

Meteor shower fans scope sky at Trek Station

About a dozen gathered Aug. 13 at the Trek Station to cast their gaze skyward for the Perseids Meteor Shower

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A full moon maybe a compliment to a romantic walk along the boardwalk, but it's a setback to astronomers trying to check shooting stars. However, this did not deter about a dozen from as far as Ontario to touch down on the parking

lot of the Trek Station Aug. 13 to catch the Perseids Meteor Shower, the summer's annual best sky show.

Roland Deschene, former president of Royal Astronomical Society of Canada (RASC Calgary) was on hand to show observers various objects from planets Saturn, Jupiter and Deeper sky objects

like the Andromeda Galaxy through an 11" Celestron telescope.

"It was a great night because the skies were clear," he said. "While the Moon's light hid quite a few meteors we could make up with other celestial sites and keep people amazed!"

In fact, one couple came from Calgary after finding the events listed at <http://calgary.rasc.htm> and liked it so much, they joined the RASC immediately online.

actually happen year round but the Perseids and November Leonids (the next one takes place on Nov. 17) are the popular ones given most will catch a few streaks.

The Trek Station has been hosting monthly star gazing events since last year, and the next one is Sept. 13 starting at 8 p.m.

A short indoor presentation is followed by a snack and outdoor gazing,



Submitted photo
Many curious observers came out Aug. 13 to the Tourism and Trek Station to take in the Perseid meteor shower.

weather permitting. All are welcome, and there's no charge. For further information contact Vulcan Tourism at 403-485-2994.

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