



What'sup?

**The Royal Astronomical Society of Canada
Belleville Centre Newsletter**

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August 3rd, 2018

Pioneer Bldg P13

Observing Night

August TBD, 2018

“What’sup?” is back!

After a nine year hiatus, RASC Belleville's Newsletter “What'sup?” is back in print. Hopefully, with the support of our club members we can publish this newsletter monthly. Copies can be obtained electronically by visiting our website at rascbelleville.ca. Short articles on your stargazing and astronomy experiences are always welcome as well as any astronomy photos you'd like to share. Please forward any newsletter items to steveburr100@gmail.com.

Facebook

Our club now has a Facebook presence on line (RASC Belleville). Please keep connected with our club through this means. We will be posting upcoming events, club member photos and astronomy related items.

Fall’N’Stars

The organization of this year's Fall'N'Stars falls to RASC Belleville and we are off to a good start. The Fall'N'Stars 2018 info and registration page was up and running on the 1st of May and as of the 1st of June, we have nine people registered. The menu for this year's dinner is pizza, wings and salad. A pretty mouth-watering feast to be sure.

The guest speaker for this year's event is Malcolm Park who will be speaking on his adventures in San Pedro, Chile. More on Malcom in our next issue.

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Photo of the month



Mare Crisium taken by Club member during a waxing crescent moon with an 8" SCT and CCD camera.

Fall'N' Stars

Mark Your Calendar! Fall'n' Stars is slated for Friday 7th September to Sunday 9th September, 2018 at the Sagonaska Boy Scout Camp. This is our annual gathering in celebration of the night sky. Please go to <http://rascbelleville.ca/fallnstars/> for more info & to register.

Solar observing in the Park 2018

Solar observing at Presqu'ile Provincial Park from 1 to 3 pm Saturdays 14, 28 July & 11, 25 August.

Night Sky Observing in the Park

Night time observing at Presqu'ile Provincial Park with take place Tuesdays 3, 17, 31 July (9 pm) and 14, 28 August (8 pm).

Club Election Results

President: David Cotterell
 Vice President: Randy Boddam
 National Council Rep.: Don Town
 Treasurer: Garth Penn
 Secretary: Joanne Burns
 Events Co-ordinator: Debi Butler
 Observing Chair: David Billo
 Webmaster/Editor: Steve Burr

Star BQ – 14th July 2018

Club members RASC Belleville will be enjoying our annual Star BQ at Presqu'ile Provincial Park following the Solar Observing Session in the Park. This is a pot luck event so please bring a dish. All club members are encouraged to attend for a little astronomical socializing. See you there!

The Night Sky

July 9th – Venus passes near Regulus while descending 14 degrees in declination over the course of the month.

July 10th – Dawn conjunction featuring a waning crescent moon and the Hyades cluster in Taurus.

July 15th – A waxing crescent moon skims Venus at dusk.

July 26/27th - Mars at its best! At a magnitude of -2.8 it will shine magnificently.

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Club Minutes - June 2018

- 15 members present. The meeting started off in Room P13. The audio visual equipment wouldn't work, so we moved to Room P1 (our old room). Equipment didn't work there either, so we moved yet again to Room P3 at 9:00 p.m.
- Elections were conducted with eight members being elected to the executive.
- Don Town: "Fall'n'Stars Update". The Fall'n'Stars menu this year will be pizza, chicken wings & salad. This will be a big change from the usual catered dinner we've had for many years. Fall'n'Stars Registrar for this year: Steve Burr.
- Randy Boddam: Presqu'ile Public Observing. Evening observing begins Tuesdays 3, 17, 31 July (9 pm) and 14, 28 August (8 pm). Daytime public observing begins Saturdays 14, 28 July & 11, 25 August from 1 to 3pm.
- Concert Under The Stars at the Casa Dea Winery, Saturday, June 9. Concert: 7:39-9:00 p.m.; observing thereafter.
- Star BQ - Saturday 14 July. To be held after the first daytime observing session.
- Club Pamphlet – Randy Boddam has graciously volunteered to design a Club centric pamphlet.

Concert Under the Stars

Even though Mother Nature wasn't very cooperative, members of RASC Belleville managed to show concert goers a glimpse of Jupiter and Venus between the clouds.



Dave Billo (left) & Dave Cotterell setting up for observing.



Greg Lisk giving an observing brief to concert goers & band members.