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Meeting Announcement

Our meeting for December will be on the 10th. It will begin at 7:30pm in the Ott Planetarium and WSU.

OAS Minutes – November 2009

The November meeting of the Ogden Astronomical Society was held on November 12, 2009 in the Ott Planetarium at Weber State University. The meeting was called to order by President Dustin Klein at 7:35. Dustin highlighted the star parties that we have planned. We have a Star Party at Bountiful Jr. High next week. We are going to schedule it for 11/17. It might move depending on weather. Watch OAS_News for more information. We have private Star Parties scheduled for February and March. February 12 – 14 will be in St. George. We will hold our Messier Marathon at Curlew on March 12 -14. Dave Dunn renewed the website and is going to take over as Webmaster.

Our speaker this month was Al Collins. Al works for ATK Thiokol. He is the Design Engineer for Stage 1 of the Aries 1. He had a slide show and some movie files about the test launch. He also passed around some foam for us to look at. His slide show and talk included showing the process of building and assembling the rocket. It was a very interesting program.

After the talk, Mike Klein had a few photos that had been sent to him by someone that had taken pictures of the Sun with a digital camera. We discussed what we thought the images were showing. They had some dark areas in the middle of the Sun. A couple of them appeared to look like Saturn. Our main thought is that the picture was entirely over exposed. The part of the image that was thought to be the Sun was much larger than it really would be at 8X. We

suggested that he take a picture of the Moon so that he can compare how big the image should have been. The dark areas are probably just over saturated pixels.

We then adjourned to Village Inn for some food and discussion.

Star Party Schedule

Our Private Star Parties are as follows.

Feb 12-14	St. George
Mar 12-14	Curlew

Planning Star Parties

The executive committee is getting together on December 7th to put together a plan of our Private and Public star parties for the year. Input from member is welcome. Please contact one of us if you have a location or date that you would like to try.

“Year in Space” Calendars

The “Year in Space” Calendars have arrived. For those that ordered them, Lee will have them at the meeting for you to pickup.

Star Diagonal

We could really use some submissions to be included with our Star Diagonal. It would be nice to have a monthly feature if someone has the time to do one. It would also be nice to get some single submissions on Astronomy related topics. Having more input would make this newsletter much more fun to read.