



The Peterborough Astronomical Association will hold its regular monthly meeting, which take place on the first Friday of the month, on May 3rd. The meeting location is the Rotary Education Centre/Guest Services Building, Riverview Park Zoo, Peterborough.

The PAA is again presenting the “Novice Astronomy Classes”. This year the classes are focused on the practical aspects of learning astronomy. They will introduce you to equipment, software and many other astronomy related subjects at a very basic level. You will get hands on with equipment and learn to use it and other tools of astronomy. This month's session will be a panel discussion of all the instructors from the previous months, to answers any and all questions you might have about getting started in astronomy. Those interested, should be at the above mentioned meeting location by 6:00 p.m. The classes will run 45 minutes each session, before our regular meetings.

Before the main presentation, we will look at the “Sky This Month”. Be informed about the locations of the planets of the solar system and what is happening in the sky above us for the month to come.

Our presentation for May will start shortly after 7:00 p.m. and features club member Dave Doherty talking about Dortwood Observatory (north of Cobourg). He is co-owner and operator, so this will be a great time to find out what this local observatory is all about. Also, come and learn about the upcoming Starships Project and how you can be part of it. If you want to be in the know, you have to be here to take it all in. Don't miss out! The price is right...it costs you nothing but your time.

There will also be the usual opportunities to come and check out the PAA and all it has to offer, also at no cost. This is an all ages meeting and the venue is barrier free. Also, you don't need a telescope to belong, but a curious mind helps.