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THE PREZ SEZ

Greetings Earthlings;

Anyone seen any sucker-holes lately?

This month's speaker is Rodger Fry, current Prez of SLAS. He will be giving us a presentation on the geology of Mars. Did you know Mars had geology? Me neither! At least Martian school kids will have subject in common with our Earth students. Now if NASA can just get that planetary exchange student thing going....but I digress.

Rodger gave this presentation at SLAS last year and the chatter on the Utah-Astro list was very positive. Anyway, Rodger will be with us this Thursday and I want everybody on their best behavior. He will be reporting back to SLAS on our worthiness as an astro-club.

On another note, things have been a little tight around the house lately. My wife got on e-bay and bought a thermometer that measures aperture fever and after taking my temp she has hidden the check book. I hope that 40 incher doesn't show up on Astromart again.

See ya at the meeting, the Prez

OAS Minutes – December 2010

The Annual meeting of the Ogden Astronomical Society was held on December 9, 2010 in the Ott Planetarium at Weber State University.

President Vanderhule called the meeting to order at 7:30pm.

Announcements
Business

- Members that wish to join the AL should pay their dues at the end of the meeting. The dues are \$7.50.
- Several Calendars are available for purchase. \$10 each.

We had two presentations this month.

Pam Smith took us on a tour of Google Earth. She took us to several different things that you could see. There were Meteor Craters, Star Port, Pyramids, Obelisks, Crop Circles and other rock formations. I was a neat tour.

Lowell Lyon spoke to us about Alcon 2011 at Bryce Canyon. It promises to be a fun event. This Alcon is different from other Alcons in that it is being held in a location that will be good for observing. The nightly Star Parties will be held at Rainbow Point. The lectures and other parts of the Alcon will be at Rubys Inn. Reservations can be made at Ruby's Inn for \$80/night with tax included. Free camping and park admission for anyone willing to spend one night doing a public Star Party at Bryce Canyon. A couple of notable speakers are John Dobson and Carolyn Shoemaker.

Dave Bernson, current SLAS President, also wanted to make it clear that OAS members are always welcome at SLAS events.

The meeting adjourned. Many members headed to Village Inn in South Ogden to eat and visit.

David Dunn

Star Party Schedule

Our Private Star Parties are as follows.

Feb 3-6	St. George
Mar 3-6	Curlew

Apr 1-3 Messier Marathon (Curlew)
Jun 29- July 2 ALCon (Bryce Canyon)
Jul 27-31 Monte Cristo
Aug 24-28 Monte Cristo

Dues

If you haven't paid your dues yet this year, please get them to Doug quickly. We will be updating the membership list in the next week or so.