

JOINT CASCA-RASC MEETING

CASCA June 26-27-28

RASC June 27-28-29

1980

hosted by:

**Saint Mary's University
& Halifax Centre, RASC**

You are invited to attend the first joint meeting of the CASCA and the RASC to be held in Halifax, June 1980. This is being hosted by both the Astronomy Department of Saint Mary's University, and the Halifax Centre of the RASC. We are planning one joint scientific day as well as joint social gatherings.

Invited Lecturers

The invited speakers are being chosen by both the CASCA and the RASC local committees and will be of interest to both societies. These talks have been scheduled for the Saturday joint scientific day. Speakers include Dr. Helen Hogg, Dr. René Racine, and Dr. Ernest Seaquist.

Contributed Papers

Abstracts of contributed papers for the scientific sessions should be submitted in a form suitable for reproduction. Please use the enclosed single page making sure to keep all type within the boxed area. Include the title and names of authors as well as the name and address of the institution or centre. These are to be mailed by June 2, 1980 to Dr. G. Mitchell, Department of Astronomy, Saint Mary's University, Halifax, Nova Scotia, B3H 3C3. Those who have already submitted RASC abstracts to Dr. M. Cunningham need not resubmit. It may not be possible to include late abstracts in the programme. Rules for presentation of CASCA papers are given in the Journal of the RASC 66, 216, 1972 and 69, 241, 1975. The procedures specified by the National Council for submission of RASC papers is outlined in JRASC 73, L84, 1979.

A certain number of contributed papers from both societies will be selected for presentation at the joint sessions on Saturday.

Receptions and Registration Desks

There will be an informal reception on the evening of Wednesday, June 25th in the Art Gallery of Saint Mary's University. At that time a registration table for CASCA will be open. Registration may also be carried out during the morning of the first meeting day, June 26th, for late arrivals. There will be a table at the meeting rooms for this.

A reception will also be given for the arrival of the RASC on the evening of Friday, June 27th in the Art Gallery. CASCA members are invited to attend this reception also. The RASC will be registering both Friday afternoon and Saturday morning.

Both receptions are being hosted by the President of Saint Mary's University.

Society Dinner

The CASCA dinner will be held jointly with the RASC banquet. It will be on the evening of Saturday June 28th. We are planning a lobster meal, but can arrange for an alternative if you do not desire lobster. (Please indicate such on the return form.) The cost of the dinner is \$11.00 per person.

Lodging

We recommend that you take advantage of accommodations in the University residence. We will make your reservations if you indicate your preferences on the return form. Room rates are: single \$11.00 nightly, \$47.00 for 5 to 7 days; half a twin room \$8.00 nightly, \$35.00 for 5 to 7 days. Students rates (with student card): single \$8.00 nightly, \$35.00 for 5 to 7 days; half a twin room \$6.00 nightly, \$30.00 for 5 to 7 days.

There are a number of Hotels within a mile of the campus. These include the Lord Nelson Hotel (1515 South Park St., Halifax, N.S., B3J 2T3 - singles between \$30 to \$41, and doubles between \$38 to \$49 nightly), the Holiday Inn (1980 Robie St., Halifax, N.S., B3H 3G5 - singles (two people) \$45 and up per night), and the Dresden Arms Motor Hotel (5530 Artillery Place, Halifax, N.S., B3J 3G6 - singles \$32 and doubles \$36 nightly). Non-residence reservations are your responsibility.

There is an 8% tax on all rooms in Nova Scotia, including the university residences. Please be sure to add this tax on your return form when determining your residence costs.

Meals

The University food service is offering three (all-you-can-eat) meal plans for our guests. Plan A will be of interest to those planning to participate in the entire joint meeting. This plan includes 10 meals: breakfast, lunch, and dinner on Thursday and Friday, breakfast only on Saturday, breakfast and lunch on Sunday, and breakfast only on Monday. Plan B will be of interest to the majority of CASCA members. This is an 8 meal plan and begins with the breakfast on Thursday and ends with the breakfast on Sunday. Plan C will be of interest to RASC members. This is a 5 meal plan beginning with the Friday dinner and ending with the breakfast on Monday. Costs of the meal plans are: Plan A (10 meals) \$34.75; Plan B (8 meals) \$28.75; and Plan C (5 meals) \$16.75.

Please notice that none of these plans include lunch or dinner on Saturday as the buffet lunch (included with your registration fee) is on Saturday, and the banquet is Saturday evening. Spouses and guests may wish to join us for the buffet at a cost of \$7.25 per person. The plans also do not include a Sunday dinner.

The RASC picnic (open to CASCA) will be a dinner on Sunday evening June 29th, and will cost \$7.50 per person.

It is of course possible to buy meals off campus, however the nearest restaurant is a 7 minute walk from campus and may be a rush for lunch. The University will offer individual meals through the week, but will only serve meal-plan meals on weekends.

There is an 8% tax on all meals over \$3.00 in Nova Scotia. This tax has been included in the three meal plan prices.

Touring and Spouses Programme

Halifax is a lovely city with many historic sites and easily accessible harbour front and ocean beach areas. All are within walking distance of the university residences. There are several walking tours outlined in the visitors guides that you will be receiving.

Spouses may wish to take advantage of an RASC bus tour of Halifax (3 to 4 hours) on Saturday afternoon at a cost of approximately \$3 to \$4 per person, payable on boarding the bus.

CASCA members may be interested in a tour to Peggy's Cove (which is about 45 minutes from Halifax) on Sunday morning. Depending on interest, we anticipate a charge of about \$3 to \$4 per person. Please indicate on the return form if this kind of a tour is of interest to you. Tickets for this Peggy's Cove tour (if there is sufficient interest) can be purchased at registration.

The RASC is planning two touring cruises on Sunday evening, June 29th. Cruise (1) is a cruise on the Bluenose. This will be on a first-to-reserve basis. Cost of this is \$11.00 per person. Cruise (2) is a motor launch tour of Halifax Harbour. Cost of this is \$6.50. It will not be possible to take both cruises. CASCA members are welcome to participate in these cruises.

The final RASC tours are on Monday, June 30th. CASCA members are invited to join these tours as well. Tour (3) is an all-day tour (ending approximately at 5:00 pm) to the Fundy tides, Black Hole, and other sites of astronomical interest in the Annapolis valley. Cost, including lunch, is \$12.00 per person. Tour (4) is a morning visit and briefing of the Bedford Institute of Oceanography. It will end at approximately 1:00 pm, and will cost \$3.00 per person. It will not be possible to take both tours.

The Sunday cruises and Monday tours must be paid for in advance with your registration fee.

Registration Fee

The registration fee will be a joint fee for both societies and will cover all the scientific sessions, refreshments and programme booklets.

Also included in the registration is the joint buffet lunch on Saturday, June 28th.

A group photo will be taken before the buffet and copies will be distributed to each registered participant during the Saturday afternoon sessions.

The registration fee of \$17.00 is payable in advance as are the other items listed on the return form. A late charge of \$2.00 will be levied to those who pay their registration fees when they arrive.

Please complete the return form, filling in the appropriate areas and totaling your particular costs. Make all cheques payable to CASCA-RASC JOINT MEETING.

We are looking forward to meeting with you in Halifax!