

New Home of Attila Danko 25" Obsession Dobsonian Telescope is the Lennox & Addington Dark Sky Viewing Area



Pictured at Top (L-R): Joe Gilker (L&A DSVA Volunteer), Hans Honegger (DSVA Site Designer), Peggy Hurley (RASC – Kingston Centre), John Hurley (RASC – Kingston Centre), Tim Trentadue (L&A DSVA Volunteer). Photo Credit: Rob Plumley, Naturally L&A.

Lennox & Addington County and the Royal Astronomical Society of Canada — Kingston Centre are pleased to announce the deployment of the **Attila Danko 25" (0.63m) f/4 Obsession Dobsonian telescope** to the L&A Dark Sky Viewing Area, located at 7980 County Road 41 in Erinsville, Ontario. The telescope will debut at Dark Sky at their next **Laser-Guided Stargazing Tour** evenings, scheduled for 2026 July 10th & 11th, weather permitting.

The telescope's large aperture and superior optics will give guests outstanding views of the night sky. A tall ladder is required to reach the eyepiece at the maximum height of 245cm (8'). It was donated to the RASC Kingston Centre in 2025 by the **Estate of the late Attila Danko**. Attila is best known for his award-winning **Clear Sky Charts**, born of his love of "faint fuzzies." He was also a devoted outreach astronomer who spent countless hours bringing large telescopes to star parties — most notably this 25" (0.63m) Obsession.

In addition to the telescope deployment, a new storage facility will soon be complete that will house the telescope onsite during the prime stargazing season, which is typically from April through October. Named the **Attila Danko Deep Space Port**, the new, custom-built structure allows for easier access to the telescope and will keep with the existing space themed look and feel currently on display at the Dark Sky Viewing Area. Funding for the storage facility was also graciously donated by the Estate.



About the L&A Dark Sky Viewing Area:

The **Lennox & Addington Dark Sky Viewing Area** is Ontario's most southerly dark-sky site, located at 7980 County Road 41 in Erinsville, 37 kilometres north of Napanee. It features a large concrete pad for telescopes and cameras, free admission year-round, and views of the night sky that rival conditions from a century ago. Through themed events and general stargazing opportunities, the site draws thousands of amateur and professional astronomers each year.

Its viewing platform, the **Terence Dickinson Observation Deck**, is named in honour of the late stargazing author, SkyNews Magazine founder, and Lennox & Addington resident. This facility was conceived by Terry and his legacy lives on here, in the protected darkness overhead and in the thousands who gather each year to share his lifelong love of the night sky.

Find out more at <https://naturallyla.ca/experience/dark-sky-viewing-area-lennox-addington/>

About the RASC Kingston Centre:

The **RASC Kingston Centre** is a local community of observers, astrophotographers, and space-science enthusiasts. Whether you are a seasoned observer with a permanent observatory or a beginner who has never looked through a telescope, our Centre is dedicated to **supporting your journey through the cosmos**.

Find out more at <https://kingston.rasc.ca/>

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