



# THE STAR DIAGONAL

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## Meeting Announcement

Our monthly meeting for February will be held on February 12<sup>th</sup>. We have a guest speaker that is trying to make it this month. We hope to see everyone there.

## OAS Minutes, January 2009

The monthly meeting of the Ogden Astronomical Society was held at the Ott Planetarium on the campus of Weber State University on January 8, 2009. It was called to order by President Dustin Klein at 7:30 pm.

### Announcements:

- We met this week to put together a calendar of star parties for next year. We will publish it once we have verified it with Weber State and Antelope Island. Our Private events are listed later in the Star Diagonal. If you have any activities that you want to include, let us know.
- OAS Stickers are still available. They are \$5.
- Astronomy week is 4/27-5/3. This is the International Year of Astronomy. It is also celebrating 400 years since Galileo used his telescope. We are planning to do at least one big activity. We could also do others on different nights. Craig is working to get permission to use the Junction in downtown Ogden. This is a place where we can get a lot of people. We are planning to do demonstrations, Solar Observing and a Star Party. We want to have a lot of participation on this by having different people do the demonstrations.
- 2/27 – Weber State is doing an event to unveil some pictures. They would like us to

bring some telescopes to demonstrate the different types of telescopes.

A new library that is being opened near the Ogden Regional Medical Center is requesting that we do a presentation and Star Party in late September. They will have a display from the Smithsonian as well.

There was a gentle reminder that the members would like me to publish the inventory of books and equipment that the club has acquired.

Pam is actively using the 16" Lightbridge. Now wouldn't be a good time to rebuild it. We will wait until we have some time.

Wayne Sumner has a movie on Galileo that we could show at a future meeting.

Lee Priest has a more advanced class from the Learning Company that we could show at some meetings.

We then had a presentation on an eclipse in China. There is another eclipse in China again this year. The eclipse is on July 22<sup>nd</sup>. Jim Lindsay, from Layton High School gave a presentation of a tour that is available. The price is \$3699 and includes meals, lodging, airfare, admissions, tips, etc. You need to get your own souvenirs. Information can be found on the following webpage.

<http://www.davis.k12.ut.us/staff/jlindsay/tour.html>

Time was then turned over to several members for show and tell. Ron had a secondary holder that he had designed. Wayne had a new CCD camera. Mike had his Thumb. It had been nailed to some 2x4s.

## Star Party Schedule

### Requested Star Parties

Feb. 27 Weber State – Show off telescopes

### Our Private Star Parties are as follows.

Feb. 20-21 St. George

Mar. 27-28 Messier Marathon - Curlew  
Campground

Apr. 22-3 Dead Horse Point

May 22-23 Parawan Gap

Jun 18-21 Bear Lake (TBA)

Jul 23-26 Monte Cristo

Aug 20-23 Monte Cristo

Oct 15-18 Dead Horse Point

Oct 15-18 Curlew

us time to get out to the site and set up before dark. The site will be out in the Warner Valley area. This area has good dark sky except to the north-west. This area is great for looking south. If we manage to stay up all night, we should be able to see things in Centaurus.

If you are planning to attend, it would be best if you send me your cell phone number or at least let me know that you are coming. You can contact me at 801-589-8474 or [dunndave@aol.com](mailto:dunndave@aol.com). Please put OAS in the subject so that I see it for sure.

## Wanted

I am looking for a Parallelogram Binocular mount... would be interested in any that anyone may have and want to part with. If someone has one with a tripod, I am interested in that. Also, if they have one that will mount on any other tripod (Astronomical or photographic) I would be interested in that. If you have one that you would like to sell, please contact me at [n7kh@juno.com](mailto:n7kh@juno.com).

Thanks,  
Kay Hargis

## St. George Star Party

We have a star party planned for February 20 and 21 in St. George. We are still working on the exact location but here is the plan. We will meet in the Motel 6 parking lot at 4:30 on the 20<sup>th</sup>. This will give