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# National Star Party

To celebrate the 150th anniversary of the origin of The Royal Astronomical Society of Canada, the RASC is sponsoring a National Star Party.

**O**n the evening of Saturday, September 15, 2018, RASC centres from coast to coast to coast will hold public star parties for the Canadian public. If the weather is clear, visitors will be able

to observe a first quarter Moon and the planets Mars, Saturn and Jupiter through telescopes.

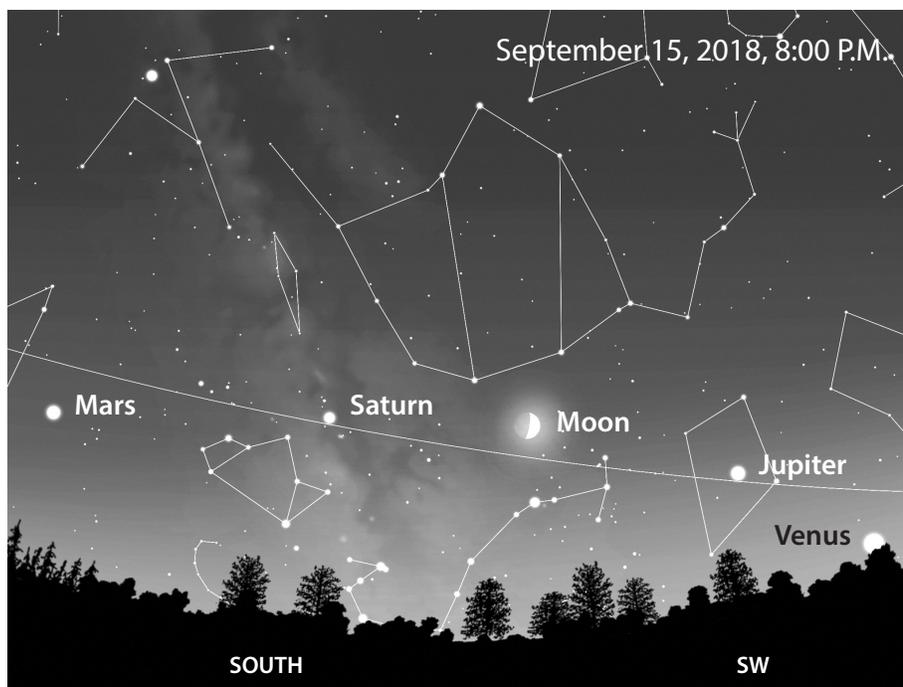
RASC members will set up their telescopes to give guests clear views of these three beautiful

planets plus the rugged surface of the Moon. The clouds of Jupiter will be easily visible as will four of Jupiter's large "Galilean" moons. Saturn is always a favourite with its spectacular ring system. Mars is especially close to the Earth this year and should show markings and a polar cap in telescopes.

The events are free and will begin after sunset (approximately 7:30 pm). We hope that we can make this National Star Party a success and bring astronomy to thousands of Canadians.

For more information on the RASC's 150th anniversary go to: <https://www.rasc.ca/2018>

For more information on becoming a member of the RASC please visit <http://rasc.ca/join-us>



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## Coming up: A Total Lunar Eclipse

A total eclipse of the Moon will be visible across Canada on Sunday, January 20, 2019.

If the skies are clear, the eclipse will start in the early evening and be total around midnight (EST – later in the east, earlier in the west)

For more information check [www.rasc.ca](http://www.rasc.ca) around the time of the eclipse.

Lunar eclipses are totally safe to observe with the naked eye, binoculars or telescopes.

