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Meeting Announcement

We look forward to seeing everyone at Monte Cristo on August 30 and 31. Several of us are planning to stay through Labor Day.

Clear Skies
Craig

Message from the President

Hi All,

We are just back from Monte Cristo even though we were scattered amongst the wind up there I had a great time. It was nice to visit with all who came up and I look forward to visiting with the rest of you on the upcoming one. The camp host will be holding loop E for us this time but please keep in mind there is only a limited number of spots there.

I would like to thank those of you who helped out on the Summit Series star party. I have had good feedback from both the organizers and from our participants, they are going to make it an annual event and I am sure that OAS will be a part of it from here on out.

With our elections coming up you should be contacted shortly by a member of the nominating committee please consider running for office and or nominating someone. It is nice to have a choice when we hold our elections and I for one would be happy to vote for you as President.

OAS Minutes – June 2013

A short meeting was held at the Tea Party on Friday Aug 2. The Summit Series star party was discussed. The members present thought it was a good event and that it would be good to participate in other events with that organization. The Snowbasin Star party has been moved to Sept 20 so that it will be at Full Moon.

Clear Skies
Craig

Nomination Committee

Hi All,

I need to form the nomination committee I need around three volunteers to help out. You would need to call a list of folks to ask if they would like to be nominated or nominate someone for our election coming up in September. Please email or call me at cbrowne@readytek.net 801-388-6556.

Outside – Summit Series

I will just tell my feelings on the event... there were 7 of us up there on Friday night, 5 of us up there on Saturday night.

We had a pretty well washed out sky both nights because of the almost full moon ... but we used the moon to our advantage.

We had 2 Ha scopes for the sun prominences, we also had a pair of 20X80 binocs with Seymore filters on them for viewing the sun and it's spots... We had an 8" celestron, Doug had BOB, (Big Ogden Bucket), Ron V had his homebrew scope... I imagine it is about 15", Dave had his ... what looked like about a 10", Lee had what looked to be about a 5 or 6" refractor and another what looked to be an 8" SC.

Without fail everyone who looked through any of the equipment were astounded... like I told the OAS Crowd up there I learned all of the expletive swear words in 15 different languages because we had people from all over the world up there looking... and they used their "local phrases" when they viewed the moon and Saturn mostly... Saturn was magnificent... we also put some of the scopes on some double stars and Andromeda...

We closed up shop at midnight on Friday after probably a couple of hundred people viewed with us... on Saturday we could not get shut down until about 12:30 because the crowd showed up a little later because of other activities... then it was the drive back home for all of us... I finally got to bed at 0200 Saturday morning and 0230 Sunday morning.. People kept telling us we were the best entertainment on the mountain and asked us if we were going to also be there on Sunday night...

The guests up there... in using the terms of one of the fellows who spent about 45 minutes with me... were all "privileged people"... he told me the cost per individual was \$5,000 each but this morning's paper said the prices started at \$2,500 and went up from there.

Sunday mornings paper front page headline and story shows the "village" and talks about the goings

on. They had a large... very large... remotely controlled helicopter they used to take pix with... unfortunately we were not in the pictures... It was great talking to so many diversified people Some from the southern part of Argentina, some from Switzerland, Ireland, Scotland, Australia... with a lot from the LA, Calif area... who say they never get to see the stars..

I certainly would like to hear the other participants slant on the story... the group of us from OAS all had a great time being with each other. I certainly would encourage anyone to participate with this group (Summit Group, who just purchased Powder Mountain this Spring) if they invite us up there again. Weather was very good with a few clouds passing by on Friday night and clouds threatening us on Saturday night but they cleared off for great viewing...

Kay





Monte Cristo Star Party and Family Camp Out

With summer heating up it's time to start thinking about our premier activity of the year, the family camp out and star party at Monte Cristo. For those not familiar with this activity it will be held Friday and Saturday August 30th and 31st at the Monte Cristo campground. We have several people go earlier in the week and some who just come up for the evening and don't camp, whatever will fit your interest and schedule.

To get there from Ogden, go East on Highway 39 about 40 miles up Ogden Canyon to the top of the mountain, you will be about 9000 ft. elevation when you get there.

We try to get in loop E, to get there just keep turning left after you enter the campground. Monte Cristo is a National Forest camp ground, they don't take reservations. They have paved roads with tables and fire pits at each camp site, a restroom with flush toilets and a few water taps located around the loop. Last year the fee was \$18.00 per night.

We set up telescopes in a field east of the campground and have permission from the Forest Service to drive out there. Day time activities include Tea parties in late morning on Friday and Saturday location to be determined. These are informal gatherings bring your own beverage, if you have a snack to share bring it, we always have plenty so come and enjoy. We also have pot luck dinners



Friday and Saturday evening at 6:00; bring your own something to BBQ and a dish to share. We have a few BBQ grills set up for everyone to use, if you have a portable grill we could use them.

If you have any questions contact anyone on the Executive Committee.

Lee Priest

Star Party Schedule

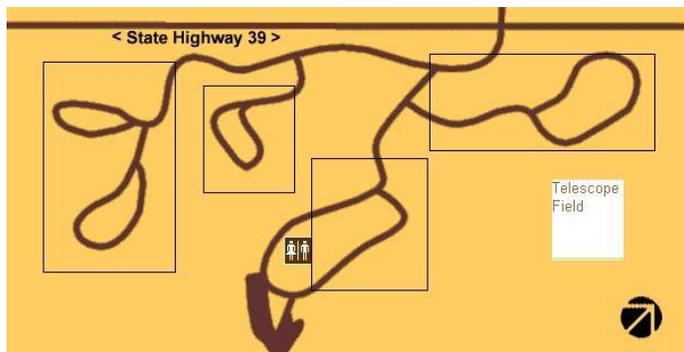
Public Star Parties are as follows.

Aug 10	Antelope Island
Sep 7	Antelope Island
Sep 20	Snowbasin
Oct 12	Antelope Island

Our Requested Star Parties (Schools, etc).

Our Private Star Parties are as follows.

Aug 29–Sep 2	Monte Cristo
Oct 4-6	Curlew
Nov 1-3	Curlew



Map of Monte Cristo campground. There are more restrooms than noted. You want to try to get in the small loop by the Telescope field. The other loop near the field is also close.

