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This summer has been so very very busy... a side effect when you only get 3 or 4 months of decent enough weather to enjoy outdoors. Not to mention all of the extra events that get piled on as well.

Some Notes from the National Web site:

Dave Lane has made available back issues of the RASC Journal online at <http://www.rasc.ca/journal/backissues.html>

Note: The most recent six issues are not available on-line. They are only available in print form to subscribers and Society members.

February 1998 - June 2001 are available in adobe acrobat .PDF format. Be warned... they are large(1 - 20 mb in size). In addition, the Journal Index is now online as well... look in <http://www.rasc.ca/journal/journal.html> for the link... The index is a 215 page adobe acrobat document as well.

And I've collected and posted to <http://www.rasc.ca/private/notices/home.htm> (note this is in the private members section and not available to the general world wide web public) of emails sent from National Office to the [Centres} email distribution list in the hopes that more members would actually hear about some of the news and notes sent out.

The Sky Is The Limit Festival Saturday July 6th



An ominous omen on the drive in... a large forest fire and lots of smoke



Arrival and the ritual insertion of the alien eyeballs.



Preparing the solar scopes and the display/handout table



Alien Csar lurking in the shadows



More solar observing



The smoke cleared just before noon and the solar observing went ahead.

The event went pretty well... we got rid of a whole pile of handouts and had approximately 400 people stop by and take a look through the scopes or displays of the few thousand that attended the event. We got a nice thank you note and have been invited back yet again next year.



And more solar observing

Starfest August 2002 7-11



Our Starfest Signage... each year we create a design based on the StarFest Theme of the year. In 2000 it was year of the Toga, 2001 was Spectrum and 2002 was capturing photons.

From Left to Right: a 4.5", 20", 24" and 10" telescope.

All of these images are available in our photo album, located at <http://130.15.144.99/rasc/pics/index.htm>



Some sample eyepiece projection imagery of the moon... we're still working on this!

You may not recognize our shade tent, refitted since the 2000 FallINStars Star Party. Works quite well and withstood all of the high afternoon winds.

Charleston Lake Star Party Monday 2002 August 12



A small sampling of the 25 telescopes that were at the one night event. The 10" Douglas telescope (blue cube in the middle picture) used to be the biggest piece of glass there. Monday night there were more than 4 scopes in the 20" + range.

Terry Dickinson gave another packed house talk in the outdoor amphitheatre and we had hordes and hordes of people coming into the "astronomy field" from around 10:00pm to 11:30pm or so.



RASC Kingston Centre Meetings

The Kingston Centre RASC meets once a month on the **2nd Friday of each month at 7:30 pm (19:30) in Stirling Hall Theatre D** on Queen's University Campus **unless noted otherwise**. We have adopted a policy of moving any meeting that is held on a holiday weekend.

OTHERWISE NOTED: The August meeting at Queen's is cancelled in favour of the 5th Annual Markfest BBQ, meeting, observing group session at the home of Mark Kaye near Inverary Ontario (about 30 minutes from downtown Kingston). For directions, see our secure web page or call one of the executive.

2002 Officers and Executive Council

Elections are held annually at the Annual General Meeting of the Kingston Centre, usually in November. The terms of office are all one year taking effect January 1st.

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Email: [<rascexec@cliff.path.queensu.ca>](mailto:rascexec@cliff.path.queensu.ca) Mail sent here gets forwarded to all members of the Kingston Centre Executive.

We also have a Kingston Centre email chat list called "rascchat". Send your email address to Kevin Kell to be added to the RASCCHAT list.

Executive: (voting, elected)

President: Laura Gagne

Vice President: Paul Winkler

Secretary: Susan Gagnon

Treasurer: John Hurley

Librarian: David Maguire

Editor: Kevin Kell

National Council Rep: Peggy Hurley

Remember that the Annual General Meeting and elections are being held in November this year.

2002 Committee Chairs (non-voting, appointed)

ATM Group Chair:	Doug Angle
Astronomy Day Chair:	Kim Hay
Awards Chair:	Peggy Hurley
CCD Group Chair:	Jan Wisniewski
Education Group Chair:	Laura Gagne
FallNStars2002:	Kevin Kell
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Observing Chair:	Tom Dean
Publicity Chair:	Kim Hay
Social Activities:	Susan Gagnon
Youth Group:	vacant

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