



A note from National Office

Hello members of The RASC,

All of us at the Royal Astronomical Society of Canada are - like you - dealing with an unprecedented situation. We hope you, your family, friends and colleagues are safe and healthy during this pandemic. Staff and volunteers are working from home serving members, committees, Centres and calls from the general public. Restricted visits to the office are made for mail, banking and member support. With outreach across the country cancelled, we're developing webinars, posting online resources for children and youth and sharing links and information, which you can learn more about here:

<https://www.rasc.ca/covid>

Virtual GA components are in development, SkyNews and the Journal continue to be published and of course, some members are able to pursue astronomy from their homes. There may even be more time to do so. Please don't hesitate to contact us if you have any questions or comments. You can always reach me at phil@rasc.ca

The coming months will be a period of change for all of us, but we want to be there for you. If you have lost your job due to COVID-19 or are struggling to make ends meet and your membership is up for renewal, please reach out to our [membership coordinator](#).

Thank you for your continued support and keep safe!
Phil Groff
Executive Director, RASC

The RASC is online!



Are you at home right now? We are too.

We missed sharing astronomy with the public, and since people are still looking for their astronomy fix, we decided that we would bring the night sky to you. That's why you may have noticed a little bit more livestreamed and online content to watch!

Every Tuesday and Thursday at 3:30pm ET, Chris Vaughan and Jenna Hinds host the newly renamed "Insider's Guide to the Galaxy" livestream! [You can register ahead of time to get access to the livestream here.](#) Alternatively, you can check our social media as soon as we go live for the YouTube livestream link.

We are also launching a guide on how to use the Observer's Handbook! The first session was hosted Monday by Observer's Handbook Editor James Edgar and is a great resource for anyone wanting to learn more on how to get the most out of their handbook! This stream is available for RASC members only! [Find out more about this livestream here.](#)

Looking for more? That's quite alright. [We are happy to announce the new Speaker Series hosted jointly by The RASC and SkyNews Magazine.](#) This is going to be great and you shouldn't miss it.

We are also be hosting a number of Self-Isolation Star Parties. They're a ton of fun, and [you can watch the first one here!](#)

[For a full list of livestream events, please click here.](#)

RASC Saskatoon member Tim Yaworski is also putting together a series of astronomy videos for absolute beginners who don't know where to begin. [You can check out Tim's videos here.](#)

There are more things in the works as we speak, but we don't want to ruin the surprise. Make sure you're following The RASC on our social media platforms so you don't miss a thing!

We are getting lots of people reaching out about their livestreams and videos they are creating, and we think this is great! [Just send a link to our Marketing and Communications Coordinator Eric Wickham](#) and he would be happy to share your astronomy related content in front of our thousands of audience members on social media.

SkyNews Special Offer for RASC Members



There is a brand new deal exclusive to members of The RASC that we think you should know about!

The SkyNews team has been very hard at work putting together great content that everyone who loves astronomy can enjoy. And they're offering all of our members an incredible deal for a limited time!

For the very low price of \$5.95 you can now have access to SkyNews Digital Editions for the rest of the year! Contact service@skynews.ca if you are interested in getting access.

Help us assist The Astronomy Club of Cameroon

We have an opportunity to help an individual start doing astronomy outreach in Cameroon. A few weeks ago, this individual reached out to the National Office asking for support to help him improve his ability to bring astronomy to his country. Although we are largely a volunteer-run organization, we want to help in any way we can. We're looking for books and used telescopes that we can send over to him for astronomy outreach.

If you're interested in helping support someone teach the public about astronomy, [please get in contact with our Marketing and Communications Coordinator.](#)

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Invite your friends to Join The RASC!



Astronomy is such a big part of our lives, we hope it is for you too. Why not share that with someone close to you? Give the gift of RASC membership today!

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