

RASC Kingston Centre Annual Report 2025

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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 63 (2025 Sept) members. We meet monthly for two hours at Queen's University in Kingston Ontario September-June. 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.

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President Report 2025 – Malcolm Park



I would like to begin my report by thanking the Board of Directors of the Centre, the non-elected officers and volunteers and all members, for making 2025 such an enjoyable experience in amateur astronomy.

Among the Centre's goals, we aim to promote and foster a greater awareness, understanding, and appreciation of astronomy and allied sciences among the public at large, particularly among our youth and in schools, and with any other group/individual who request our assistance. This is only possible with our volunteer's hard work and dedication.

2025 Highlights:

We have monthly in person meetings and have kept Zoom for the winter months of January and February to minimize the risk of driving in poor winter conditions. Prior to our meetings, we have been going to the Portsmouth Tavern for supper. This has consistently been a popular part of our meeting nights. Mike Hanes volunteered to be our social convenor, and we are grateful to him for taking this on.

Susan Gagnon has been recording our in-person meetings for upload to the YouTube channel. We hope that this provides members with a way to stay connected and enjoy the meeting if they can't attend in person.

Susan has also been the Treasurer for the Centre for many years. I would like to thank Susan on behalf of the Centre for her contribution as Treasurer, and a Director. Susan's term ends this year and she has indicated that she will not stand for re-election.

Mark Kaye has taken on the role of primary host for the Wednesday Social Chats on Zoom, with help from time to time from John Hurley and Susan.

Our meetings have been well attended, and we have had a good mix of presentations over the year. I would refer you to the detailed report from our Secretary, Elena Zanetti, but some of the highlights include presentations by Mike Karakas, Winnipeg Centre, Alan Dyer from Alberta and we even had the National Director, Jenna Hinds give us a presentation on the recent history of the RASC.

Thanks to Bruce Murray for his role as the Centre's Auditor this year.

Elena Zanetti does a wonderful job as the Secretary, providing us with an excellent record and accounting of the meetings and activities of the Centre

John Hurley is our National Council Representative and keeps us informed on all things to do with the National Organization.

Kim Hay has the dual role of Vice President and Librarian. Kim's term as Director is up for election this year, and Kim has stated that she will stand for re-election for another. Thank you, Kim, for all you do.

With regards to the Centre's Newsletter Regulus, there is a new Editor in chief in 2025, Roger Hill. Thank you, Roger, for your contribution to the Centre as a Director, and the Editor of Regulus.

Rick Wagner (Past President) continues to present his very thorough and informative "What's Up in the Sky" at our monthly meetings.

Kevin Kell and Walter McDonald keep the website up to date and filled with relevant current information. There has been chatter about updating the website and moving away from the current software. Stay tuned!

Thank you, Kevin Kell, for your contributions to the Center as a Director at large, and for being the equipment coordinator. The SEESTAR S50 has proven to be very popular, and Kevin ensures that everyone gets a turn with it.

And we are grateful to have our Honourary President David Levy. David is present at most of our Zoom socials and begins the meeting with poetry and quotations.

2025 RASC Kingston Centre Outreach:

Our RASC KC team continues to help at Queen's University Observatory Open House, led by Laurie Graham with Susan and Elena.

Rick Wagner and Rose-Marie Burke volunteered at a Rideau Lakes event.

The Science Rendezvous Team was once again actively involved.

Our Secretaries Report has more information, with a list of participants, but many thanks to all volunteers.

Astrophotography 101 Courses

Throughout 2025, a number of courses were presented on different aspects of Astrophotography.

Intended to help people get the most out of the hobby, topics included: Wide Field imaging, Equipment setup, software, Processing images, Mosaics, Planetary and Solar, and Comets.

We had special guest presentations from Kerry-Ann Lecky-Hepburn on Wide-field DSLR astrophotography, and from Benjamin Law on Planetary and Solar imaging.

We are past the peak of the current Solar Cycle.

Solar activity seems to be slowing. We have had some CME's from time to time, but nothing like last year. However, at the fall equinox activity did pick up. This image was from my backyard near the end of September.



Fall'N'Stars

Fall'N'Stars was held as usual at Johnson's RV Park, in Prince Edward County in September and a great time was had by all. Pizza, salad, swap table, door prizes, group photo. Fall'N'Stars has it all.

RASC KC Observatory

The Centre found a home for the materials stored on Tessa Clark's property. Centre member Kevin Wenkoff offered to take possession of the dome materials and a Big Move was organized in July. John Hurley supplied the muscle vehicle, and we loaded up a trailer and hauled everything up to Bellrock. Thanks to Kevin's wife Karen for hosting a lovely lunch after the move. We look forward to hearing how Kevin makes out.



C/2025 A5 (Lemmon)

Comet Lemmon brightened towards the end of October 2025



T Corona Borealis: We are still waiting for it to blow!

It was anticipated that this might be a big story in 2024, and then in 2025! it may yet be.



The Annual Astro-Photography Gallery

Brain McCracken is compiling the best of 2025 RASC Kingston Centre Astro-photo gallery.

25" Obsession donated to the Centre

The Estate of Attila Danko donated his 25" Obsession dobsonian telescope to the RASC Kingston Centre for use in outreach programs. This wonderful instrument will be deployed to the Lennox and Addington Dark Sky Viewing Area. The opportunity to offer the large numbers of attendees to see the universe with such a high-quality

instrument is very exciting. The plan is to have a shed constructed on-site, so that the telescope can be stored fully assembled. There will be a grand opening event in April or May to celebrate the donation and the first light at L&A DSVA.

Finally...

Amateur astronomy clubs are volunteer organizations. We have a position opening on our Board of Directors at the AGM in 2025. The new Director will be asked to take on the role of Treasurer of the Centre. Many Centres do not have the active membership base to fill their Board, and so the same members continue to do the same things until they burn out. 2 out of 7 of our Board are relative newcomers. This is great! I hope we can find another new member to be Treasurer. I encourage you to volunteer. The Centre only exists if we volunteer to help run it.

My term is also expiring this year as President, and I am willing to stand for re-election.

The RASC Kingston Centre has a diverse and active membership base, with expertise in a wide array of astronomy disciplines to help newcomers get started. It is a pleasure to be a member of the Society, and I thank you all for your contributions.

Malcolm Park,

President, RASC Kingston Centre

Vice President Report 2025– Kim Hay



October 16, 2025

All Executive meetings were attended and participated in.

Helped out at the 2025 Science Rendezvous, and offered assistance to anyone when needed.

It was a very quiet year on the Vice President front. Though the Policy Manual is still a work in progress.

The Vice President also chaired this year's Award Committee for the selection of the recipient of the A.V. Douglas Award. Thank you to fellow committee members, Susan Gagnon and John Hurley.

As a side note, Jenna Hinds contacted me in regards with Allie Douglas's grand-nephew Stephen Douglas. He was looking for some information for a book he is researching in writing on A.V. Douglas. Many leads were given, and he has stated he will keep in touch. Since we at the Centre may know a bit more personal aspects regarding A.V. Douglas.

Our President Malcolm Park, has everything under control and the Centre ran smoothly.

Secretary Report



2025 Annual Report of the Secretary of The Royal Astronomical Society of Canada – Kingston Centre Elena Zanetti

In our 64th year, the Kingston Centre has again had a good year with informative meetings and good outreach. Our membership stands at 63 and we are in good financial health. We held 9 Regular meetings at Ellis Hall, Queen's University, with dinner at a local pub enjoyed beforehand. On non-meeting weeks, we held Zoom socials, well attended by our members. July and August, these socials were held outdoors at Lake Ontario Park. Executive meetings, 4 in all, were held by Zoom.

Outreach and Events: We continue to assist at the Queen's University Observatory Open House once a month with Laurie Graham, Devin Graham-Ancsin, Susan Gagnon, Bruce Elliott and Elena Zanetti on hand. Kim Hay presented to the Winnipeg Centre on Solar Observing and Citizen Science. Shelley and Stefan Jackson conducted astronomy outreach at a campground, and Rose-Marie Burke and Rick Wagner at a Portland event. Dieter Brueckner outreach efforts reached as far as Switzerland. Astrophotography tutorials led by Malcolm Park are well attended. Queen's University hosted Science Rendezvous where our volunteers, Bruce Elliott, Kim Hay, Kevin Kell, Susan Gagnon, Laurie Graham, Devin Graham-Ancsin, Roger Hill, Rick Wagner, and Peggy and John Hurley hosted a booth at this successful event. Bruce Elliott led the judging, along with Graeme Hay and Elena Zanetti, for the Kingston Centre's RASC Leo Enright Award for Astronomy at the Frontenac Lennox & Addington Science Fair. The winner was Jyotis Jugroot, from King's Town School, for his project, 'Wheelie on the Moon'. Rick Wagner continues to inform us on monthly celestial events. Our newsletter, the Regulus, is published monthly by Roger Hill and is a key resource. David Levy reads us poetry, John Hurley updates us on National Council activities and our members regale us with images and videos on a regular basis.

Speakers: We are fortunate to continue to have a variety of speakers at our meetings, knowledgeable and passionate about astronomy. These include Mike Karakas, Winnipeg Centre member, on Traveling for Planetary Imaging, Alan Dyer, author and astrophotographer, on Cosmic Connections: How the Moon and Stars Made Earth and Life Possible, David Chapman, Fellow of the RASC and Halifax Centre member, on Celestial Birds: Lore and Observing, Jeff Booth, Toronto Centre member, on the Aurora Borealis: A Natural Wonder, John Moores, Director & Associate Professor, Earth and Space Science Program at York University, on Daydreaming in the Solar System, Jenna Hinds, Executive Director of the RASC, on the Modern History of the RASC, Rick Wagner, Kingston Centre member, on Astronomical Photometry, Stefan Jackson, Kingston Centre member, on Imaging the Sun in Ha, and Steve Mallia, from Ontario Telescope and Accessories, on Gear.

Looking forward to clear skies and a productive 2026.
Elena Zanetti, Secretary

Treasurer Report 2025- Susan Gagnon



October 03, 2025.

Summary as of 2025-10-01:

Income \$8211, Expenses \$6528 for a profit of \$1683, Total assets \$37,590.48.

Fund Status: Spreadsheets, Open Office (4.1.3)

Cash	\$	6.00
Fall'n'Stars	\$	866.13
Observatory	\$	22,724.99
Operating	\$	13,993.36

Membership at the time of reporting is 63.

Income

Kingston Centre membership income (\$1346) at a transfer rate of \$22.31 per member from National, is the Centre's second source of income, exceeded again this year by the generous donations of members and others (\$3363). Donations have been augmented by members who gathered this summer to clean out the neglected stock of equipment etc. in the storage shed. Hopefully past projects will take on new life in the hands of members. Fall'n'Stars (\$183), Calendar sales (\$106) and GIC interest (\$686) round out our sources of income this year.

Expense

Outreach spending (\$1064) is attributed by half to splitting the cost of the SeeStar between member use and outreach events. Meeting related spending (room rental, Zoom, speaker expenses) amount to \$1005.

Banking details.

We remain with the RBC branch on Gardiner's Road. While the Centre readily receives e-transfers, all outgoing amounts remain cheques requiring 2 signatures and this is preferred as a security issue.

Notes for the Auditor

Financial year October 1 to September 30 (2024-2025)

Treasurer: Susan Gagnon (2015-2025).

Previous reports included accounts/funds titled Special Projects and Reserve. It was determined by the Board that these served no purpose and these amounts have been folded into Operations. As a consequence there is a considerable jump in the balance of this account.

The Fall'n'Stars account will be rebalanced to its base \$500 when profits are distributed later this month.

Records: within the 2024-2025 Treasurer Deposit and Expense Binder please find the following,

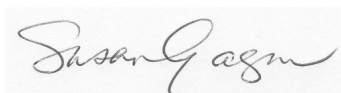
- Michael Bird was elected by the membership at the 2024 AGM to act as auditor but was later unavailable and stepped down. Bruce Murray agreed to take it on and had been appointed by the Board and there is an email exchange covering this.
- General Ledger: Central spreadsheet, all transactions.
- Payments, all cheques (#412-#442) 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 of the previous year.
- Profit vs. Loss Statement
- Balance Sheet reconciling the General Ledger accounting and the RBC accounts

Process

Three members of the executive have signing authority for the Centre. In the past it has been 4 and I would encourage a return to this strategy. Two signatures are required for every cheque and one must be the Treasurer's.. I look forward to the report from the Auditor and any feedback from the executive or membership.

Thank you for the privilege of serving the Centre as your Treasurer.

Sincerely,



Susan Gagnon
Treasurer
Royal Astronomical Society of Canada
Kingston Centre

Balance Sheet 2024-2025		
	Ledger	RBC+Cash
Cash	\$6.00	\$6.00
Observatory	\$22,724.99	
Operating	\$13,993.36	
Fall'n'Stars	\$866.13	
Chequing RBC		\$23,627.52
GIC 0013		\$5,150.00
GIC 0011		\$5,090.41
GIC 0008		\$5,000.00
Uncashed Cheques		-\$1,190.00
		-\$128.45
Pending Deposit		\$35.00
Totals	\$37,590.48	\$37,590.48

Profit v Loss		
Budget Line item	Income	Expense
Membership	\$1,346.23	
Donations	\$3,363.48	
GIC Interest	\$685.84	
Calendar Sales	\$453.90	
Fall'n'Stars	\$2,232.00	
National fees		\$51.60
Calendar purchase		\$347.57
Memorial expense		\$103.00
Fall'n'Stars		\$1,865.87
Secretary exp		\$10.40
Treasurer exp		\$22.37
Library exp		\$40.00
Admin exp ON Gov	\$130.00	\$130.00
Bank Fees		\$48.60
D and O insurance		\$453.60
Regulus		\$39.45
RMC Dome move		\$238.14
Meeting room rent		\$440.70
Speaker exp		\$321.00
Outreach		\$1,064.62
Science Fair		\$154.85
Website/Green G.		\$227.30
Zoom		\$242.84
Capital e observe		\$534.47
Capital e admin		\$192.09
	\$8,211.45	\$6,528.47
Profit	\$1,682.98	

Auditor Report 2025 - Bruce Murray



October 28, 2025

Fiscal 2024-2025

I have reviewed the financial statements (as provided by the treasurer) for the Kingston Centre for the fiscal year 2024-2025.

As part of the audit, I examined and validated the records supporting the figures in the financial statements. Based on this examination I am confident that the financial statements are free of any material misstatement.

As of October 1st, 2025, the centre is reporting assets of \$37,600.48 and a net profit of \$1,683.98 for the fiscal year ending September 30th, 2025.

As part of this report to the board I would like to make the following recommendations for their consideration:

1. There is a significant amount of cash in the centre's chequing account and currently not generating any income. I recommend that \$15,000 be invested in three GICs. This investment would be in addition to the three GICs currently invested by the centre (GIC interest generated for fiscal year was \$685.84).
2. A second bank account (savings) could be opened and any funds not needed for the operations of the centre could be placed in this account. This would minimize any risk having all the centre's operational funds in one account and would generate minor amounts of interest.
3. Record value of hard assets (e.g. mounts, telescopes, trailers, cameras, etc.) on the balance sheet and define a depreciation schedule for these assets.

Susan has done a great job managing the centre's financial records.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Bruce Murray". The signature is stylized with a large loop at the end.

Bruce Murray
Auditor
RASC Kingston Centre

National Representative 2025- John Hurley



No report received.

Librarian Report 2025- Kim Hay



Librarian's Report (October 16, 2025) - Kim Hay

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

We had a purchase to the library from author Prof. John E. Moore and Jesse Rogerson, called Daydreaming in the Solar System was made. Prof. Moore was our speaker in May 2025. We also received a copy of the 2025 Night Sky Almanac, by Nicole Mortillaro.

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> . These are loaned out for a month at a time, with pickup and drop off at the meetings, or other arrangements made.

Possible additions would be Lunar Books, with maps. A new Book out on the market is by Robert Reeves called Exploring the Moon. This book is a very good reference book, with most images taken by Robert Reeves. This book has not been purchased yet, but possibly in 2025-2026 .Always on hunt for new books, but the library does not see much action or borrowing these days.

A project for 2024 was to have atlases or maps of each of the RASC Observing Certificates, so they could be loaned out to achieve these certificates. No one requested anything for these programs, but they are available for in the future. This is an ongoing project.

Certificates:

Explore the Universe
Explore the Moon
Messier Catalogue
Finest NGC Objects
Isabel Williamson Lunar

Observing Programs

Deep Sky Gems
Deep- Sky Challenge
Double Stars

Editor Report 2025 - Roger Hill



2025 November 12

A newsletter is a tool organizations use to share valuable information directly with members, prospects, and the public. It also serves as a historical record, preserving important content over time.

With 12 years' experience as a newsletter editor at another RASC Centre, I used familiar tools—spending considerable time adapting MS Publisher 2007 to match the style Kingston Centre members expected.

Once that was done, though, it takes me 4-8 hours to put an issue together. This time was highly dependant on the material that was provided to me. I was also fortunate in being able to re-use articles that I had published for my previous Centre.

I have strived to ensure that *Regulus* is published on, and preferably before, the first Wednesday of the month. This is due to some materials being submitted that were time-sensitive, typically items of interest in the sky for the upcoming month.

I'd like to thank the regular contributors to *Regulus*. As editors across the RASC are almost always struggling to find content, it is a distinct pleasure to have so many people contribute to *Regulus*. Malcolm Park, David Levy, Rick Wagner, Susan Gagnon, Elena Zanetti, Kevin Kell, Mike Hanes, Cathy Hall, Bruce Elliot, John Hurley, and some articles found on-line by Clay Sherrod, Stuart Atminson, W John McDonald, the Canadian Space Agency, and the AI Entity that creates the recaps of Zoom sessions.

As of the October 2025 issue, I have published nine editions of *Regulus* (December 2024 to October 2025, excluding July and August), with one more planned for November. I've aimed for a 12-page length, assuming this suits those who prefer to print it. However, since *Regulus* is no longer distributed in print, this limit is increasingly arbitrary and may be exceeded if sufficient content is available.

Editors of *Regulus*:

Valerie Kirkwood 1973-1975	Susan McDougall 1975-1976	Doug Baker 1977
Leo Enright* 1978-1988	Bill Broderick 1990-1994	Peter Kirk 1995
Kevin Kell 1996-2003	Vacant 2004	Doug Angle 2005-2006
Joe Benderavage 2007	Walter MacDonald*2008-2018	Graeme Hay 2019
Kevin Kell* 2020-2022	Andrew B. Godefroy 2022-2024	Roger Hill 2024 - present

Reports from Officers and Committees: Equipment



RASC Kingston Centre Equipment Coordinator Annual Report 2025 - 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 master list of equipment and the Loan Program list are available in the members (login required) section of our website at kingston.rasc.ca

* Because of the expense/value of the telescopes marked with * we have adopted a policy of: 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 2013 the Center purchased a storage shed that was assembled in our (Kim Hay & Kevin Kell) 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. Our longterm hope was that if the Centre ever purchases/leases property the equipment storage could be relocated there. This appears not to be likely at all as in the past decade land prices have gone up more than x10 and the Board has accepted this reality and decided to focus on other avenues of service to the membership.

As a result we have completed a Board approved a purge of the RASCKC Storage shed equipment this past spring.. This included disposing of the ash dome which has been in storage for the last 12 years.

One of the most popular new additions to the Equipment Loan Program is the ZWO Seestar S50 smart telescope. This goes out to members on a one month term, with special provision for Public Outreach sessions at Queens University monthly.

In addition, the 15cm Barney Dobsonian has had a new mount built for it and the 25cm Douglas Dobsonian mirror is in the process of being recoated.

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Fall'n'Stars Star Party 2025 : Registrar's Report by Susan Gagnon

2025 Fall'n'Stars Report.....S Gagnon

A total of 35 people took some part in our annual fall camping weekend with Belleville Centre.

As always it is the people who make it a success. Thanks to all who contributed: chili, snacks, desserts and buns to the Friday night potluck, making it one of the best attended Friday night dinners in some time. Saturday we enjoyed a splendid presentation by Roger Hill, giving a rundown of his observing highlights through the years. Saturday night dinner was also well attended and we enjoyed more than one round of door prizes! Thanks to all who contributed those. Les Nagy was our photographer for the group photo. Sunday morning Kelly Burr sent us 3 flavours of warm-from-the-oven scones.

Despite the wind we enjoyed quite a bit of observing with no dew. As always it is great to see other folk's set ups and talk astronomy .There are always opportunities for those new to observing to get some tips and people with new equipment can benefit from other's experience. Socializing was rampant and even though we have monthly meetings, this venue provides a unique opportunity to share ideas and experience.

I would like to mention a few people in particular who tend to volunteer year after year and a bit under the radar at times. Steve Burr has been able to secure an excellent venue for several years. Larry donates coffee every year. Bob Mindenhal keeps the registration updated on the website. Kevin Kell is an excellent MC for door prize time, keeping it all orderly and above board. Joanne Burns and John Carins are usually the last to leave on Sunday, having done a clean up and restoration of the barn to its original configuration for the winter. Many hands go into setup and clear away of meals and coffee making as well. These are not small things and are appreciated. I had a wonderful weekend and I hope to see everyone back next year including those who had to miss 2025.

Summary by Kevin Kell

Fall N Stars Star Party RASC Belleville and Kingston Centres Year to Year Financials															
Location	PresQ	CS	CS	CS	CS	CS	CS	CS	CS	CS	CS	CS	CS	CS	CS
Year	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	
Camping Fees				\$342		\$503	\$510	\$540		\$380		\$510	\$550	\$470	
Registration															
Dinner				\$525		\$450	\$468	\$414		\$560		\$500	\$600	\$460	
book sale						\$157	\$145	\$184							
50/50 draw								\$38		\$44		\$28	\$38	\$56	
raffle						\$110	\$125	\$100		\$80		\$71	\$142	\$250	
misc						\$330									
Tshirts						\$280	\$288	\$300							
Subtotal Income			\$993	\$867	\$575	\$1,830	\$1,536	\$1,576		\$1,064		\$1,109	\$1,330	\$1,236	
Expenses															
Camping Fees				\$88	\$100	\$215	\$371	\$378		\$322		\$408	\$408	\$400	
Garage rental															
Dinner				\$486	\$486	\$440	\$450	\$430		\$500		\$430	\$500	\$276	
doorprize															
misc food/water/supplies					\$64	\$340	\$20	\$81		\$25		\$68	\$214	\$116	
guest speaker				\$130											
tshirts						\$200	\$266	\$276							
refunds						\$114	\$100								
Subtotal expenses			\$727	\$704	\$650	\$1,309	\$1,207	\$1,165	\$0	\$847	\$0	\$906	\$1,122	\$792	
Net			\$266	\$163	-\$75	\$521	\$329	\$411	\$0	\$217	\$0	\$203	\$208	\$444	
Split 50/50			\$133	\$82	-\$38	\$261	\$165	\$206	\$0	\$109	\$0	\$102	\$104	\$222	

Fall N Stars Star Party RASC Belleville and Kingston Centres Year to Year Financials															
Location	CS	CS	CS	CS	CS	CS	CS	CS	JRV	JRV	JRV	JRV	JRV	JRV	JRV
Year	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026		
Camping Fees	\$1,060	\$550	\$580	\$480					\$951	\$1,676	\$2,695	\$1,240			
Registration					\$1,540	\$970		\$405	\$540		\$410				
Dinner		\$580	\$680	\$440		\$707		\$480	\$540		\$580				
book sale															
50/50 draw	\$236	\$108	\$121	\$53		\$60									
raffle		\$98		\$80	\$96	\$85									
misc															
Tshirts															
Subtotal Income	\$1,296	\$1,336	\$1,381	\$1,053	\$1,636	\$1,822		\$1,836	\$2,756	\$2,695	\$2,230				
Expenses															
Camping Fees	\$400	\$550	\$580	\$470	\$560	\$1,180		\$951	\$1,656	\$1,730	\$1,180				
Garage rental					\$452			\$120	\$170		\$200				
Dinner	\$483	\$525	\$585	\$396		\$490		\$269	\$450	\$400	\$289				
doorprize											\$58				
misc food/water/supplies	\$97	\$85	\$65	\$12				\$142	\$118	\$50	\$98				
guest speaker					\$96	\$75									
tshirts															
refunds															
Subtotal expenses	\$980	\$1,160	\$1,230	\$878	\$1,108	\$1,745		\$1,482	\$2,394	\$2,180	\$1,825				
Net	\$316	\$176	\$151	\$175	\$528	\$77		\$354	\$362	\$515	\$405				
Split 50/50	\$158	\$88	\$76	\$88	\$264	\$39		\$177	\$181	\$258	\$203				

AGM 2024 Minutes by Elena Zanetti

RASC Kingston Centre
Annual General Meeting
Queen's University, Ellis Hall Rm 226, Kingston, Ontario
and live-streamed on Zoom
November 13, 2024

Meeting started at 7:11 p.m.

Malcolm Park, our President welcomed all.

The Agenda for the Annual General Meeting 2024 was presented.

- a. For Motions and Elections only paid-up members of the RASC Kingston Centre will be able to vote. A show of hands in the video or participation windows will be accepted.

b. Approval of Agenda

- c. Motion 20241113 – 1 | Moved by Roger Hill | Seconded by Kim Hay | Motion carried.

d. Approval of Annual Meeting minutes November 8, 2023

- e. Motion 20241113 - 2 | Moved by Elena Zanetti | Seconded by Peggy Hurley | Motion Carried.

f. Annual Report of Secretary

- g. Motion 20241113 – 3 | Moved by Elena Zanetti | Seconded by Mike Haines | Motion carried. This report will be sent to National Office for the National Annual Report 2024.

h. Report of Treasurer & Financials, Auditors Report – Susan Gagnon

- i. Susan read a summary of the Oct 1 – Sept 30 Treasurer's Report. Motion 20241113 – 4 | Moved by Susan Gagnon | Seconded by Peggy Hurley to accept the financials as presented. Motion Carried. Michael Birds' auditor's report (on screen) was shared. Motion 20241113 – 5 to approve Auditor's Report | Moved by Susan Gagnon | Seconded by Laurie Graham. Motion Carried.
- j. All other reports are located on our RASC KC website, you must be logged in as a member to view them.
- k. **Kingston Centre election of Directors.** The following election complies with our new bylaws, which were passed by a special meeting of our membership, on July 31, 2024.

Nominees must be a member in good standing and be at least 18 years old.

Secretary: Elena Zanetti – term is expiring and Elena is willing to stand again

Newsletter Editor: Andrew Godefroy – term is expiring

National Council Rep: John Hurley – term is expiring and John is willing to stand again

Librarian: Kim Hay – willing to stand again – also Vice President

Director-at-large: position available

Auditor for 2023-2024: Michael Bird is willing to stand

l. Auditor for 2024 – 2025

- m. Nominations from the floor were requested. None came forward. Motion 20241113 – 6 to elect Michael Bird as Auditor for 2024 – 2025 | Moved by Susan Gagnon | Seconded by Kim Hay. Motion Carried.

Nominations from the floor were requested for the Director position currently held in the Secretary role. None came forward. Acclaimed. Elena Zanetti has accepted another 2-year term. Nominations from the floor were requested for the Director position currently held in the Newsletter Editor role. Roger Hill has been nominated by Mike Haines and seconded by Bruce Murray. Roger is willing to stand. No other nominations came forward. Acclaimed for a 2-year term.

Nominations from the floor were requested for the Director position currently held in the National Council Representative position. None came forward. Acclaimed. John Hurley has accepted another 2-year term.

Nominations from the floor were requested for the position of Director without Portfolio. None came forward.

- Our 2024 – 2025 RASC Kingston Centre Board with positions to be confirmed at the next Board meeting:

Malcolm Park, President	2023-25
Kim Hay, Vice President, Librarian	2023-25
Susan Gagnon, Treasurer	2024-26
Elena Zanetti, Secretary	2024-26
Roger Hill, Newsletter Editor	2024-26
Director without portfolio: position is open	2024-26
John Hurley, NCREP	2024-26
- Motion to adjourn 20241113 – 7 | Moved by Mike Haines | Seconded by Rick Wagner with thanks at 7:45 pm.

Reference Information

Governance

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

Directors two year term offset into alternative years. "Class of 2024" 4 directors, "Class of 2025" 3 directors. Minimum 3 Directors, Maximum 7 Directors.

Minimum required Officers: President, Treasurer, Secretary

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

New ONCA Bylaws were passed by special resolution at The RASC-KC Special Meeting on 2024 July 31.

The (6) Directors at that time were: Malcolm Park, Susan Gagnon, Elena Zanetti, Andrew Godefroy, Kim Hay, John Hurley

The Board of Directors and Executive Committee met: Feb 18 2025, May 20 2025, Aug 7 2025

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

**Video Recordings available at
<https://www.youtube.com/@rasckington9756>**

Astronomical videos from Kingston's astronomy club. Located in and near Kingston Ontario Canada.

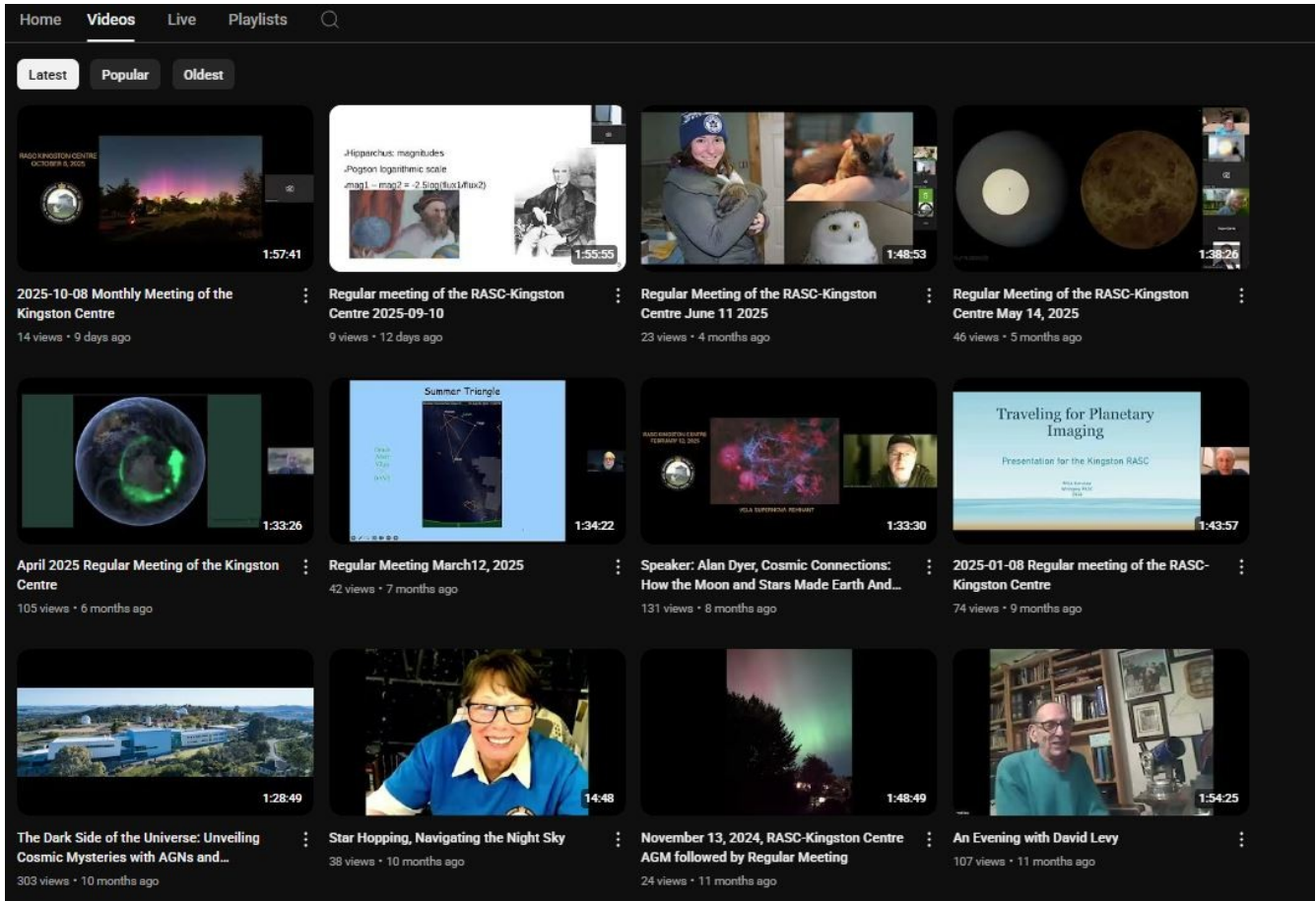
Channel details www.youtube.com/@rasckington9756

96 subscribers

68 videos

4,145 views

Joined Mar 14, 2016



RASC Kingston Centre Finance Summaries									
Last Updated: 2025Oct21									
The Fine Print: All information is gathered from the Annual Reports.									
Financial year end is sept30									
Revenue, Expenditures and Surplus/Loss come from the Statement of Revenue and Expenditures.									
Red=deficits Yellow=fee increase									
YEAR	Members	Change	Revenue	Expense	Surplus (Deficit)	Bal	Events	Kingston Fee Included	
2028									
2027									
2026									
2025	63	-7	\$8,211	\$6,528	\$1,683	\$37,590			\$23
2024	70	3	\$6,721	\$5,809	\$912	\$35,908	Regular fees to \$111		\$23
2023	67	-5	\$6,670	\$6,738	-\$67	\$34,996			\$23
2022	72	-7	\$6,379	\$5,217	\$1,162	\$35,063	Regular fees to \$101		\$23
2021	79	16	\$3,254	\$2,235	\$1,019	\$33,895	Covid 19 pandemic		\$23
2020	63	0	\$3,637	\$1,665	\$1,972	\$32,876	Covid 19 pandemic		\$23
2019	63	3	\$6,001	\$5,217	\$784	\$30,907	Regular fees to \$86		\$23
2018	60	-4	\$4,024	\$2,862	\$1,162	\$30,231	Regular fees to \$78		\$23
2017	64	-3	\$4,140	\$3,166	\$974	\$29,093			\$23
2016	67	2	\$3,407	\$3,477	-\$70	\$28,121	Regular fee to \$75		\$23
2015	65	-7	\$4,715	\$3,550	\$1,164	\$28,200	KAON telescope		\$23
2014	72	-3	\$3,517	\$2,881	\$636	\$26,917	Reg fee to \$72 Torus recoat		\$23
2013	75	5	\$5,993	\$5,946	\$47	\$26,281	Tardis project		\$23
2012	68	-7	\$3,293	\$3,232	\$61	\$26,233	Venor recoat		\$23
2011	75	-10	\$4,331	\$3,961	\$370	\$26,172	Drop \$5 surcharge		\$23
2010	85	-8	\$5,755	\$1,894	\$3,861	\$25,802	Nat \$67 to \$70		\$28=23+5
2009	93	-5	\$3,895	\$5,592	-\$1,697	\$21,683	IYA2009		\$28=23+5
2008	98	-8	\$3,561	\$2,815	\$746	\$22,093	Nat \$59 to \$67		\$28=23+5
2007	106	-19	\$8,928	\$8,938	-\$10	\$21,320	Nat \$55 to \$59		KC Charitable
2006	125	-3	\$13,175	\$10,634	\$2,541	\$21,330	Journal now +\$15		KC Incorp
2005	128	18	\$20,162	\$19,796	\$366	\$18,789	Nat. \$50 to \$55		27=22+5
2004	110	-22	\$21,261	\$19,601	\$1,660	\$18,423	Nat. \$45 to \$50		25=20+5
2003	132	-13	\$8,521	\$7,434	\$1,087	\$16,137			22.60=17.60+5
2002	145	-1	\$8,411	\$8,933	-\$522	\$15,050	61cm scope done		22.60=17.60+5
2001	146	-5	\$7,549	\$9,087	-\$1,538	\$15,572	Nat. \$40 to \$44		22.60=17.60+5
2000	151	-25	\$16,864	\$8,496	\$8,368	\$17,110	Nat \$40, KC sur \$5; PR work, educ		21=16+5
1999	176	20	\$7,454	\$6,752	\$702	\$8,742	Youth members, PR work		23.40=14.40+9
1998	156	4	\$8,160	\$3,166	\$4,994	\$8,040	GA, fundraising		23.40=14.40+9
1997	152	10	\$10,519	\$8,723	\$1,796	\$3,046	Hale-Bopp, GA		23.40=14.40+9
1996	142	79	\$3,948	\$4,407	-\$459	\$1,250	Hyakutake, SkyNews		23.40=14.40+9
1995	63	-6	\$7,095	\$6,123	\$972	\$1,709			23.40=14.40+9
1994	69	9	\$4,480	\$3,742	\$738	\$1,206			23.40=14.40+9
1993	60	10	\$4,546	\$4,078	\$468	?	RASC \$36, KC surcharge \$9		23.40=14.40+9
1992	50	-2	\$2,498	\$2,672	-\$174	?			20.80=12.80+8
1991	52	4	\$3,195	\$3,075	\$120	?	RASC \$32, KC surcharge \$8		20.80=12.80+8
1990	48	10	\$1,899	\$1,637	\$262	\$846			15=10+5
1989	38	3	\$1,081	\$954	\$126	\$584			15=10+5
1988	35	-11	\$908	\$1,150	-\$242	\$457			15=10+5
1987	46	2	\$1,324	\$1,031	\$292	\$699			15=10+5
1986	44	7	\$1,756	\$1,764	-\$8	\$407	RASC \$25, KC surcharge \$5		15=10+5
1985	37	-1	\$1,381	\$1,405	-\$24	\$415			
1984	38	2	\$1,760	\$1,448	\$312	\$439			
1983	36	-1	\$725	\$884	-\$159	\$127			
1982	37	1	\$500	\$422	\$77	\$286			

RASC National Finance Summaries									
Last Updated: 2025/June22									
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Revenue, Expenditures and Surplus/Loss come from the Statement of Revenue and Expenditures.									
Red=deficits Yellow=fee increase									
	Members	Change	Revenue	Expense	NET	Notes	Nat fee	KC fee	Total
2027									
2026									
2025									
2024	4650	~150	\$826,958	\$818,700	\$8,258	Regular fees to \$111 (+10)	\$88	\$23	\$111
2023	~4500	~237	\$1,179,920	\$924,893	\$255,027		\$78	\$23	\$101
2022	4263	-692	\$708,094	\$1,691,046	-\$982,952	Regular fees to \$101 (+15); lose skynews	\$78	\$23	\$101
2021	4955	-73	\$2,120,073	\$1,015,042	\$1,105,031	covid19 pandemic	\$63	\$23	\$86
2020	5028	-15	\$843,335	\$818,876	\$24,459	covid19 pandemic	\$63	\$23	\$86
2019	5043	-23	\$826,152	\$943,322	-\$117,170	Regular fees to \$86 (+8)	\$63	\$23	\$86
2018	5066	-27	\$614,412	\$751,430	-\$137,018	Regular fees to \$78 (+3)	\$55	\$23	\$78
2017	5093	177	\$554,692	\$598,010	-\$43,318		\$52	\$23	\$75
2016	4916	-65	\$563,584	\$499,293	\$64,291	fee to \$75 (+3)	\$52	\$23	\$75
2015	4981	221	\$462,738	\$509,825	-\$47,087	lose charlottetown; buy skynews	\$49	\$23	\$72
2014	4760	350	\$464,417	\$453,229	\$11,188	fee to \$72; add family members	\$49	\$23	\$72
2013	4410	348	\$502,537	\$444,730	\$57,807		\$47	\$23	\$70
2012	4062	105	\$461,800	\$471,571	-\$9,771		\$47	\$23	\$70
2011	3957	-38	\$453,417	\$408,390	\$45,027	fee to \$70	\$47	\$23	\$70
2010	3995	-45	\$427,759	\$447,864	\$20,105		\$39	\$28	\$67
2009	4040	-176	\$555,469	\$514,964	\$40,505	IYA; Sale of DupontSt. \$473k	\$39	\$28	\$67
2008	4216	-131	\$459,766	\$517,757	-\$57,991	Fees to \$67; Sunshine Coast; JRASC \$17	\$39	\$28	\$67
2007	4347	209	\$455,055	\$463,630	-\$8,575	Fees to \$59	\$39	\$28	\$67
2006	4138	-304	\$395,248	\$383,178	\$12,070	JRASC +\$15; Mississauga Centre	\$27	\$28	\$55
2005	4442	-227	\$469,107	\$473,289	-\$4,182	Fees to \$55	\$28	\$27	\$55
2004	4669	-232	\$411,297	\$451,262	-\$39,965	Fees to \$50	\$25	\$25	\$50
2003	4901	213	\$413,979	\$439,164	-\$25,185	Belleville Centre, skyways	\$21	\$23	\$44
2002	4688	268	\$422,445	\$389,765	\$32,680	Prince George Centre	\$21	\$23	\$44
2001	4420	190	\$393,266	\$368,496	\$24,770	fees to \$44	\$21	\$23	\$44
2000	4230	447	\$356,015	\$361,687	-\$5,672	fees to \$40; Charlottetown Centre	\$19	\$21	\$40
1999	3783	364	\$325,617	\$360,550	-\$34,933		\$13	\$23	\$36
1998	3419	348	\$311,009	\$290,318	\$20,691		\$13	\$23	\$36
1997	3071	221	\$250,604	\$220,385	\$30,219	HaleBopp	\$13	\$23	\$36
1996	2850	-63	\$240,794	\$210,710	\$30,084	Hyakutake, SkyNews, Okanagan Cent	\$13	\$23	\$36
1995	2913	-130	\$237,213	\$190,479	\$46,734		\$13	\$23	\$36
1994	3043	-19	\$223,724	\$192,830	\$30,894	fees to \$36	\$13	\$23	\$36
1993	3062	-103	\$239,795	\$205,698	\$34,097		\$9	\$23	\$32
1992	3165	-27	\$229,499	\$216,402	\$13,097		\$11	\$21	\$32
1991	3192	-361	\$236,410	\$222,140	\$14,270	Fees to \$32	\$11	\$21	\$32
1990	3553	-47	\$204,876	\$203,631	\$1,245		\$10	\$15	\$25
1989	3600	201	\$196,921	\$213,839	-\$16,918		\$10	\$15	\$25
1988	3399	-135	\$204,876	\$203,631	\$1,245	Thunder Bay Centre	\$10	\$15	\$25
1987	3534	-30	\$198,897	\$163,364	\$35,533	fees to \$25	\$10	\$15	\$25
1986	3564	650	\$197,100	\$174,360	\$22,740	Comet Halley	\$12	\$8	\$20
1985	2914	144	\$178,851	\$163,579	\$15,272		\$12	\$8	\$20
1984	2770	102	\$146,611	\$139,059	\$7,552		\$12	\$8	\$20
1983	2668	-211	\$162,552	\$170,512	-\$7,960	Purchase 136DupontSt. \$165k	\$12	\$8	\$20
1982	2879	-101	\$132,765	\$134,678	-\$1,913	fees to \$20	\$12	\$8	\$20
1981	2980	290	\$118,694	\$117,255	\$1,439	Sarnia Centre	\$8	\$8	\$16