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Special September Meeting Announcement

On September 10th, we will be celebrating our 40 year anniversary as a club. Our meeting will be held at Bob Tillotson's home on **Friday**, September 10th at 7:00pm, you are welcome to begin arriving at 6:30. We will be holding our elections, eating dinner and having presentations on the history of OAS. Dinner will be Hamburgers and Hot Dogs along with various salads and side dishes. Spouses or Significant Others are welcome. Please RSVP with Bob at bobt@skyplanner.com or call him at 801-773-8106 or cell phone 801-866-5408. Everyone needs to RSVP if they are going to attend. That will allow Bob to get enough food, etc for the dinner. RSVPs need to be done by September 4th.

Star Party Schedule

Public Parties

September 11 Antelope Island
October 2 Antelope Island

Our Private Star Parties are as follows.

Sept 1-6 Bear Lake Star Party
Nov 5-7 Curlew

Elections

Our nomination committee has submitted the following as nominations for our officers for next year. The elections will be held at our meeting on September 10th.

President
Craig Browne

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Monte Cristo

We had a great time at Monte Cristo in August. It was cloudy most of the evenings but we had fun and got a little observing on Wednesday and Saturday.

Photos by Ran Vanderhule





Mercury Flyby

Submitted by Tom Dougherty

Mercury, the smallest planet and the one nearest to the sun, still has a few surprises. Newly analyzed data from NASA's Messenger spacecraft, which recently flew within 142 miles of the planet's surface, reveals that Mercury is "much more dynamic than people appreciated," Principal investigator Sean Solomon tells The New York

Times. One new feature, the 180 mile wide Rachmaninoff crater, is filled smooth with lava that cooled as recently as a billion years ago; scientists previously assumed that all volcanic activity had ceased shortly after the planet formed, 4.5 billion years ago. Messenger also measured fierce magnetic storms, as the planet is buffeted by particles streaming from the sun. Next spring, the spacecraft will again approach Mercury and make a series of orbits. "We're really looking forward to the orbit phase," says NASA space physicist James Slavin. "It might be a treasure trove."

UFO Symposium

Submitted by Tom Dougherty

THE CENTRAL COAST SCIENCE - UFO SYMPOSIUM
August 16th & 17th, 2008
 To be held in the Santa Maria Inn on the beautiful California Central Coast
 Santa Maria, California



Purpose:
 For the first time academic scientists will speak on the same dais with some of the worlds most prominent UFO Researchers. This will be a platform for agreement and disagreement.

PLEASE NOTE: All speakers are confirmed for the conference, however events might occur which will result in a speaker not being able to appear. If this happens, the conference organizers will substitute another speaker of their choosing. A finalized list will be given to attendees at the time of registration.

Check the Coast-to-Coast AM Web Site for more information. Also now available at: centralcoastscience-ufosymposium.com

SATURDAY, AUGUST 16

8:00 AM Registration Opens
 9:00 AM Opening address for the symposium
 9:15 AM Jason Martell – Planet X
 Dr. Tom Vanflander, Astronomer – The inside story on 'Planet X', 'Planet V', and the Mars Anomalies
 11:15 AM **BREAK**
 11:30 AM ~~Bill Barnes~~ *Jordan Maxwell* Summary of scientific conclusions based on his experience with UFO Magazine's research and his investigations from the History Channel's "UFO Hunters Series"

12:30 PM **LUNCH**
 1:30 PM John Alexander Ph.D. – UFO's: The Good News and the Bad News.
 3:00 PM **MEET & GREET WITH:** George Noory
 Your opportunity to talk with George on a one-to-one basis. He will answer all questions. Have your photo taken with George. He will sign his book for you. 
 3:15 PM **ALTERNATIVE MEET & GREET WITH:** Jose Escamilla – Jose will present exciting new video footage of UFO's in space.
 5:00 PM Cristianne Quiros Ph.D. – Alien-Human hybrids and the children of now
 5:00 PM **SPECIAL EVENT** in (The Polo Room) Additional Fee
 Paola Harris – Lecture Cosmic Messages: How do we prepare for contact?
 6:30 PM Visit Vendor Rooms, relax, get ready for the Banquet Gala
 7:30 PM Cocktails in Banquet Room Open Bar Service available.
 7:45 PM Symposium Banquet
 Keynote Speaker – Whitley Strieber Award Ceremony Entertainment
 11:00 PM **DAY CONCLUDES** 

UFO Symposium held in Santa Maria on Aug 16-17, 2008

Astronomer, Dr Van Flandern, attended the symposium.



Whitley Strieber autographed my copy of MAJESTIC



Dr Van Flandern (on the above top) discussed surface features on Mars. At right, Whitley Strieber autographed my copy of his book MAJESTIC. This symposium was very interesting.