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Meeting Announcement

The meeting this month, along with the elections, will be an all play (show and tell). Bring something of interest to wow us. Also let me know what you are going to bring/do so we can schedule the time accordingly.

THE PREZ SEZ

Greetings Earthlings,

Touchdown on Mars again. The scientists at NASA have shown no lack of ingenuity in the methods they will incorporate to get a payload on the surface old Mars. From dropping them, wrapped inside giant beachballs, to lowering their latest gadget from a sky crane. This new rover, Curiosity, has a full array of equipment to drill, vaporize and analyze the Red Planet to an unprecedented degree. Maybe we will finally find out what happened to the Martian oceans and rivers.

A few notes on the August Monte Cristo star party. It was very well attended, lots of equipment out in the field every night. Very good potlucks and the usual engaging tea times. Three things were really unusual about the weekend; 1) There were no mosquitoes and hardly any flies. The few flies that got inside the tea time tent were content to sit on the ceiling listening intently to the conversations. 2) I was there observing for three nights. Three cloudless nights!! You M.C. veterans know how unusual this is for mountain top weather. 3) The smoke from the numerous fires settled in the valleys every evening with the happy result of "zero light pollution" from the cities below. It was truly dark on the scope field and one's eyes were able to get dark adapted. What a treat!

This upcoming meeting will be my last as Prez. It has been a pleasure to serve in this position as OAS started its' second 40 years. Thanx to Dave, Doug, Craig/Ron(vp) and Dustin for being at the Exec. meetings and working through some of the issues we encountered the last two years. To the members of OAS in general, much thanks. Your dedication to the club and the hobby plus your willingness to do some of the extra-curricular stuff keeps it fun for all. See ya at the meeting.

The Prez

Elections

We have the following nominations for this year's officers.

Craig Browne – President
Lee Priest – Vice President
Dave Dunn – Secretary
Doug Say – Treasurer

Other nominations can be made at the meeting but as per our constitution, the person must have agreed to the nomination prior to the meeting.

Star Party Schedule

Public Star Parties are as follows.

Sep 8 Antelope Island
Oct 20 Antelope Island

Our Requested Star Parties (Schools, etc).

Sep 20 Pleasant Valley Branch Library

Our Private Star Parties are as follows.

Sep 14-16 Curlew
Oct 12-14 Curlew
Nov 9-11 Curlew

Pictures by Kay Hargis



Eclipse Sequence from Bluff, UT



Venus Transit from Roy, UT.

Antelope Island by Craig Browne



Sunset on Antelope Island – Aug. 11th.