



THE STAR DIAGONAL

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Meeting Announcement

This month's meeting will be September 10, 2009. We will be having elections so please try to attend. Our dues of \$20 are now due.

The nominations for this year's officers are as follows:

Dustin Klein – President
Pam Smith – Vice President
David Dunn – Secretary
Doug Say – Treasurer

Nominations can be made at the meeting. The person that is to be nominated must have previously agreed to run.

The remainder of the meeting will be a business meeting.

Dustin and Mike are planning to attend Dead Horse Point in October. I am planning to be to Curlew. I know that all of us would like to see a good turnout at the star parties. It is a lot more fun to observe with others.

Star Party Schedule

Public Star Parties

Sep. 4	Snowbasin
Sep. 19	Antelope Island
Oct. 10	Antelope Island

Requested Star Parties

Sep. 23	Pleasant Valley Library
Sep. 24	Horizon School (1220 23 rd St)

Our Private Star Parties are as follows.

Oct 15-18	Dead Horse Point
Oct 15-18	Curlew

Lunar Party

Snowbasin has contacted us for a Lunar Party on September 4th. The deal is the same as last year. You will get a complimentary ride on the Gondola and 1/2 off a meal at the top. I have had a lot of people comment that they have first seen us that the Snowbasin parties. I think this is a good Outreach program for us. We meet at the Gondola by 5:30. Drive on the sidewalk by the Moose to drop off your equipment. When you get to the top, you will be carrying your equipment about 50 yards down hill to the observing site. Your equipment will also need to fit in a gondola. This is a good one to bring smaller telescopes and less equipment. If anyone wants to come and run my 8" telescope, let me know and I will bring it.

Green Lasers for Sale

Kay Hargis has 9 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. Kay will be at the meeting on the 10th. You can also reach Kay at n7kh@juno.com.

Visions of the Universe Star Party & Open House

7:30-9:30 pm, Pleasant Valley Branch, 5568 S. Adams Ave.

Celebrate the International Year of Astronomy with the opening of the Visions of the Universe exhibit by participating in our Star Party. The Ogden Astronomical Society will provide telescopes for viewing the night sky.

Monte Cristo

This year's August Monte Cristo was a lot of fun for those that were able to attend. We had several good nights of observing. I stayed out most of the night on Wednesday and Friday. Saturday night was cloudy. We saw some spectacular galaxies in Ron's 25". We had quite a few visitors on Friday night. There were a couple of large groups camping. We even had one couple come up at about 2am. They were quite excited about the views and they had learned from their friends that we didn't like the white lights so they walked up in the dark. The dinners were good and the tea parties were fun.

Night Sky Network

The Night Sky Network is an organization that gives astronomy clubs outreach materials and other astronomy and space stuff. It is sponsored by NASA, JPL and The Astronomical Society of the Pacific. We have been a member club since its beginning. We have all of their kits that allow us to give demonstrations on: How scientists find planets around stars, Our place in the Universe, Black Holes, Supernovas, Our Solar System, etc. These kits include training videos on how to use the demonstrations in the kit. Several club members have been using these kits and logging events on the website. These kits are available to all club members. Each time we log an event, we are entered to win in a drawing for some sort of prize. The logging of events helps them justify the money that they are putting into this program. We can have you added as a presenter on their website so that you can log events and attend their monthly broadcast sessions. The broadcasts are about various NASA projects. They have someone from the project give some information on it and then take questions. Let David Dunn, Lee Priest or Craig Browne know if you want to be added to the website.

<http://nightsky.jpl.nasa.gov/>

Star Diagonal

We are always looking for things to include in the Star Diagonal. Submissions should be sent in by the last week of the month. In the past we have had regular features like a "What's up" for the month. If someone is interested in trying a regular feature like that, please let me know. I know that some of you take pictures at various star parties. We can include those as well.

Also, the Star Diagonal is available two ways. You can receive it in email as a PDF file or you can get it printed and mailed to you. You can even get it both ways if you want. If you would like to change the way you receive it, let me know.

Astronomy Calendars

Doug has the Astronomy Calendars for 2010. They will be for sale at this month's meeting. The will be \$10.

Astronomy Magazine

If you want to renew or subscribe to Astronomy Magazine, you will need to get with Doug at this month's meeting. Astronomy only allows the club to update the list once a year.

Year in Space Calendar

Lee Priest will be taking orders in the September and October meetings for the Year in Space Calendar. If we order more than 10 we get free shipping. This would make the calendars \$10 each. As you order, you should turn your money into Doug since we will only order the quantity that are paid for. They ship sometime in October so we will order them after the October meeting we should have them for the November meeting. Anyone that wants one but doesn't plan to be to either meeting can contact Lee at levae@aol.com or 801-479-5803 and mail a check to me made out to the club.