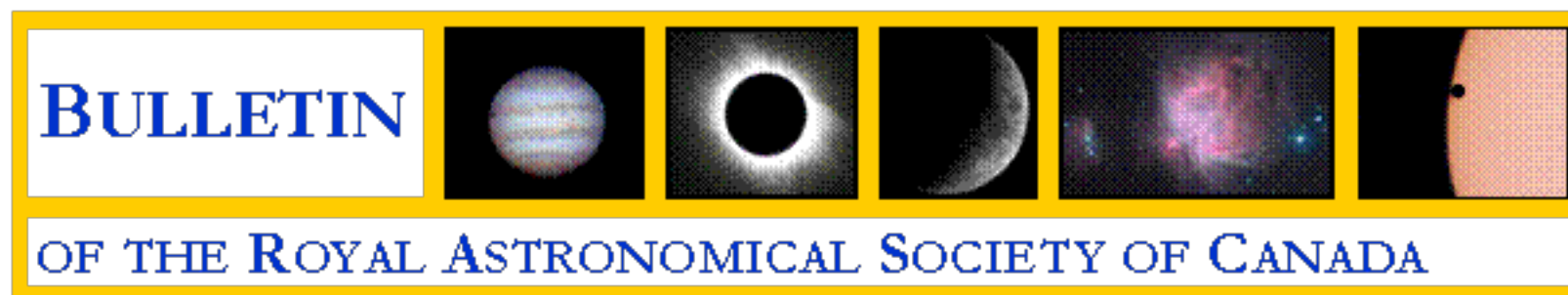


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We welcome your comments on the *Bulletin*. Email them to the Editor at bulletin@rasc.ca [1].

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Star Party Extravaganza this Weekend and Next

This coming weekend (September 7th-9th) features three star parties in Alberta, Ontario and Manitoba:

- The **Toronto Centre** hosts the [10th Annual Algonquin Adventure Star Party](#) [2] at Mew Lake Campground in Algonquin Park.
- The **Winnipeg Centre** hosts its [3rd Annual Spruce Woods Star Party](#) [3] at Spruce Woods Provincial Park.
- The **Calgary Centre** hosts the [Alberta Star Party](#) [4] at their Eccles Ranch Observatory in Caroline, AB.

The following weekend (September 14-16) features two more star parties in Alberta and Ontario:

- The **Edmonton Centre** hosts the [Northern Prairie Starfest](#) [5] near Tofield, AB
- The **Belleville and Kingston Centres** host their [Fall'N'Stars](#) [6] at Vanderwater Conservation Area.

2008 Observer's Calendar Now on Sale

The 2008 edition of the RASC Observer's Calendar is now on sale. Calendars can be ordered through the RASC eStore at <http://store.rasc.ca> [7] or through National Office by calling (416) 924-7973 (toll-free at (888) 924-7272). The member price for the calendar is only \$14.95 plus taxes, shipping & handling.



Second Astronomy Day Coming Up on September 15th

As an experiment the Astronomical League has declared a second astronomy day this fall for September 15th.

The **Mississauga, London and Toronto** Centres have added their names to the list of participating Centres with activities on or around this date. If you are planning a special event, please contact Brian Battersby at brianbattersby73@yahoo.ca [8] with the details.



For more information about Astronomy Day visit the Astronomical League's official Astronomy Day Web page at www.astroleague.org/al/astroday/astroday.html [9] or visit the RASC National Web site's "Astronomy Day Resources" page at www.rasc.ca/astroday/resources.shtml [10] for information and resources to help plan your Astronomy Day events. Also be sure to keep an eye on the [Astronomy Day 2007](#) [11] Web page as well to see what other Centres across the nation have planned.

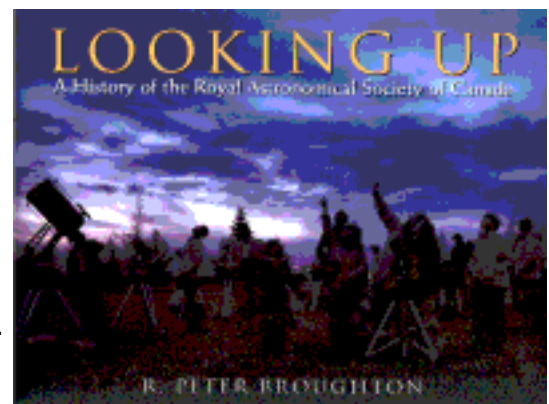
► Across the RASC

President Ties Knot

Congratulations and best wishes go out to RASC National President **Scott Young** who married **Jocelyn Chorney** on September 1st in Winnipeg, MB.

Last Five Copies of *Looking Up* - Only \$25!

National Office is now offering the last five copies of *Looking Up: a History of the Royal Astronomical Society of Canada* by RASC Past President **Peter Broughton**. Published in 1994, the book covers the Society's history and development from 1868 to the Society's Centenary year in 1990. We are offering these last copies at the special price of \$25 (reduced from \$43) because the covers have slight tears or are missing. Shipping and taxes are included in the \$25. To order, please call National Office: 1-888-924-RASC (7272) (in Canada) or 416-924-7973 (outside Canada) to order.



► The Sky this Month

Photos of August 28th Lunar Eclipse

The total lunar eclipse on August 28th provided excellent photo opportunities for members across the country. Check out these dramatic images:

- [Sherman Williams \(Halifax Centre\)](#) [12]
- [Denis Grey & Charles Darrow \(Toronto Centre\) and Gary Boyle \(Ottawa\)](#) [2]
- [Victoria Centre](#) [13]
- [Calgary Centre](#) [14]
- [Steve Barnes \(Hamilton Centre\)](#) [15]
- [Roger Hill \(Hamilton Centre\)](#) [16]
- [Derek Barber \(Hamilton Centre\)](#) [17]



Vancouver Centre members take in the August 28th lunar eclipse. Photo by Gil Biderman.

Celestial Sights in Pegasus

Gary Boyle's [The Sky This Month](#) [18] for September features a romp through the area around the **Great Square of Pegasus**. Also, **Mars** is now rising at 11:00 p.m. and competing with Aldebaran in Taurus only four degrees away.

► Dates to Remember

- - **September 7-9, 2007** - [10th Annual Algonquin Adventure Star Party](#) [2] (Toronto)
 - **September 7-9, 2007** - [3rd Annual Spruce Woods Star Party](#) [3] (Winnipeg)
 - **September 7-9, 2007** - [Alberta Star Party](#) [4] (Calgary)
 - **September 11-16** - [Northern Prairie Starfest](#) [5] (Edmonton)
 - **September 14-16** - [Fall'N'Stars](#) [6] (Belleville/Kingston)
 - **September 29-30** - [Board Pilot Committee](#) [19] Meeting (Toronto)
 - **December 31, 2007** - [Centre Projects Fund Application Deadline](#) [20]
 - **February 20, 2008** - [Total Lunar Eclipse \(Most of Canada\)](#) [21]

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