

Stratford Astronomy Group (SAG)

June 2, 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

Welcome New Members

- ▶ Any new members?
- ▶ Reminder re sign-in sheet and free will donation (if you choose to donate)

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
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- ▶ 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 from museum (\$260.00) and June 2 meeting collection of \$43, we currently have a bank balance of \$1,568.65.
- ▶ In September we will have to pay approximately \$248.88 for annual room rental and insurance unless fees went up again.
- ▶ 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

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's List of Assigned Scopes

- ▶ See separate pdf file

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 hosted an SOG event at their farm on April 22. Spectacular viewing with a clear sky and almost no light pollution. Our hosts very graciously provided snacks and drinks.
- ▶ Jim and Minnie be willing to host another viewing session at their farm. Ken to coordinate dates.

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Museum Star Party

- ▶ Held the Star Party on Wednesday May 27th. Most successful event in terms of number of attendees, quality of sky for observing and cash raised for the SAG (\$260.00).
- ▶ Megan mentioned to Ken that she wants to hold the next Star Party in the last week of May in 2027
- ▶ As a presenter I found a couple of recurring issues
 - ▶ Need to have laptop at front of room, if feasible, so presenters would not have to look at the projection screen to see what is coming next
 - ▶ Need clip on microphones for presenters so people at the back could more easily hear (Megan said that they have his equipment on site).
 - ▶ **Other feedback?/Ideas**

Newspaper Interview with Doug

- ▶ Megan had a newspaper reporter lined up to interview an SAG member about the club. This was partially promotion for May 27.
- ▶ Doug Fyfe did the interview and article appeared in the Stratford Today online newspaper (see link in e-mail)

Brainstorming

- ▶ What topics would members want presented at future meetings (Michael, Bruce or other members). Any members have a presentation they want to make?
- ▶ Overall structure of meeting
- ▶ Publicity to get new members and/or interface with other clubs?
- ▶ New Equipment to purchase or get operational
- ▶ Generally how could we make meetings better

Michael: What's New in the Astronomy field/Literature?

|See separate pdf file

Michael: What to see in the June sky

- ▶ See separate pdf file

Q&A With Michael



BRUCE'S HUBBLE TROUBLE PRESENTATION: PART THREE



New Business?



Next Meeting

- ▶ Will be in September. Tim to inform members of date of meeting, once he has set it.
- ▶ **HAVE A GREAT SUMMER AND HAPPY VIEWING!!**