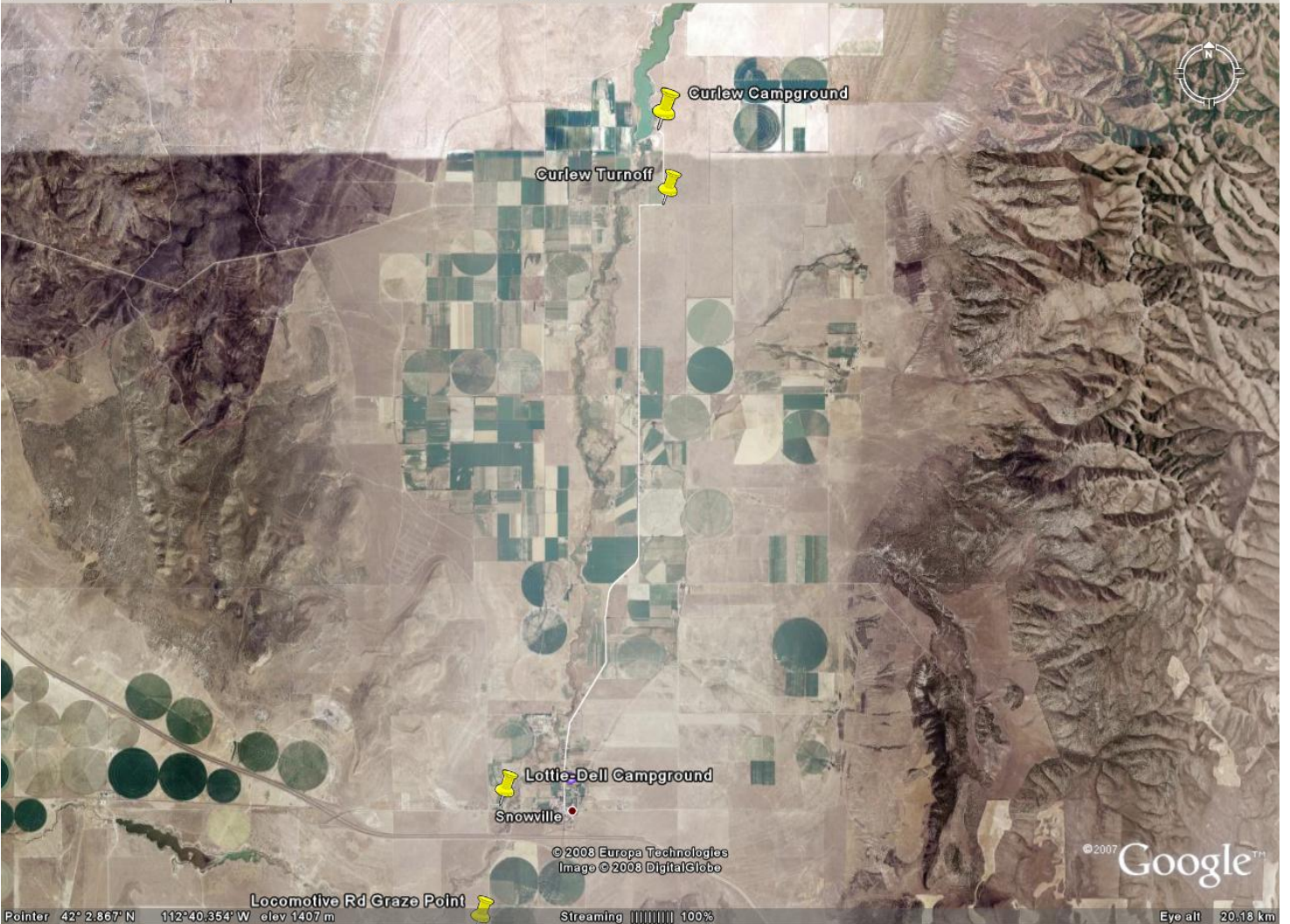


Ammon Hopper at Fort Pearce.



Dave Dunn's telescope setup and pointed at Mars. One quick view and the clouds came in.





© 2008 Europa Technologies
Image © 2008 DigitalGlobe

© 2007 Google™

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

Streaming 100%

Eye alt 20.18 km

Locomotive Rd Graze Point