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Meeting Announcement

The meeting this month will be a planetarium show using the new projector that Weber State had installed over the summer.

Message from the President

Hi All,

Well here we are October already time for the winter constellations to start showing up also time to be out shivering and thinking to yourself why don't I have a set up like Dale or Cliff. As I am sitting here writing this the big news is the discovery that there was once running water on Mars this means there had to be rain or snow sometime in the past and for a long period time to round the rocks. The conglomeration that Curiosity has found is similar to some of the outcropping just up Ogden Canyon on the right hand side.

This month we will be shown the new projector for the Planetarium the stars are dots not oblong and the programming is improved so they can move you around the universe. We are truly a lucky group to be able to have access to a planetarium. We also need to have a brief discussion on the trip to the Lowell Observatory this coming May.

Doug will be attending this meeting so those of us that did not renew our memberships we should do so at this meeting. Doug will also give us our annual financial update.

Best Regards
Craig

OAS Minutes – September 2012

The Annual meeting of the Ogden Astronomical Society was held on September 13, 2012 in the Ott Planetarium at Weber State University.

It was announced that we have a Star Party for a Girls Camp in Park City on 10/6. We will need to get help from our members and will invite some from outside of our club to help with this as well. They are expecting about 200 people.

Our nominations for this year's officers were presented. A motion was made and seconded to accept the officers as presented. The vote of the members was to accept this motion. Our officers for this year are:

Craig Browne – President
Lee Priest – Vice President
Dave Dunn – Secretary
Doug Say – Treasurer
Continuing Appointees
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ALCor – Dustin Klein

Craig asked about interest in going to Lowell Observatory in May. Several people were interested so Craig will contact them the observatory and see what the details are.

We had a show and tell with Dale Hooper showing a new 2" barlow that he acquired. Ron then had a couple of youtube videos for us to view. We then adjourned. Several members went to Village Inn for some food and further conversation.

Mirror Grinding Class

Lee Priest and I are looking to begin a mirror grinding class after Christmas. We would meet in Lee's garage. We will be holding a special meeting that we will announce on OAS_News to begin the preparations. If you are interested, please let us know so we don't miss anyone.

Year In Space Desk Calendars

I will Order the Year in Space Desk Calendars again I will bring a sign-up sheet to the October and November meetings and send it in after that. They won't ship until the end of November should be available at the December meeting. The price will be \$10.95 each if we order 10 or more, we usually get 11 or 12. For more information check out <http://www.yearinspace.com/desk-calendar> I will also send out a notice to OAS news before the meeting.

Thanks,
Lee Priest

Snowbasin Autoliv Star Party

The Snowbasin Autoliv Star Party was a lot of fun for the 3 couples that attended it. It was a great date night. We started by meeting at about 5:45 at the gondola. We loaded our telescopes and took the gondola to the top. We setup our telescopes and started looking at the mountains. Wayne then moved to the patio and was able to show people the Moon for a while before it went down. It was fun talking with people from all over the world. I especially enjoyed the Swedish man and his friends. He had been into astronomy as a kid and was really enjoying it up there. After all the people entered the lodge, we were invited to come in and enjoy the open bar and then be seated for dinner. The dinner was a very nice dinner with a Mediterranean chicken dish and all the trimmings. After dinner, we started doing the star party now that it was dark. The lights from the lodge bothered us but we were able to show the people that were interested some nebulae, Globular Clusters and the Andromeda Galaxy. We then packed up and took the gondola back to the bottom. This was a very enjoyable evening.

David Dunn

Snowbasin Full Moon Party

Six members of OAS went to Snowbasin on September 28th for the Full Moon Party. From past years, that would have been plenty. This year the gondola operator told me that they had more than 1200 people come up for the event. We did have lines all night but they were only 10 or 15 deep. Most of the night was spent looking at the Moon. It was one day short of full so it did have one rough edge that a lot of the people were commenting on. That gave me the opportunity to teach them that looking at the Moon was better when it had some shadow on it. I spent the rest of the night on M13. It looked like a little 12 mag galaxy. It was a fun night. We had a nice meal and beautiful ride up the gondola through the autumn colored trees. I hope Snowbasin continues to invite us to these because they are really good outreach. Picture taken by my phone through the eyepiece.



Star Party Schedule

Public Star Parties are as follows.

Oct 20 Antelope Island

Our Requested Star Parties (Schools, etc).

Oct 6 Park City Girls Camp

Our Private Star Parties are as follows.

Oct 12-14 Curlew

Nov 9-11 Curlew

Feb 7-10 St. George

Venus in the Pleiades



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Picture taken last spring of Venus in the Pleiades. By
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