



THE STAR DIAGONAL

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Meeting Announcement

The meeting this month will be a lecture by Dr. Stacy Palen. The meeting will be on **Wednesday February 13th**. Our meetings will be on Wednesday through our May meeting.

Message from the President

Hi All,

I for one have had it with the weather I have lodged official protests apparently onto deaf ears, but I guess that's the way it goes. If by chance the skies clear I encourage all of our members to participate in the Globe at Night program <http://www.globeatnight.org> I was recently contacted by a group in the Ogden Valley about the ever increasing light pollution in the valley and it was helpful to show them the change over time recorded by folks as to the loss of magnitude in our skies from the Globe program.

I am very pleased to announce that Dr. Stacy Palen will be giving us a talk at our meeting this month. Dr. Palen is a recent best seller in the text book category and I have never seen a more energetic and captivating speaker. So if you choose to skip meetings this year make sure it is not this one.

Clear Skies

Craig

OAS Minutes – January 2012

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Meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM by Craig Browne.

Doug Say was taking dues and sold the last of the Calendars.

Announcements,
St. George Star Party – February 8-10. Some of us are staying at the Knights Inn St. George Airport.

Jake from Long Range Lasers had 5mW lasers for sell for \$15. You can also get them at Longrangelasers@gmail.com. DontLaseMeBro.com

We are still looking for people interested in grinding a telescope mirror, we will get together soon to work out the details and start grinding in January.

Meeting Presentation was a Show and Tell.
Ron showed his mirror testing rig.

Wayne showed his short tube 80mm that came packed in a nice bag and was very portable.

Messier Marathon

Wayne also showed a Scope City telescope that he has 9 of and would like to sell them for \$280 apiece. He would like to replace them with Dobs that would be easier for kids at schools to use. They are 90mm refractors on an equatorial mount and come with 20mm and 10mm eyepieces.

Lee showed his 12" telescope blanks.com mirror blank.

Dale showed his new 34mm 68 deg eyepiece. He also showed us the Astronomy Magazine with Deep Space and the ATM magazine on a DVD. The club voted to buy one for the club at \$150.

Meeting adjourned and several members went to Village Inn.

Star Party Schedule

Proposed Public Star Parties are as follows.

Apr 5	Eden Park
Apr 13	Antelope Island
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).

Our Private Star Parties are as follows.

Feb 7-10	St. George
Mar 9-10	Messier Marathon (Curlew)
May 2-5	Flagstaff (To Be Confirmed)
May 9-12	Alt for Flagstaff
Jun 6-9	Great Basin (Curlew as Alt)
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

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.