



# THE STAR DIAGONAL

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## Meeting Announcement

Our meeting for November will be on the 12<sup>th</sup>. It will begin at 7:30pm in the Ott Planetarium and WSU. Our speaker will be Al Collins. He is over the booster rockets for Aries rocket program at ATK Thiokol. He is going to tell us about the program and the successful launch that they had last week.

## OAS Minutes – October 2009

The October meeting of the Ogden Astronomical Society was held on October 8, 2009 in the Ott Planetarium at Weber State University. As people arrived, John Sohl had laser testing equipment set up. Everyone that wanted to test their laser pointers was able to test them to see what their output power was. The meeting was called to order by President Dustin Klein at 8:00. Dustin highlighted the star parties that we have planned. And thanked those that had participated in the star parties last month.

Last month we had a proposal to purchase some Meade eyepieces. We had intended to test them at Antelope Island and then purchase them. Antelope Island had a storm come in at dusk so we didn't test or purchase them. We plan to test them this week at Antelope Island again.

There is a Barnes and Noble fundraiser for Northridge High School's observatory on 11/6. Those wishing to purchase books and support the observatory should contact Wayne Sumner for a coupon.

Sunset Jr High has a star party scheduled for 10/14 or 10/15.

Farmington Jr. High is having a star party on 10/22.

Crestview Elementary is having a star party on 10/23.

It doesn't sound like anyone is planning to attend Dead Horse Point in October. Several members are planning to be to Curlew.

## Star Party Schedule

Public Star Parties

Requested Star Parties

Our Private Star Parties are as follows.

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

## Green Lasers for Sale

Kay Hargis has some Jasper straight line green laser pointers for sale. Kay purchased them at a volume discount. They are \$31 each and come with 2 AAA batteries and a plastic case. You can reach Kay at [n7kh@juno.com](mailto:n7kh@juno.com).

## Curlew Star Party

Several of us attended the fall star party at Curlew. We had very good observing conditions on Friday night. I clouded over before midnight on Saturday. We had a great time looking at objects from a list in one of the magazines. I finally found an open star cluster that I liked. It is NGC 457, the Owl Cluster. It looks like the Owl in Winnie the Pooh. It is an open cluster with a nebula in it. Very worth looking at.

Dave