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News from the Society Office

by [Randy Attwood](#), RASC Executive Director

RASC Tours:

Arizona Astronomy Tour scheduled for September 2016!

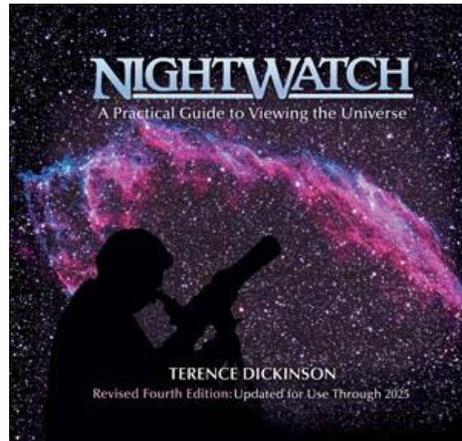
After a successful trip to astronomy and space exploration sites in southern California last November, we are planning a five-day trip to Arizona in September to visit the following amazing astronomy sites: Kitt Peak National Observatory, Mount Lemmon SkyCenter, Lowell Observatory, Arizona Meteor Crater, with sightseeing in Sedona and Canyon de Chelly. Please check out the [website and PDF brochure](#) here!

If you are interested and want more information please contact Executive Director Randy Attwood at the National Office: execdir@rasc.ca

NEW Item: [NightWatch for sale through eStore:](#)

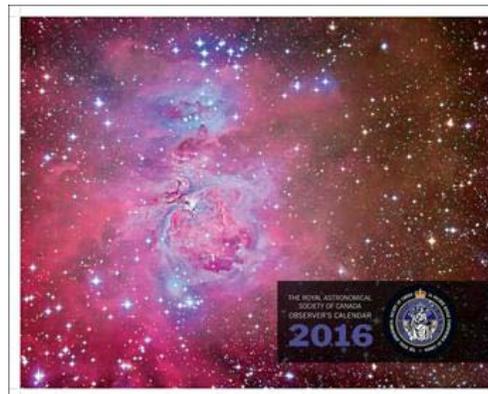
Revised Fourth Edition: updated for use through 2025. *NightWatch* is written by Canadian astronomy writer and RASC member Terence Dickinson. The key feature of this classic title is the section of star charts that are cherished by backyard astronomers everywhere. *NightWatch* has been acclaimed as the best general interest introduction to astronomy. This hardcover edition includes star charts for

use in the southern hemisphere. There are also dozens of new photographs throughout the book that show the latest thrilling discoveries made by current space observatories and probes.



Pricing: \$26.50 + shipping and taxes

2016 Observer's Calendar 50%-off Sale: \$9.95



General Assembly in London: May Long Weekend 2016

The 2016 General Assembly will be hosted by **London Centre, alongside AstroCATS!** It will be held from May 19 to May 23 at Fanshawe College. Plan now to visit London, Ontario this summer! For more information see:

<http://events.rasc.ca/>.

Annual Report 2015: Just a friendly reminder to all Centre Secretaries/Treasurers: please ensure that all Centre Activity Reports and Centre Financial Reports are **complete and submitted by Tuesday, 2016 March 15**. Also, please make sure that all Centre Executive and address information is updated in the Centre portal. This is to ensure all Centres are properly represented in the Annual Report for 2015. (Centre photo submissions are welcome!) Any questions please forward to Julia Neeser mempub@rasc.ca or Randy Attwood execdir@rasc.ca.

Please note: The Society Office will be closed on Friday, March 25 for Good Friday.
We'd like to wish all of our members a Happy Easter!

The President's Corner

by [James Edgar](#), RASC President

[The electronic Observer's Handbook](#)

Attention all you Observers!

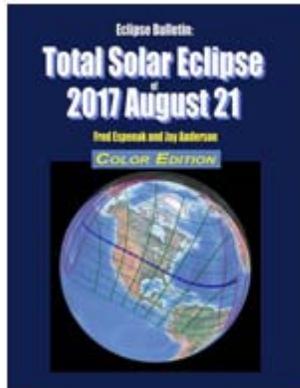
The electronic version of the *2016 Observer's Handbook* is now available to RASC members for the same low price as last year -- \$10 for the data file, plus an activation code good for two installations. The electronic version is available at www.drmz.net/rasc/DRMZ/OH2016.drmz

A **Javelin** reader is required to access the file, plus payment must be made before obtaining the activation code. To arrange payment and get the activation details, contact the Society Office either by email at mempub@rasc.ca, or call during the day **1-416-924-7973**.

The Javelin software has recently been upgraded to conform to the latest versions of Windows and Mac, plus it is suitable for iPads, iPhones, and Android devices.

[The 2017 Total Solar Eclipse Bulletin and 2016 Observer's Handbook](#)

The 2017 Eclipse Bulletin and *2016 Observer's Handbook* are available on the eStore: [Order yours today!](#)



RASC Observing Certificate Program

The RASC offers six observing certificate programs to promote active observing. By successfully completing these programs, members are eligible for an official certificate from the RASC. Observing certificate programs are a great way to challenge yourself, learn more about the night sky, and get the most out of our challenging and rewarding hobby.

- [Explore the Universe Certificate](#)
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- [Deep-Sky Gems](#)
- [Deep-Sky Challenge](#)

For more information see <http://rasc.ca/certificate-programs>

GA2016 / AstroCATS Registration is Now Open

by **Peter Jedicke**, RASC, London Centre

The Society's General Assembly and AstroCATS are together in 2016. Register now at <http://www.events.rasc.ca> and plan to come to London, Ontario, this spring for what promises to be Canada's Number 1 astronomy event of the year. The Helen Hogg Memorial Lecture will be presented Saturday 2016, May 21 by Ann Hornschemeier of NASA's Goddard Space Flight Center and the Physics of the Cosmos program office. All the traditional programs, panels and presentations, plus a splash of zaniness like a golf outing, walk through a retired submarine and the Dresden meteorite on display.



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by **Julia Neeser**, RASC Marketing Coordinator

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What's New in the Sky

Members are encouraged to check out the **Northern Skies** section of the RASC website. Thanks to Gary Boyle for keeping us all in the know. Julia Neeser creates "The Solar System" monthly with data from James Edgar's "Skies" newspaper articles at <http://www.rasc.ca/observing>.



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