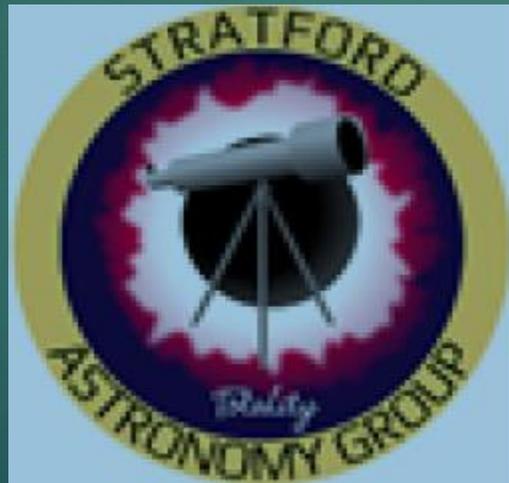


Stratford Astronomy Group (SAG)

March 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

March 3 Meeting Attendees

- ▶ Patrick Hayes
- ▶ Bruce Simpson
- ▶ Wolfgang Keller
- ▶ Tim Pauli
- ▶ Jim Koteles
- ▶ Minnie Koteles
- ▶ Mike Hick
- ▶ Michael Burns
- ▶ Denis Desmeules
- ▶ Britt Theurer spp
- ▶ Richard Rosenthal
- ▶ Bob Green
- ▶ Marjorie McCaul

Welcome New Members

- ▶ No new members

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 March 3 meeting (\$47.00), we currently have a bank balance of \$1,135.65 after Tim spent \$50 for annual website maintenance

Ideas for spending money? Patrick suggested a Bluetooth speaker for presentations.

- ▶ All agreed that this would be worthwhile, so Patrick will investiate/purchase. Tim recommends no new equipment/softwarebuys 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

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.
- ▶ Jim and Minnie reiterated their interest in having the group to their farm for dark sky viewing
- ▶ Anyone else want to join??

Hubble Trouble Presentation

Bruce continued with his PowerPoint presentation. See orevious minutes for file

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 be collimated. This will be done in preparation for April meeting
- ▶ **Astronomical binoculars and tripod (Paul)**
- ▶ **Tim separately sent out an e-mail (March 10) with a list of club equipment that needs to find a home.**

Museum Star Party

- ▶ We will be having a Star Party at the Stratford Perth Museum on Thursday March 26 at 7:30 PM (7245 Huron Road, on the left, after you pass the No Frills store)
- ▶ Megan from the museum is getting tickets printed and has published event notice on the museum website.
- ▶ Agenda for the event is:

- ▶ **7:30 – 8:45 PM**

Audio-visual indoor presentations:

Denis Desmeules – what's visible in the night sky tonight

Bruce Simpson – the big dipper asterism

Patrick Hayes – the dark side has won!! How dark stuff controls galaxies and the overall universe.

- ▶ **8:45 PM – to end of event**

Viewing of the night sky outside. Patrick will set up the club Seestar and his personal binoculars. Ken will set up his Seestar. Any other club scopes to bring out?

New Business?

- ▶ Michael Burns has returned from his adventures at the South Pole and Greenland. He is now back permanently.
- ▶ He gave us an impromptu talk about his activities and what living conditions were like at both sites

Next Meeting

- ▶ Scheduled for Tuesday April 7th at 7:00 PM