

PAA February 2021 Meeting

The monthly meeting of the Peterborough Astronomical Association's (PAA) will take place online February 5th, instead of at our customary location of the Rotary Education Centre/Guest Services Building, Riverview Park Zoo, but instead in your own home. Even Covid-19 cannot stop the spread of information and knowledge by the members of the PAA. Our work around involves using a platform called Zoom. To participate just make sure that in advance, you opened a (free) Zoom account on whatever PC, iphone or tablet device you wish to participate with and then contact paamal3@peterboroughastronomy.com for the password and link to our evening's presentations.

Our "Novice Astronomy Classes" are focused on the practical aspects of learning about astronomy. You will be introduced to astronomy related subjects at a very basic level, but in a logical sequence. This month's session is entitled "Space Exploration Part 2 – Current & Future Missions", you will be treated to space missions that will shape our knowledge of our solar system, galaxy and the universe beyond. Each mission expands our understanding of planets including Earth and all its neighbours. Find out what countries around the world are doing with their space programs. From government to private companies, everyone is in on the space race of today. If you are even remotely interested, be on-line by 6:00 p.m. to see what you can and can't see in the world around you. The classes will run about 45 minutes each session, before our regular meeting resumes.

Shortly after 7:00 p.m. there will be a brief meeting. The main presentation for this month will be a talk by President, David Mills, about the "Sharpless Catalogue of Deep Sky Objects". This set of unique set of celestial objects include nebula, nova and planetary nebula. Join us to find out about who discovered these rarely observed gems of the night sky and what they look like and where to find them. The price is right...it costs you nothing but your time.

The Sky This Month will be posted on our club website for all to access. There will also be the usual opportunities to have your questions answered, at no cost. All we ask is that you register in advance at paamal3@peterboroughastronomy.com This is an all ages meeting and the venue is totally barrier free. Just relax at home and "live and learn" as they say. Also, you don't need a telescope to participate, but a curious mind helps.