



**Royal Astronomical Society of Canada Prince George Centre
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March 21, 2021

National Committee Representative Report

1.) January 24, 2020

- a. Kickoff of our 2020 Spring Opens House Nights (every Friday till mid-April)
 - i. 7:30pm 15-20 minute presentation followed by viewing (skies permit) through our 24" Cassigrain in the main dome room and numerous Dob's out on the observing deck along with a Constellation Walk with our Alt-Az mounted GLP. The early programs is largely comprised of young families.
 - ii. 9:30pm we repeat the program and presentation for an older audience.
 - iii. We generally receive about 50 visitors over the duration of the Friday Open House Nights.
 - iv. A number of the older Friday visitors may gamble on members viewing on following Saturday (if clear) to grab some eye-piece time on members telescopes.
 - v. We occasional hold a Lunar Marathon for members when the moon is just past first quarter, a number of the university students have been known to drop-in and work through a number of the targets.

2.) Presentations:

- a. Jan 24th - What's Up with Betelgeuse
- b. Jan 31st – Venus – Variations in Illumination
- c. Feb 7th – Light Pollution
- d. Feb 14th – Constellations of the Zodiac
- e. Feb 21st – Circumpolar Constellations
- f. Feb 28th – Tonight's Sky
- g. Mar 6th – How Fast is the Speed of Light
- h. Mar 13th – James Web Space Telescope

3.) Special Workshop

- a. Mar 15th
 - i. Introduction to Astronomy



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1. We have two versions of this, one for “Parent with Young Child” and another for Adults. This event was conducted with social distancing, face masks and a pre-sterilization of the facility the day before the event was held.
- 4.) Remainder of Open House nights cancelled
- 5.) Canada Day in the Park, solar viewing along with our booth and distribution of astronomy related items. Planispheres, astronomy cards and past-dated SkyNews.
 - a. Attendance at our booth exceeds 1000 visitors (should have been our 8th year attending)
- 6.) Persids Meteor Shower – Cancelled
 - a. We normally exceed 250 visitors at the Centre for the evening of viewing and presentation related to the meteor shower.
- 7.) Monthly Centre business meetings have been conducted via Zoom.
- 8.) The Centre as remained closed to the general public. Members have been using it form personal viewing and ongoing maintenance by select members.
- 9.) Commenced via Zoom – Special Speaker’s every month as well a member’s Zoom chat with “show and tell” of members equipment and gear.

Hopefully with the commencement of vaccinations, we will be able to return to more normal operations of the Centre.

Cheers,

Prince George Centre

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