

Royal Astronomical Society of Canada Ottawa Centre

The Ottawa Centre is one of twenty-three centres comprising the Royal Astronomical Society of Canada — an organization dedicated to the advancement of astronomy and allied sciences. The Ottawa Centre was formed in 1906 and has about 370 members.

The Ottawa Centre holds its monthly *Observers Group* meeting on the first Friday of every month, starting at 8:00 p.m., in the auditorium of the National Museum of Science and Technology. The meetings are fairly informal. Members give talks or slide shows about their recent observations of the planets, meteors, comets, deep-sky objects, etc., and bring us up to date on their latest efforts with astrophotography, CCD imaging and various equipment projects. Interested non-members are always welcome at these *Observers Group* meetings.

Centre facilities include the Indian River Observatory near Almonte, which houses several instruments including an excellent 16-inch reflecting telescope. The Ottawa Centre also operates an astronomical book library, and a telescope loan library.

Annual membership in the Ottawa Centre costs \$36 for regular members (outside Canada, \$36 US), or \$22.50 for junior members. Members receive the yearly *Observer's Handbook*, the bi-monthly *Journal*, the National Museum of Science and Technology's bi-monthly *SkyNews* magazine as well as the club's newsletter *AstroNotes*.

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