

Cache Valley Clear Skies

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No Meeting This Month

There will be no CVAS meeting in August. Instead we will be having star parties. Please see the Upcoming Star Parties section of this newsletter or visit the website for the latest information about upcoming star parties.

Annual General Meeting Sep. 17th

As mentioned above, there is no meeting in August – but get ready because our annual general club meeting will be held September 17th at 7:30pm.

From the President's Desk

I got Tom's permission to let you know that he had major heart bypass surgery on July 31st. His recovery is going very well. He can walk around for short distances without much help now. He will be starting cardiac rehab next week and should be back to full strength within a couple months. I think it would be a great idea to keep Tom in our thoughts and prayers. I think Tom would also appreciate it if anyone wanted to send him an email wishing him well.

Take care Tom, we hope you have a speedy recovery.

- Dale.

Great Basin Astronomy Festival

From September 18th – 20th will be the Great Basin National Park Astronomy Festival. The Ogden Astronomical Society is helping with this and they have invited any of our members to also participate.

I helped out with their astronomy program on 24-25 July and it was a lot of fun. Even though there was some smoke from a forest fire, I was able to show the park visitors a number of objects through my scope.

It also gave me an opportunity to finally explore the Leyman cave – which was a real treat.

They expect a pretty good turnout in September – so they can use our help. Admittedly, this is a pretty long drive (about five hours from Cache Valley), but the night sky is incredible there.

If you help with the astronomy program they provide a free camp site for you. If you are interested, please contact me and also check out their website (<http://www.nps.gov/grba/planyourvisit/greatbasinastronomyfestival.htm>).

Clear skies,
Dale Hooper.

CVAS Minutes – July 2014

There was no meeting in July.

Upcoming Star Parties

- 22 Aug Star Party at Beaver Mtn
- 22-23 Aug OAS Monte Cristo Star Party (we
Are invited – send Dale an email for
more info)

Upcoming Events

- 12-13 Aug Peak of Perseids Meteor Shower
- 18 Aug Conjunction of Venus and Jupiter.
They will be less separated less than
half a degree.
- 25 Aug New Moon
- 1 Sep Peak of Aurigids Meteor Shower
- 21 Sep-6 Oct The zodiacal light is visible 120 to 80
minutes before sunrise.
- 22 Sep Autumn begins
- 24 Sep New Moon