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## AstroCATS and the RASC GA for 2016 have ended



Thanks to everyone. Wrap-up details and photo albums will be available soon

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## Canadian Space Astronaut Jeremy Hansen Opens AstroCATS / GA2016 Today at Fanshawe College



London-area native [Jeremy Hansen](#) will be at the GA2016 / AstroCATS to launch the events at 9 a.m. today, May 21, by giving a talk about his experience as an astronaut.

Last minute visitors should go first to the Registration Desk in the Student Centre, to register for the day's event. Please use parking lot 8 on the east side of the College. Parking is free there today, but leave plenty of time ahead, as it's about a 15 minute walk back to room D1060, where Jeremy's presentation takes place.

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## **Come join the AstroCATS / GA2016 fun!**



You can pay for admission at the door! It's \$20 for each day. Just come to the Main Registration Desk in the Student Centre on the mezzanine, before going to any of the events. The Registration Desk will open at 08:00 each day.

Also, remember that there are two free events that don't require registration or payment. More information is lower down on the page, in a previous post.

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## **Meal Events are now closed; Room Reservations closed yesterday**



Online registration for the event itself -- for AstroCATS / GA2016 -- will close at 21:00 on Tuesday. You can still attend the event! Just step up to the Main Registration Desk and wave a \$20 bill at one of our helpful and patient registration clerks.

At 21:00 on Monday evening, the registration system stopped accepting orders for our major social events: the Wine & Cheese Reception, the Pig Out Under the Stars and the Gala Banquet.

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## Welcome to Astronomy magazine readers

Thanks to Dave Eicher, editor of Astronomy magazine, we are [featured on the website](#) this week. We will, of course, have their columnist [Erika Rix](#) here for a workshop and a lecture.

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## Impact Demonstration Display



Does this photo look real? Is it an impact crater on Mars or maybe Callisto? Well, no, our advertising department doesn't have that kind of clout. This is the aftermath of dropping a regular toy soccer ball into a specially-prepared matrix of common kitchen raw materials as part of a simple demonstration run by CPSX, the [Centre for Planetary Science and Exploration](#). They are doing some amazing work. See their booth in the AstroCATS exhibit hall on Saturday and Sunday! Check out their videos and demonstration apparatus!

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## Two "Free" events

There are two important opportunities to learn about astronomy without registering for the GA2016 / AstroCATS. Thursday evening at 20:00 in Room R1020 there will be a

lecture about "[Earth's Mini-Moons](#)" by [Robert Jedicke](#). Robert's lecture is sponsored by the national organization of the Royal Astronomical Society of Canada, parent of your AstroCATS / GA2016 host clubs.

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## T-shirt Orders Cease

You know the event is coming up soon when certain deadlines start to close. We have now ordered our t-shirts from the supplier, so no more website orders for t-shirts will be taken. Of course we ordered extra, so there will be some for sale in the AstroCATS exhibit hall. Red t-shirts are for sale to everyone. You will recognize the volunteers by their purple t-shirts. Both colours have the internationally-recognized Galaxies Merge logo. So cool!

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## Registration Deadlines

Hello everyone. If you have not created your account yet, please get on it right away. If you have an account but haven't ordered your GA2016 / AstroCATS participation, it's important that you sign up soon. If you have completed your order but not made payment, we hope you will help us by paying now because we have to meet our obligations. Perhaps most important right now is that we need to settle the room assignments in the campus residence. If you still have to finalize your selections, we need a day or two to organize these. We look forward to seeing you!

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## Jet Cockpit Display

Sun, 05/22/2016 -  
10:00 to 14:00

Take a selfie in an authentic jet cockpit! This unit comes from the Jet Aircraft Museum, where there will be an open house on Monday.

**Location:** Grassy knoll

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## IAU newsletter includes GA2016 / AstroCATS

We asked the International Astronomical Union to include AstroCATS / GA2016 in their monthly outreach newsletter.

So [here it is!](#)

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## Keynote Lecture for Photography School announced

The Canadian AstroPhotography School is pleased to announce that Bob Sandness of Prism America ([www.prism-america.com](http://www.prism-america.com)), makers of the Prism line of software, will give a keynote address on 2016-05-20 at 16:30. Please note that Bob Sandness' lecture

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is open to all AstroCATS / GA2016 participants on Friday, but that separate registration is [required](#) for the "classes" of the Canadian Astro Photography School.

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## Call for Five-Minute Presentations

Do you have a project you'd like to share with all of your astronomy friends? How about a work-in-progress that you are bursting to tell everyone about? Or maybe a really good idea that just happens to be the subject of your latest slide show.

The last phase of Friday evening's informal Opening Reception, as the Wine & Cheese event winds down, will gather everyone together and there will be time for you to make a Five-Minute Presentation. This is your chance to show us what you're up to, without having to make a big long talk.

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## Registration is Open



Welcome to Registration! First time, you create an account by providing some basic information to identify yourself. As with many websites, you'll get an email with a link back to the website. Click on the link and the website will invite you to choose a password. We will not share your information with any third party, not even the RASC's membership program. (After the event is over, the AstroCATS 2017 team will have the list of participants.) With your account, you can browse the website and figure out what your GA2016 / AstroCATS weekend will involve.

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## Canadian Astro Photography Schools



The Canadian Astro Photography Schools (CAPS) will take place on the first and second day of the GA2016 / AstroCATS weekend. Separate [registration](#) is required, but CAPS participants will be welcome to participate in the other events on Thursday and Friday. Classroom sessions will all be held at Fanshawe College, with plenary sessions in the large lecture theatres. Five streams of courses will be offered, led by these internationally-respected astrophotographers:

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## Our Logo: Galaxies Merge



Welcome to the GA2016 / AstroCATS website! Today we unveil our logo, called "Galaxies Merge." The RASC General Assembly and the AstroCATS Canadian Astronomy & Telescope Show are coming together like two wonderful spiral galaxies. The logo will appear on posters and t-shirts, and even as a tiny icon on your browser tab. There won't quite be billions of stars and all that dark matter and gas, but at least you won't have to wait 500 million years to see how they come together. Registration is open, so clear your cache and update your credit card balance. It's all here on these pages.

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## Ann Hornschemeier

is the 2016 Helen Sawyer **Hogg Memorial Lecturer**. This signature event will take place on [Saturday afternoon](#). Ann is Chief Scientist for NASA's [Physics of the Cosmos](#) program at the Goddard Research Center. She received her Ph.D.

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## AstroCATS/GA2016 Video Now Available

The latest, updated edition of our video is [here](#). Enjoy!

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## Save the Date for AstroCATS and the 2016 RASC General Assembly!

Canada's astronomy event of the year is coming to beautiful London, Ontario, from May 19-23, 2016, the Victoria Day weekend. Plan now to take in this outstanding event which brings together AstroCATS (the Canadian Astronomy Telescope Show) and the 2016 General Assembly of the Royal Astronomical Society of Canada under one roof at Fanshawe College. Highlights include a visit to the Hume Cronyn Memorial Observatory, a barbecue at the Fingal Observing Site, the Helen Hogg Memorial Lecture and the gala banquet on Sunday evening.

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