



# THE STAR DIAGONAL

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## Meeting Announcement

The meeting this month will be a Show and Tell. The meeting will be on **Wednesday January 9<sup>th</sup>**. Our meetings will be on Wednesday through our May meeting.

## Message from the President

Hi All,

We received a request from North Carolina Science University to complete a survey about our hobby and involvement in science clubs while I was taking the survey it made me think about the reasons I joined OAS. I am sure it was about the same reason all of you joined to network and learn from the experience of others and to just have someone to hang out with at 2:00 in the morning in the middle of no were freezing your butt off family and friends are not always happy to do that. I then thought about the fun times we have as a group and the friendships that have come from it. All it takes to get a great deal of enjoyment from our club is just to be involved, just come to a meeting or a star party be willing to come over and join in on the conversation and before you know it you have learned something or having a good time laughing with the group. Please realize we all started out at about the same level as far as knowledge and skill in completing tasks and I don't know of anyone in our club that is not willing to take

some time and help you with learning I can't count the number of times I have seen our members at a star party taking time to show a child and or a parent how to at least make the scope they brought work for if nothing else the moon and planets.

This month with Christmas behind us I figured it's time to do the old show and tell a good fall back for a president that does not have a speaker and a chance for us all to be envious.

Clear Skies  
Craig

## OAS Minutes – December 2012

Minutes for Ogden Astronomical society December 13, 2012

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

Doug Say was taking dues and selling Calendars, Lee Priest delivered the Year in space Calendars that had been ordered..

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

Our meetings for January through May will be on the evening of the Second Wednesday of each month. It will still be at 7:30pm. This is because of a scheduling conflict with the planetarium.

Project Andromeda is looking for volunteers to identify star clusters in pictures of the Andromeda galaxy.

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,  
Lee and Dave gave a presentation on mirror making and telescope making. It included a slide show by Lee. Dave had some examples of the glass and tools.

Meeting adjourned and several members went to Village Inn.

## **Star Party Schedule**

Proposed Public Star Parties are as follows.

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)
Apr 5-7	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 <sup>nd</sup> Annual BBQ at Doug's
Aug 1-4	Monte Cristo
Aug 29 – Sep 2	Monte Cristo
Oct 4-6	Curlew
Nov 1-3	Curlew

## **Dues are Due**

If you haven't paid your dues yet, please send them to Doug. We updating the membership so you won't get the Star Diagonal next month if you haven't paid.