

PAA March 2021 Meeting

The monthly meeting of the Peterborough Astronomical Association's (PAA) will take place online March 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 iphone or tablet device you wish to participate with and then contact paamal3@peterboroughastronomy.com for the password and link to our evenings 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 "Electronically Assisted Astronomy", you will learn about what all encircles the Earth, the history of the ways humans have been living in outer space since the 1970's., what other things do we do to share the orbit around Earth with and what can be done about issues like "space junk". 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 PAA member, Brian Colville, about the "Space Weather" and why it should matter to us This presentation is sure to prove interesting and thought provoking. Learn what "Space Weather" is (radiation) and why it is important for everyone living on Earth today. The Sun produces the "weather" and the Earth must adapt to deal with it (magnetic fields and atmosphere) or there are consequences. 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 :

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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.