

Stratford Astronomy Group (SAG)

February 3, 2026
Meeting



UPCOMING MEETINGS

- ▶ Tuesday September 16, 2025
- ▶ Tuesday October 7, 2025
- ▶ Tuesday November 4, 2025
- ▶ Tuesday December 2, 2025
- ▶ Tuesday January 6, 2026
- ▶ Tuesday February 3, 2026
- ▶ Tuesday March 3, 2026
- ▶ Tuesday April 7, 2026
- ▶ Tuesday May 5, 2026
- ▶ Tuesday June 2, 2026

Meeting Attendance

- ▶ Patrick Hayes
- ▶ Bruce Simpson
- ▶ Wolfgang Keller
- ▶ Ken Roberts
- ▶ Jim Koteles
- ▶ Minnie Koteles
- ▶ Denis Desmeules
- ▶ Tim Pauli
- ▶ Paul Bartlett
- ▶ Brent Pollock
- ▶ Doug Fyfe
- ▶ Britt Theurer
- ▶ Brad Rolph
- ▶ David Connery
- ▶ Ayane Horie

Welcome New Members

- ▶ New members:
- ▶ David Connery
- ▶ Please sign in (please print) before each meeting
- ▶ Freewill cash contribution
- ▶ Normally we ask that new members introduce themselves

SAG Website

- ▶ Just a reminder that the group has a website with lots of interesting links, presentations and general information. Check it out!!!
- ▶ Address is stratfordastronomy.com
- ▶ Tim Pauli - Owner/Administrator
- ▶ Ken Roberts - technical contact
- ▶ Tom Kimber - Administrator/Editor
- ▶ Doug Fyfe - Administrator
- ▶ Michael Burns- Administrator
- ▶ Tom will build it on WordPress

SAG Finances - Tim

- ▶ Fee for use of our school meeting room has gone from about \$25 per year to \$248.88 (\$108.88 for room insurance and \$140.00 for room rental). The new fees have already been paid until Sept 1, 2026.
- ▶ Including cash collected at February 3 meeting (\$36.00), we currently have a bank balance of \$1,139.31. Ideas for spending money? Patrick suggested a Bluetooth speaker for presentations.
- ▶ All agreed that this would be worthwhile, so Patrick will investigate/purchase. Tim recommends no new equipment/software buys at the present time
- ▶ If you want to contribute, e-transfer Tim at:
- ▶ TimAnneMariePauli@gmail.com
- ▶ Or by cheque to: Tim Pauli, 96 Front St., Stratford, ON, N5A 4H2

Doug Fyfe – The Physics of Space Travel

- ▶ See attached file in Feb 2026 meeting minutes e-mail

Stratford Observation Group (SOG)

- ▶ SOG is a subset of the SAG. It consists of members that are interested in participating in telescope observation sessions. Patrick and Ken are leading this effort.
- ▶ Patrick added some SAG members to the SOG, at their request

Hubble Trouble Presentation

- ▶ See file attached to Feb 2026 minutes e-mail

Club Astronomy Equipment

- ▶ Equipment currently being stored that likely has some use:
- ▶ **Seestar S50 (Patrick)** – deep sky objects, the moon and sun
- ▶ **Celestron CPC 800**, tripod, club laptop, eyepieces, Mallincam camera (Patrick) – planets and deep sky objects
- ▶ **Dopsonian scope** – planets. Base has been repaired. Tom has picked it up but scope now needs to collimated. This will be done in preparation for April meeting
- ▶ **Astronomical binoculars and tripod (Paul)**
- ▶ **Tim has compiled an up to date inventory list of all equipment. Group to review. See separate file in meeting minutes e-mail.**

Museum Star Party

- ▶ Megan from the Stratford-Perth museum sent an e-mail asking if we would want to have another Star Party at the museum on a Wednesday or Thursday night, in March or April.
- ▶ Patrick has responded to her and sent out an e-mail to all members asking if they would be willing to participate (indoor presentation or helping with outdoor telescopes).
- ▶ **Meeting attendees agreed that March 25 would be preferred so that members of the public (who might have young children with them) would not be required to stay very late. Should be dark enough by 9:00 PM and we would have a first quarter moon to view.**
- ▶ **Update: Due to a scheduling conflict, Star Party will be held Mar 26 at 7:30 PM. Three indoor seminars followed by sky observation.**

Next Meeting

- ▶ Scheduled for Tuesday March 3 at 7:00 PM