

PAA April 7, 2023 Meeting

The monthly meeting of the Peterborough Astronomical Association's (PAA) will take place April 7th, as a "Hybrid Meeting", both online and at our traditional physical location of the Rotary Education Centre/Guest Services Building, Riverview Park Zoo. Even these troubled times cannot stop the spread of information and knowledge by the members of the PAA. Our work around involves using a Zoom platform. To participate via Zoom, just make sure that in advance, you opened a (free) Zoom account on whatever iPhone or tablet or device you wish to participate with and then contact https://www.peterboroughastronomy.com/zoom_register.php for the password and link to our evenings classes and presentations. If you wish to participate in-person you are welcome to do so at the Zoo, but "masking" required, please and thank you!

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 a continuation of our Astronomy Class Series, Lesson 13 in the series, "Choosing an Eyepiece". Looking for an eyepiece for your telescope? Plan to attend this month's Novice Astronomy Class as we take an in-depth look at eyepieces and choosing the right ones for your visual needs. An eyepiece is an integral part of your telescope's optical system. Your initial telescope purchase may have come with a basic eyepiece, but maybe you are looking to replace or expand your current eyepiece inventory? A good quality set of eyepieces is essential for delivering the best observing experience. Three well chosen eyepieces will permit you to enjoy the planets, Moon and deep sky objects too. To determine which eyepiece purchase would compliment your particular telescope, there are a number of factors to consider. We will take a look at each of these variables to allow you to arrive at an informed decision that is best for you. Come join us at the PAA's next Novice Astronomy Class to learn about the night sky and take your first step in becoming acquainted with astronomy. Join us anytime!

If you are even remotely interested, be on-line by 6:00 p.m. to see what you can learn about the Universe around you. The classes will run about 45 minutes each session, before our regular meeting resumes. There's no obligation to stay for the meeting that follows, but you are more than welcome to if you wish.

Shortly after 7:00 p.m. there will be a brief meeting. The main event for this month will be a presentation by club member, Brett Hardy, entitled "Observing Serendipity". This talk will be about the variable of "chance" involved in witnessing (or not) events in astronomy. Chance plays a part, no matter how well prepared an observing session is. Being observant and in the right place, at the right time, is an important part of memorable moments. Why not check this out? The price is right...it costs you nothing but your time.

Also, don't miss "Telescope Roundtable" this month, as member Boyd Wood tells us about Baader Lenses. It also looks like we will be treated to another "Gadget Corner" by member Rodger Forsyth too.

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 https://www.peterboroughastronomy.com/zoom_register.php 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.

Keep looking up,

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