



# THE STAR DIAGONAL

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## Meeting Announcement

There will not be a formal meeting held in July. We will get together for our “Tea Parties” and potluck dinners at our private star party. We look forward to seeing everyone there.

## OAS Minutes – June 2010

The March meeting of the Ogden Astronomical Society was held on June 10, 2010 in at Ott Planetarium at Weber State University. The meeting was called to order by President Dustin Klein at 7:30.

Several star parties are planned.

6/12 – Antelope Island. It is looking like we might have a storm for this star party. Dustin will send out a cancellation by 5pm if it is cancelled.

7/6-11 – Monte Cristo. There is still a lot of snow at the campground. We will drive up and check on 7/3. If there is still a lot of snow or mud in the campground or if the campground is closed, we will move this star party to Cisco Beach at Bear Lake.

5/25 – Powder Mountain. A young adult group has asked Dave Dunn to do a star party. There are only going to be about 30 people to this. If anyone is interested in helping out, they should plan to meet at the lodge at Powder Mountain.

We will not hold formal meetings here at Weber State in July or August. Our next meeting will be in September. It will be our annual meeting so we will have elections. It is also the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Ogden Astronomical Society. We will be celebrating this by having a long time member give a

presentation on the history. These are always fun to watch, so plan to be there. We are also going to have refreshments. Because of the elections and the presentation, we are going to begin the meeting at 7pm that evening.

We requested volunteers to serve on the nomination committee. Dale Hooper, Lee Priest and Brad Powell volunteered to serve this year. They will be calling the members to see if they want to serve in the executive committee or have anyone that they want to nominate. All nominees much agree to run before they will be placed on the ballot. All members are encouraged to consider serving as an officer. It is not a big time commitment and it is fun to be involved and get to know more of the club members. The duties of the officers are included below. The entire constitution is available on our yahoo groups site in the files area.

Following the business part of the meeting, we watched the Nova film titled “Magnetic Storm”. The scientists have been studying the magnetic field of the Earth. They see evidence that it is weakening, that it has weakened before and that it may be headed for a reversal. That ought to confuse all the Boy Scouts when the red arrow on the compass points south.

After the movie, we adjourned to Village in to enjoy some socializing and food.

## From the Constitution

The duties of the officers shall be as follows:

- a. The President shall be the chief executive of the organization and shall preside at all meetings of the organization and of its officers. He shall appoint the members of all

committees and be a member ex officio of such committees, except the nominating committee.

- b. The Vice-President shall assist the President as the President may direct and shall assume the duties of the President in his absence.
- c. The Secretary shall give notice to the members of all meetings and shall keep the minutes of all meetings and such other records and shall perform such other duties as the President or these by-laws may direct.
- d. The Treasurer shall have custody of all funds of the organization, shall collect all dues, and shall keep books and records showing all funds received and disbursed and all assets and liabilities of the organization. These books shall be open to the inspection of any member at any meeting. The Treasurer shall not make any expenditure in excess of fifty dollars (\$50.00) without the approval of the members or the Executive Committee.\* The Treasurer shall audit the records of his predecessor upon taking office, and shall give a full account to the members at the Annual Meeting prior to leaving office and at such other times as the President may direct.
- e. The Executive Committee, of which the President is Chairman, shall transact all business affairs, present all recommendations, and consider all matters concerning the welfare of the organization.

### **Star Party Schedule**

#### Public Parties

August 14 Antelope Island  
September 11 Antelope Island  
October 2 Antelope Island

Our Private Star Parties are as follows.

July 6-11 Monte Cristo

Aug 3-8 Monte Cristo  
Sept 1-6 Campout TBA  
Nov 5-7 Curlew

### **Green Lasers for Sale**

Kay Hargis has Jasper 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.

### **For Sale**

Wayne Sumner has the following:

4 – 9X50 right angle erect image finders scopes. They are \$45 each.

12 – Laser collimators for \$25 each.

Please contact Wayne if you are interested.

### **Telescope for Sale**

LeRoy Johnson is selling his 6in Meade LXD55 Schmidt-Newtonian goto, \$750 OBO call LeRoy @ 435-279-5274. Mother Nature has made it necessary to sell it.

### **Monte Cristo**

Reminder, Monte Cristo is the week of July 6<sup>th</sup>. I am planning to go up on Wednesday morning. The formal star party is on Friday and Saturday. We have “Tea Parties” around noon and Pot Luck dinners on Friday and Saturday nights at about 6pm.

The Monte Cristo Campground is at the top of Highway 39. See the map below. We hope to see everyone there.

Watch OAS\_News or call one of the officers after July 3<sup>rd</sup>. There was still quite a bit of snow up there on June 21<sup>st</sup>. I suspect that it will be ok now but we will take a trip and let you know if we more to Cisco Beach.

# M16 by Jim McCormick

Image taken on June 23<sup>rd</sup>

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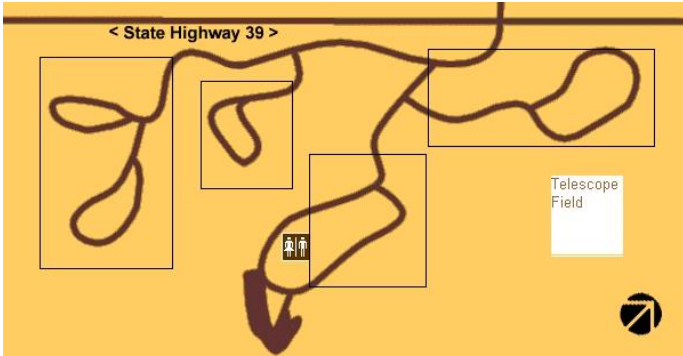
Telescope     Celestron CPC1100 at F/6.3

Camera        Orion StarShoot Pro II

Guide Scope   Orion ShortTube 80

Guiding        PHD

Processing    Stack of five 120 second raw images, five 120 second dark frames, 10 flats and 10 flat. Dark frames using Maxim DL software.



Map of Monte Cristo campground. There are more restrooms than noted. You want to try to get in the small loop by the Telescope field. The other loop near the field is also close.

