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Meeting Announcement

The meeting this month will be on **Wednesday April 10th**. Our meetings will be on Wednesday through our May meeting.

Message from the President

Hi All,
Spring is here and things are starting to pick up the school and girl's camp star parties are starting to come in and we start Antelope Island on the 13th of this month. We could use a curator or two for our club scopes all we ask is that you come to the star parties if you can, we all cannot make everyone. I enjoy the parties with kids because there is nothing better than a WOW from a child and sometimes you get to see a lifetime passion spark and that makes all the effort worthwhile.

This month I have a documentary on light pollution it comes with good reviews so hopefully we will all enjoy it.

If you have not visited globe at night's web site you should and help out with the recording of your seeing conditions at your home it is helpful in tracking the ever increasing light pollution the address is <http://www.globeatnight.org/> it does not take long and you will be helping to curb light pollution.

Clear Skies
Craig

OAS Minutes – March 2013

Minutes for Ogden Astronomical Society March 13, 2013. Meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM by Craig Browne.

We had a very interesting Webinar with Tom Field. It was Spectroscopy. He spoke about how to get into spectroscopy and what amateurs can do with it. He showed several different programs that could be used and some sources for hardware.

After the presentation, we held the business part of our meeting.

Announcements,
Star party at Curlew on April 5-7.

Lowell Observatory May 2-5.

We discussed having the club pay the fee for the Lowell Observatory. It was put up for vote twice. The first time was a tie. The second time it was rejected.

We also had a motion to purchase digital setting circles for the 16" Lightbridge. This was approved by the club members that were attending. Doug had the Lightbridge at the meeting. He has modified it to that it had handles and wheels to make it more useable.

Dr. Palen gave a talk titled the Life and Death of Stars. It was really good. I learned several things during the talk.

Meeting adjourned and several members went to Village Inn.

Star Party Schedule

Proposed Public Star Parties are as follows.

Apr 13	Antelope Island
May 10	Eden Park
May 18	Antelope Island
Jun 1	Antelope Island
Aug 10	Antelope Island
Sep 7	Antelope Island
Sep 14	Snowbasin
Oct 12	Antelope Island

Our Requested Star Parties (Schools, etc).

Apr 18	Adams Elementary
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Our Private Star Parties are as follows.

Apr 5-7	Messier Marathon (Curlew)
May 2-5	Flagstaff
Jun 6-9	Curlew
Jun 13	2 nd Annual BBQ at Doug's
Aug 1-4	Monte Cristo
Aug 29-Sep 2	Monte Cristo
Oct 4-6	Curlew
Nov 1-3	Curlew

Messier Marathon

For those that are new, the Messier Marathon is an attempt to view all 110 Messier objects in one night. Between mid March and the first of April the Sun is in a spot in the sky that doesn't have any Messier objects in it. This allows us the chance to attempt this activity. The first and last few objects are very difficult to see. They must be seen in twilight or

dawn light. The rest of the night you just go through the list. The following link has a lot of good information about doing a marathon.

<http://messier.seds.org/xtra/marathon/marathon.html>

Our Messier Marathon will be held March 9 and 10 at the Curlew campground. Curlew is about 7 miles north of Snowville. It is next to Stone Reservoir. We will plan to camp and observe from the north end of the campground.