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Meeting Announcement

The meeting this month will be on **Wednesday May 8th**. The meeting will be a report on our trip to Lowell by those that attended. Our meetings will be on Wednesday through our May meeting.

Message from the President

Hi All,

The days are getting longer and warmer time to dust off the scope and get out there. The other day I was watching a local news program and they pretty much pulled a "Mars opposition" but this time it was for Saturn. They were showing pictures clearly taken through a telescope and made it sound like that is what you will see if you go out and look up. I have had a few people contact me and ask where to see Saturn like they had seen on TV. I just let them know they will have to come to a star party for that. I guess I should explain the Mars opposition comment. Several years ago Mars made its closest approach in a long time, this happens at opposition meaning the planet is opposite Earth from the Sun so it is straight up at midnight this makes us the closest we will be until the next opposition. But I digress back to Mars back when this happened a email went viral it stated that Mars will be the size of the full moon I believe we have had two oppositions since then and every time we have to field questions on

Mars being the size of the full moon because the email goes viral once more.

Speaking of the great Mars opposition that was the last time we made the trip down to the Lowell Observatory to look at of course Mars and some other various objects. Our group is once more making the trip to Lowell so I am going to make this the topic of our meeting this month. I will expect a full report from the members going down complete with pictures.

Let me leave you with this quote "Most people today still believe, perhaps unconsciously, in the heliocentric universe. Every newspaper in the land has a section on astrology, yet few have anything at all on astronomy." Hannes Alfvén.

Clear Skies
Craig

OAS Minutes – April 2013

Minutes for Ogden Astronomical Society April 10, 2013. Meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM by Craig Browne.

Announcements,
Star parties
Antelope Island on April 13

Adams Elementary April 18
Lowell Observatory May 2-5, Observing on the 4th.
Eden Park May 10
Antelope Island May 18

Our presentation this month was a video titled “The City Dark”. It was a well done video on Light Pollution and its effects on humans, birds, wildlife and Astronomy.

Meeting adjourned and several members went to Village Inn.

Adams Elementary Star Party

Thanks to all those that showed up and helped with the Adams Elementary Star Party. I think I counted 8 or 9 astronomers there. It was a lot of fun to get the telescopes out and the guests really enjoyed it. Several of them thanked me personally when I was at the school giving a lecture the next day.

Star Party Schedule

Public Star Parties are as follows.

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).

Our Private Star Parties are as follows.

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