

RASC Kingston Centre Annual Report 2022

2023 November 02



Introduction

The Royal Astronomical Society of Canada is a Nation-wide, non-profit, charitable organization devoted to the advancement of Astronomy and related sciences. The Society dates back to 1868 when 8 amateur astronomers founded an astronomical club in Toronto. An expanding group obtained a charter in 1890, and the name The Royal Astronomical Society of Canada was adopted in 1903 with the permission of King Edward VII.

The RASC Kingston Centre was established in 1961 and currently has approximately 70 (2022Sept) members. We meet monthly for two hours at Queen's University in Kingston Ontario. There are presentations from excellent speakers and members are encouraged to share their latest interest. These meetings are free to the public and guests are always welcome. Since COVID19 struck in early 2020, we have held monthly virtual Zoom videoconferencing socials for members and their guests.



Astrophotography with a google pixel 6 smartphone on a tripod – Kevin Kell

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President Report

Annual Presidents Report 2021-2022 **Kim Hay**



We finished up our 2021-2022 year with a full slate of members helping on the board and on various committees and events. Though we were not meeting in public nor doing a lot of Outreach at this time, we did meet on ZOOM for our meetings and Social hour on Wednesday nights.

Our membership at the time of writing this report is at 72 and is up from 2020-2021 year.

Every online event we had we had our Honourary President Dr. David Levy give us a poem or prose to start our meetings off .

We had four guest speakers and 4 members giving presentations throughout the year. At the time of writing, our December meeting will be online (ZOOM) and the guest speaker is yet to be confirmed.

The first public Outreach event was May 7, 2022 for Science Rendezvous. We setup with Queen`s Astronomy Department on One Tragically Hip Way, Leon's Centre. It was a great day, the Sun shone and it was warm. Thank you to all the Volunteers that day in person (Laurie G., Devon G-A., Hank B. Rick W., Kevin K., Kim H) and those behind the scenes with the online Events (Bruce E., Susan G., Kevin W., Graeme H.) We had telescopes setup for looking at the Sun in White light and H-alpha also a station for EAA on the Sun, and hand outs. The highlight of the day was Queen`s U Astronomy, putting on a Comet Display, lots of out gassing going on!.

We met through the Summer for one Wednesday social hour at Lake Ontario Park for Bring your Own Dinner and chatting, since we do not hold Summer

meetings. This was a very nice event, and I am sure we will continue this aspect going forward in 2023.

We had our Fall N Stars 2022 Star party at Johnson's RV Park with RASC Belleville on September 23-25th, which was a great success. Also starting up was the Queen's Observatory Open House's, with the Centre helping with Observing on the deck in October.

Ongoing behind the scene projects for the Centre. There is work on 2023/2024 Partial and Total Solar eclipse with Queen's, RMC and other interested Bodies. Bruce Elliot is our lead. Possible outings in Bellrock ,Sharbot Lake, and perhaps a few Parks. Science Rendezvous 2023 will be happening and we will be there. Observing at the Queen's Observatory Deck for Open Houses.

I cannot express enough the gratitude and appreciation that I have for our Executive and volunteers that do the work that makes the Centre run so smoothly. We have a great TEAM and wonderful members. I hope that this may encourage others to help out where they can or want, either a single event or on a committee - I like the term "TEAM" better.

Thank you from the bottom of my heart to you all. It has been a wonderful year, and we can only look forward to the next!



Fall'N'Stars Star Party 2022 – kevin kell

Secretary Report

2022 Annual Report of the Secretary of

The Royal Astronomical Society of Canada – Kingston Centre
Elena Zanetti



Established in 1961, in our 61st year, virtual meetings kept our group engaged and energized. Our membership has remained stable and we in good financial health. Ten Regular meetings were held in the past year with monthly presentations and guest speakers. Our members weekly socials by Zoom were well attended throughout the entire year.

Members and guests were welcome to all our Regular meetings with invitations to join us live by Zoom or livestreamed on our Kingston Centre YouTube channel where they now reside. With a variety of speakers, our regulars included David Levy with a poetry moment, Rick Wagner with What's Up in the Sky, Hank Bartlett with Hank's Sunspot, announcements by Kim Hay, and National Council updates from John Hurley. Invitations to meetings were given on Facebook, Twitter, the Rascals email list, and on our website.

We had four Executive Meetings this past year to discuss budget, EAA, outreach, and other Centre business.

December 8, 2021 – Al Ward, President of the RASC Sudbury Centre and President of Moonward Vacuum Coatings, "Testing of Astronomical Optics in the Astronomical Age". Rick Wagner gave a presentation on Siril. Malcolm Park and Rick Wagner presented images of Comet Leonard.

January 12, 2022 – Dr. Andrew Godefroy, RASC KC member and scholar, "Upper Atmospheric Research and the Origins of the Canadian Space Program". Planning started for in-person events at Science Rendezvous in May. Planning for the Frontenac Lennox & Addington Science Fair (FLASF) also commenced with Bruce Elliott taking the lead.

February 9, 2022 – Dr. Jennifer West, Research Associate at the Dunlap Institute for Astronomy & Astrophysics, "Inside the Galactic Tunnel in the Sky". Planning has started for Fall'N'Stars 2022, September 23-25, with Susan Gagnon taking the lead.

March 9, 2022 – Dr. Marcus Leech, President of the Canadian Centre for Experimental Radio Astronomy, “Hunting FRBs on a budget: The SIFT Telescope”.

April 13, 2022 – Peter Pekurar, from Kitchener-Waterloo, “The Fun of Making Large Aperture Ultra-Fast Newtonians”. Our Centre awarded this year’s Leo Enright Prize in Astronomy at the again virtual FLASC to Chloe Jugroot, of King’s Town School, with her presentation, “Project Martian”, receiving a \$100 cash prize and the book, “Explore the Universe Guide”. Thank you to Bruce Elliott, along with Graeme Hay and Elena Zanetti for reviewing submissions and awarding the prize. This month, our Centre began a new monthly segment, “Members Observing Reports – Round Table”, where participants discuss what they observed, read, worked-on, and all things astronomy and was very well received.

May 11, 2022 – Dr. Richard Schmude, Professor at Gordon College in Barnsville, Georgia, “The Total Lunar Eclipse of May 15-16, 2022”. On May 7th, our Centre participated in Science Rendezvous with 3 video presentations created by members of our Centre: a Star Hopping video by Susan Gagnon, Origin of the Universe video by Kevin Wenkoff, Graeme Hay and Francesco Ambrogi, and an Observing Ideas PDF by Bruce Elliott. About 350 people attended the RASC-KC tent with solar telescopes set up and video projection. Thank you to Hank Bartlett, Laurie Graham and Devin, Rick Wagner, Kim Hay and Kevin Kell. A great event.

June 8, 2022 – Richard Wagner, member of our Kingston Centre, Ottawa Centre, a life-member of the RASC, and a member of the Science Team of the RASC Remote Telescope in California, “(Not so) Basic Image Reduction”.

July 13th and August 10th Summer meet-ups at Lake Ontario Park were held to finally have an in-person outdoor event.

September 14, 2022 – Dr. Andrew Godefroy, “Alouette +60 Years”. Our patron, Queen Elizabeth II, passed away September 8th and a moment of silence was held in her honour.

Fall“N”Stars 2022 September 23-25, a joint camping event with the Belleville Centre was held in Prince Edward County. Members enjoyed two evenings of observing, a swap table, solar observing, short presentations and a catered dinner with door prizes.

October 12, 2022 – Member’s Night: Brian McCracken, “Using the Nikon Z9 Mirrorless Camera and Lightroom for Astrophotography”. Kevin Kell, “Live demo of Installing a Heating Element in the popular Telrad Finder”.

October 22, 2022 – Queen’s University Observatory open house. The first one we have participated in since the pandemic started. Presenters were our own Kevin Kell and Rick Wagner.

November 9, 2022 – Our Annual Meeting and Regular Meeting to follow with Dr. Kristine Spekkens, “Galaxies, Cosmology and The Biggest Telescopes”.

December 14, 2022 – We will meet by Zoom and livestreamed on YouTube.

We look forward to 2023 with hybrid monthly meetings, virtual and livestreamed, and continuing with our weekly Zoom socials. We partner with Queen’s University Observatory open house with our volunteers operating telescopes for the general public. Our volunteers offer judging and an award from our Centre for the Kingston, Frontenac, Lennox and Addington Science Fair and take part in Kingston’s Science Rendezvous which offers STEM learning events for all ages.

Elena Zanetti, RASC-KC Secretary



Science Rendezvous Kingston is an annual science event that engages the Kingston community with local STEM (Science technology, engineering and Math). We participate each year with Solar Telescopes, volunteer operators and handouts.. lots and lots of handouts. Well over 300 members of the astronomically inclined public stopped by and cleaned us out of planispheres, moon maps, and especially stickers... lots and lots of stickers.



Science Rendezvous 2022 – kevin kell

Treasurer Report

RASC Kingston Centre Treasurer Financial Report for
Executive Board and Auditor, October 14, 2022.

Susan Gagnon



Summary as of 2022-10-01:

Income \$6,379

Expenses \$5,217

for a net gain of \$1,162

Total assets \$35,063.

Fund Status:

Cash \$6.00

Fall'n'Stars \$861.60

Observatory \$22,587.77

Operating \$9,607.80

Reserve \$500

Special Projects \$1,500

Membership at the time of reporting is 72.

Kingston Centre financials remain straight forward in this second year of Covid-19 barriers to gathering. The Fall'n'Stars account activity remains open as the account will generate a modest profit of \$361.70 to be split evenly between Kingston and Belleville Centres. The rebalancing of that account will happen after the Auditor's review and the passing of this report at the AGM.

Income

Kingston Centre membership income (\$1217) at a transfer rate of \$23 per member from National, is the Centre's second source of income exceeded this year by the generous donations of members (\$1500).

Calendar sales (\$208) and Fall'n'Stars (profit 2021 \$172 and 2022 \$180) complete the major sources of income in any given year and this year in particular.

GIC returns, as expected are minimal this year with the low interest rates, however next year will be better.

Expense

An unfortunate outcome of modern life is that our largest single expense is Director and Officer Insurance (\$432). As irritating as it is, the cost has remained the same. We had an uptick in Outreach spending with a return to participation in Science Rendezvous (\$38a). Along with the bulk purchase of SkyNews for local libraries and handouts, this spending included the printing of 2 beautiful posters created by Laurie Graham, to be used at future events.

Observatory spending was also up with a much needed update of various parts to the Venor. For years now Kevin Kell has taken stock of, maintained and reported the condition of various pieces of Centre equipment and this year he turned his attention to the Venor. We are grateful for these efforts to keep Centre assets on the radar if they are to realize their full potential in the future. Zoom was our main meeting venue again this year and for the use it has gotten, a bargain at the price of \$226 for the year. We also thank Doug Angle for transporting efforts related to the Venor over the years and Tessa Clark for the storage of the 16 foot dome for yet another year.

Banking details.

We remain with the RBC branch on Gardiner's Road, hours are good and the location convenient. We save fees by downloading e-statements, and the addition of e transfers to the account has been popular.

Future fundraising.

As reported last year, a tripod and binocular set gifted to the Centre for the purpose of fundraising remains in limbo. Canada Helps shows some activity that seemed to have captured a random donation but it was anonymous so difficult to tell. Fundraising is not an all consuming issue right now as the hunt for Observatory land is not showing promise at this time. Enthusiastic fundraising seems to require a clear goal and timeline.

Notes for the Auditor

Financial year October 1 to September 30 (2021-2022)

Treasurer: current Susan Gagnon (2015-2022), past Kevin Kell (2010-2015)

Records: within the 2021-2022 Treasurer Deposit and Expense Binder please find the following,

- . AGM 2021 motion of 2021-11-10 nominating Michael Bird as Auditor.
- . General Ledger: Central spread sheet, all transactions.
- . Payments, all cheques (#329-#354) issued and deposit slips.
- . Reports: all monies received through RASC national through direct deposit to the Centre.
- . Bank: All e-statements received from RBC.
- . Investments: all statements referencing GIC status.
- . Papers submitted to the Canada Revenue Agency and the Province of Ontario.

In addition to the binder I have included: Profit and loss (1 page), a sorted Ledger account (all transactions separated by Income vs. Expense), Balance Sheet reconciling the General Ledger accounting and the RBC chequing and GICs as well as the cash on hand.

Process

Four members of the executive have signing authority for the Centre. Two signatures are required for every cheque and one must be the Treasurer's. The Drive database at National is looking a bit more predictable now that the first full year of use has run its course. US dollar exchange on membership and donations remain more opaque but we press on. I look forward to the report from the Auditor and any feedback from the executive or membership.

Susan Gagnon
Royal Astronomical Society of Canada
Kingston Centre



The TARDIS Observatory housing the Torus CC04 Telescope – Kevin Kell

Annual Financial Statements as submitted to RASC National Office.

	A	B	C	D	E
1	Centre Treasurer's Annual Report – 2022				
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3	The annual Centre Treasurer's Report allows the Society to present a consolidated view of our total fundraising and activities in support of astronomy. This information is published in our annual report and used in support of grant applications and for strategic planning purposes. Your assistance in submitting this information is very much appreciated.				
4	Instructions				
5	1 Using your financial statements, complete this spreadsheet by filling in the category which most closely matches your chart of accounts.				
6	2 Be sure to rename this spreadsheet to reflect your Centre's name (e.g. XYZ_Centre_2019.xls)				
7	3 Email to Adela Zyfi mempub@rasc.ca				
8					
9	REVENUE <i>Enter all amounts rounded off to the nearest dollar.</i>				
10	Category		Amount	Description of category	
11	Membership Revenue				
12		Membership Fees - Centre fee	1,217	This is the amount of Centre fee received by the Centre .	
13		Membership Fee - Affiliate		Revenue from Affiliate whose membership is with a different Centre	
14		Membership Fees - Other		Any other fees for Centre programs or services collected from members, e.g. observatory fees	
15		Centre Newsletter		Any revenue from fees charged for the Centre newsletter	
16	Donations / Fundraising				
17		Donations	1,500	Donations received by the Centre	
18		Fundraising		This is anything that raises money for the Centre and includes sponsorships for special projects or grants received.	
19	Sales Revenue				
20		Sales of Observer's Handbooks	20	Direct reselling of the OH to members and 3rd parties.	
21		Sales of Observer's Calendars	460	Direct reselling of the OC to members and 3rd parties.	
22		Other Publication Sales		same as above	
23		RASC Promo items		Direct reselling of RASC promotional items to members and 3rd parties.	
24		Other Sales		same as above	
25	Subscription Revenue				
26		Astronomy / Sky & Telescope		If your Centre administers a direct subscription	
27		Other			
28	Events Revenue				
29		Star Parties	3,155	Record here revenue received from organizing a star party.	
30		Annual Dinner		Revenue received for the dinner	
31		BIYA Event		Any Revenue received from a Beyond IYA event	
32		Astronomy Day		Any Revenue received from an Astronomy Day event	
33		Other Events		Please identify the specific event (for inclusion in upcoming years)	
34	General Assembly Revenue				
35		General Assembly		Profit/loss for hosting a General Assembly	
36	Miscellaneous Revenue				
37		Interest and Dividends	28	Revenue from interests and dividends	
38		Advertising		Advertising revenue	
39		Observatory site revenue - members		Observatory site access fees from members.	
40		Equipment rentals/loans		Equipment loan program fees from members.	
41		Public services, events, outreach		Revenue from non-members for services provided (e.g. Astronomy evenings)	
42		Miscellaneous		Anything not listed above, please specify.	
43					
44	TOTAL REVENUE		6,380		
45					

A	B	C	D	E
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7		EXPENDITURES		
8		Category	Amount	Description of category
9		Sales Expenses		
10		RASC publications	252	Cost of purchasing OH, Calendar, other RASC pubs.
11		Other Publications	113	SkyNews Bulk Purchase
12		Newsletter	184	Cost of producing Centre newsletter. Mailing? Distribution?
13		RASC Promo items		Cost of purchasing RASC promotional items
14		Other		
15		Event Expenses		
16		Star Parties	262	Any expenses from your star parties
17		Annual Dinner		Any expenses from your Annual Dinner
18		Astronomy Day		Any expenses from your Astronomy Day
19		BIYA Event		Any expenses from your Beyond IYA events
20		Meetings	426	Zoom, speaker honoraria
21		Other Events	372	Science Fair, poster production, outreach handouts, display shelter Science Rendezvous
22		Travel Expenses		
23		General Assembly and Council Meetings		Use this account to record any expense for reimbursing Rep to attend Council meetings / General Assembly.
24		Administrative Expenses		
25		Office Administration	44	Society Office processing fee, postage, etc.
26		Equipment and Supplies	33	Stationery, office supplies, envelopes, etc.
27		Insurance	432	D and O
28		General Expenses and Audit		
29		Awards	339	
30		Donations		Any expenses relating to donations
31		Advertising		
32		Miscellaneous Expenses		
33		Observatory and Site Expenses	346	
34		Library	9	
35		Depreciation		
36		Miscellaneous		Any items not covered by the above.
37		TOTAL EXPENDITURES	5171	
38				
39		SURPLUS OR DEFICIT ON OPERATIONS	1,209	Operating surplus or deficit for most recent fiscal year. Surplus
40				
41		BALANCE SHEET Summary		
42		ASSETS		
43		Current assets	35269	Bank account(s) balance, petty cash, GIC, term deposits, etc.
44		Long-term assets		Value of telescopes; observatory, land owned, buildings
45		Total Assets	35,269	
46		LIABILITIES		
47		Current liabilities	208	Accounts payable, deferred revenue.
48		Long-term Liabilities	0	Loans, mortgages
49		EQUITY		
50		Net Equity	35,061	Net equity
51		Total Liabilities and Equity	35,269	

Librarian Report 2021-2022 Kim Hay



The books are housed in the RASC Kingston Centre shed which is at the home of the President.

We had a few books come back this year, and the book listing is on the website. You must be a member in good standing to borrow books from the Library.
<https://kingston.rasc.ca/library>

We had a new E-book added this year, Not Yet Imagined by Christopher Gainor , and Telescope Guide Rev 1.1 by Emile Cormier (RASC NB) which is also available for download at <https://rascnb.ca/telescope-buying-guide/>

We did not spend any money on the Library in 2022 however, we have had a request for a few books for 2023.



The Venor 60cm dobsonian and the RASC KC Storage Shed – Kevin Kell

Reports from Officers and Committees: Editor



RASC-KC Editor Annual Report 2022 - Kevin Kell

This past 12 months we have published 12 issues of Regulus, the Newsletter of The RASC-KC.

Regulus Newsletter

Issue	pages
2021 Nov	21
2021 Dec	22
2022 Jan	16
2022 Feb	20
2022 Mar	17
2022 Apr	16
2022 May	20
2022 Jun	16
2022 Jul	14
2022 Aug	12
2022 Sep	10
2022 Oct	18
average	17
total	202



Dec 2022
Regulus



Nov 2022
Regulus



Oct 2022
Regulus



Sep 2022
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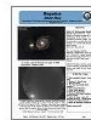
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My thoughts on Regulus are that it is the only time tested, reliable method of retaining the history of the Centre. Websites come and go, information disappears in the ether, emails get deleted... I could go on. If it didn't get written up and published in Regulus it didn't happen!

So as a result the newsletter contains regular "columns" such as Minutes of Regular Monthly Meetings, a one page summary of the Centre and its status, operations, contact info, etc.

Other items are mandated, like at least 30 days notice of the Annual General Meeting and Elections, the AGM agenda and the past AGM minutes.

It is also a venue/mechanism for members to receive recognition for their "work": observing, imaging, writing, outreach and many other possibilities, in astronomy.

We try to highlight a colourful member's image on the front page. When that is unavailable then something from public media is used.

Regular columnists are a godsend and I wish to thank Hank Bartlett, Rick

Wagner, Kim Hay, and David Levy for providing regular, consistent submissions over the past year. Stephen Craig's year long "Galaxy of the Day" image was a novel and highly popular addition. Did I mention consistency? He Did That.

Over the past decades, we have gotten away from longer written submissions and moved to more imagery, shorter submissions. At times submissions have been is such short supply that I went to read through other Centres newsletter looking for material to publish 😊

For editing and publishing Regulus, I have used LibreOffice writer, basically a word processor. Both of my predecessors Graeme and Walter published much better looking graphical layouts and design than I have managed and I congratulate them on that as well.

Our website kingston.rasc.ca also contains 356 (and counting!) issues of Regulus, under Library, Periodicals, Regulus. Our earliest issue is November 1973

History of Editors:

2020-2022 Kevin Kell
2019 Grame Hay
2008-2018 Walter MacDonald
2007 Joe Benderavage
2005-2006 Doug Angle
2004 vacant
1996-2003 Kevin Kell
1995 Peter Kirk
1990-1994 Bill Broderick
1989 Mark Kaye
1978-1988 Leo Enright
1977 Doug Baker
1975-1976 Susan McDougall
1973-1975 Valerie Kirkwood

The Editor often participates in other editing/publishing projects such as "The RASC-Kingston Centre Member Image Gallery", now in its 3rd year. This provides a distinct publication of Member submitted best imagery of the year. Other past projects have included "Expanding Their Universe (2002) by Laura Gagne, Worlds to Discover (2000) by Laura Gagne and Careers in Space (1999) by Laura Gagne. It has been a privilege and honour serving as Editor. I will not be standing for re-election at the November AGM.

Reports from Officers and Committees: Equipment



RASC Kingston Centre Equipment Coordinator Annual Report 2022 v3

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Kevin Kell

The RASC Kingston Center maintains a collection of Equipment and Loan Equipment. I have been the Coordinator for so many years I have forgotten what it is like not to be doing this. The Equipment Coordinator is an appointed position by the Board and was basically the way RASC-KC tries to keep track of items in our possession.

The lists are available in the members only section of the website kingston.rasc.ca : Members; Equipment.

The first two documents are the complete master list of equipment "Equipment-Inventory-2020-0929.pdf" (yes a little out of date) and "Equipment-LoanProgram-2020-0929.pdf" (also a little out of date).

It is a double edged sword, trying to protect the equipment from damage and loss, and keeping the Loan Equipment out in circulation. Over the last few years we have strayed too far into the protection and not enough into the circulation.

Other Centers have lost major pieces of Equipment (A 20cm Meade lx200 comes to mind), but so far, we have not. In some cases the cause was theft, either from the Center storage or from the member who loaned it. In others it was the member who loaned it, never to return it.

Over time however, equipment depreciates and at some point in time the benefit outweighs the risk/cost.

We have adopted a policy of:

* Because of the expense/value of the telescopes marked with * only RASC-KC members who have been a member for at least one year, are known and trusted, and will take care of and return the equipment in a timely fashion are eligible.

In the meantime, over the next few months, I will be making a concerted effort to get the Loan Equipment out circulating again.

In 2013 the Center purchased a storage shed that was assembled in our (Kim & Kevin) back yard. That purchase allowed the Equipment collection to be concentrated in one spot, rather than spread around our home, and other member homes, just sitting there. We started doing an annual audit as well with

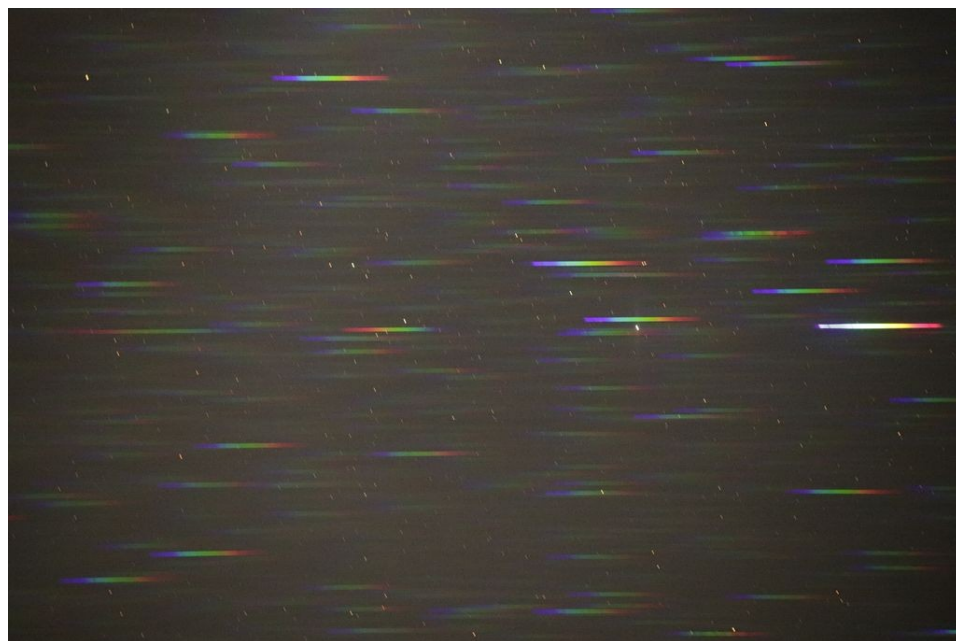
two members of the Board, but COVID stopped that. We hope to resume that in 2023, after we attempt to decant and downsize some more.

Our longterm hope is that if the Centre ever purchases/leases property the equipment can be relocated there.

Another duty of the job is equipment maintenance. This past year we (with help) have repainted the Tardis Observatory housing the Torus telescope and performed an overhaul of the 60cm Venor telescope. This overhaul included cleaning the primary and secondary mirrors, sanding down corrosion on electrical connections, replacing the telrad finder, installing a heating element into the telrad, replacing missing nuts from the primary mirror cell supports, adding a 2" to 5/4" adapter for eyepieces, adding a kit box for accessories, replacing the lead acid battery that powers the heating elements and primary mirror cooling fans with a lithium battery and more.

The 20cm f6.9 Fitzgerald Dob was also cleaned up and rekkitted for its longterm stay at the Queens Ellis Hall Observatory. This is intended to be used by members performing Education and Outreach on the observing deck as well as any other participants (ie Queens volunteers) of the event.

The 20cm f4.5 Barney Dobsonian is under renovation and I hope that it is available for loan in the next few weeks.



Reference grating Spectra preceding testing of Spectrascopes – Kim Hay

Reference Information

Board of Directors: President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Editor, Librarian, National Representatives

Executive Committee: Board of Directors, Webmaster, Equipment Coordinator, Outreach Coordinator, Social Convenor

Mission Statement of the RASC Kingston Centre

The mission of The RASC Kingston Centre is:

- in conjunction with the objectives of the Royal Astronomical Society of Canada, to promote and foster a greater awareness, understanding, and appreciation of astronomy and allied sciences among the public at large, and particularly among our youth and in the schools, and with groups and individuals who invite our assistance;
- to provide for our members a rich variety of services and programs related to their growth in, and enjoyment of, amateur astronomy;
- to acquire and maintain a library, astronomical equipment, and as need arises, other property, such as may be judged useful for pursuing our astronomical objectives;
- to work in conjunction with the Society and other Centres of the Society to further the progress and welfare of astronomy in Canada.

We are provincially incorporated as a not-for-profit corporation (September 2005) and are a registered Charity with Revenue Canada (September 2006),

CRA Registration #: 827905720RR0001