PAA Meeting on October 2, 2026

The **Monthly Meeting** of the **Peterborough Astronomical Association's (PAA)** will take place **October 2nd** as a **"Hybrid Meeting,"** both **online** and **in-person** at our traditional physical location of the **Rotary Education Centre/Guest Services Building**, **Riverview Park Zoo**. Nothing can stop the spread of information and knowledge by the members of the PAA, including our ability to accommodate those that can't physically be at the meeting. **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 evening's classes and presentations. If you wish to participate **in-person,** you are more than welcome to do so at the Zoo.

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 Novice Astronomy Class will continue our **Solar System Series** with: **Saturn**. Famous for its spectacular "rings", Saturn is one of the most recognizable worlds in our solar system. We will introduce newcomers to Saturn's history, appearance, and place in the solar system, while exploring what makes this enormous gas giant so remarkable. Attendees will learn about Saturn's rings, atmosphere, storms, magnetic field, and fascinating collection of moons—including Titan, one of the most intriguing worlds in our solar system. The presentation will also explain how Saturn can be observed from Earth, what beginners can expect to see through a telescope, and how modern spacecraft have transformed our understanding of this distant planet. Whether you're new to astronomy or simply curious about one of the night sky's most spectacular sights, this class offers an entertaining introduction to Saturn—the magnificent **"Jewel of the Solar System."**

Our **interactive portion** of this class will take a look at **our place in the galaxy**.

Tune in to be enlightened! If you are even remotely interested, be on-line by **6:00 p.m.** to see what you can learn about exploring 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**. we will have a **presentation** by **Bray Falls**, from **Starfront Observatories** in remote central Texas, on **"Remote Observing"**. This use of technology is opening up a universe of opportunities for people around the world. If you can't travel to the ideal location to observe or photograph the night sky, no problem, you can access telescopes online like you were there. Why not check this out? You don't need to be a member to see this presentation or anything else listed. The price is right…it costs you nothing but your time.

Whether joining us on-line or in-person you will not be disappointed and you will learn a lot! Why not check this out? You don't need to be a member to see this presentation or anything else listed. 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 charge. All we ask is that you either come and see us in person at the Zoo or register in advance at https://www.peterboroughastronomy.com/zoom_register.php. This is an all-ages meeting, and the venue is totally barrier free at the Zoo or 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.