

Canada's Stonehenge expert returns to southern Alberta

Dr. Gordon Freeman has become the "go to guy" when it comes to Vulcan County's Sun Temple.

Located remotely East of Milo on prairie trails near the Bow River at 50.5852° N, 112.4106° W, his lifetime passion to unlock the history of the Majorville Medicine Wheel has caught much attention.



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The author of a book called *Canada's Stonehenge and Hidden Stonehenge*, you can check out his findings at www.canadastonehenge.com/

When he spoke to a record crowd on Friday, May 12, 2017 at Vulcan's Trek center, he amazed the 100+ audience while autographing books after the presentation. In his discussion, he has many aerial shots and explains his findings after 30+ years of research including physically living there a year to watch every sun set/rise to test the cairns accuracy with the sunbeams. Dr. Freeman will be at Calgary's Rothney Observatory Saturday, Feb. 10th and it's a rare treat.

It will be an expected sold out crowd so get there early if you want to learn some "real history" from a real expert.

Sky watch for the next month:

1. Aldebaran next to Moon - Look NEE Friday, Feb.23 at dusk as the Moon will follow Aldebaran overnight until setting around 03:00 am in the NWW.

2. Saturn, Mars & Jupiter line up South- At dawn on Saturday February 17th looking South before sunrise, you'll see these three planets lined up on an

angle with the red planet in the middle.

3. Betelgeuse- the Valentine's star is visible Valentine's Day, Monday, Feb. 14 starting in the SEE from dusk until setting in the West after 3:30 a.m.

Impress your date by showing them the easy to find red pulsating star which is Orion's shoulder.

4. Zodiacal Light- is a faint, roughly triangular, whitish glow seen in the night sky extended up from the vicinity of the sun along the ecliptic or zodiac.

Discovered by the astronomer Giovanni Domenico Cassini in 1683 and later explained by Nicolas Fatio de Duillier in 1684, it's best time is from Thursday, Feb. 1st for two weeks in the West after evening.

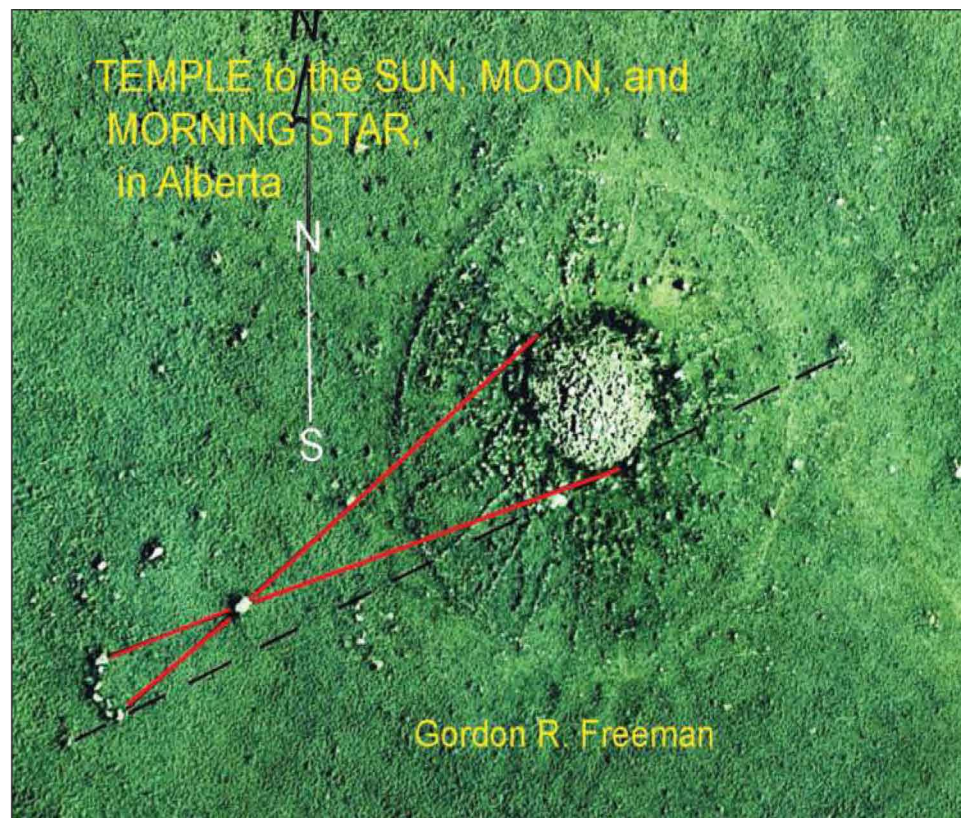
Public Events for the next month: Monthly Open House at Calgary's Rothney Observatory near Priddis- University of Alberta professor Gordon Freeman will present his research on the Sun Temple near Majorville, Alberta.

He will discuss the Sun observation lines that mark the Summer Solstice and Winter Solstice. There will be an array of scopes operated by University of Calgary astronomers and members of the RASC Calgary.

You will have the opportunity to look through the telescopes, indoor presentation and astronomers will be on hand to answer questions on Saturday, Feb.10 20:00 to 23:00.

The entrance fee \$30 per car. further information, contact Jennifer Howse at jhowse@phas.ucalgary.ca, (403) 931-2366.

Their website www.ucalgary.ca/rao/ is updated regularly.



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All Star Telescopes, <https://www.all-star-telescope.com/>, outside Didsbury is hosting a Lunar Eclipse party for free and all are welcome. City dwellers like making the under-hour journey not only for the natural dark skies but a full-blown facility includes heated shop and treats. Experts from the Royal Astronomical Society of Canada; Calgary, <http://calgary.rasc.ca/> will be on hand with lots of equipment and expertise to help you enjoy the experience.

Turn out is expected to be high so come early to All Star Telescopes located at 31020 on Highway 2A, 45 minutes straight north of Calgary (Tel: 866-310-8844) as this only happens once in a blue moon!"

Happy Valentines and stargazing!

Neel Roberts is a member of the Calgary chapter of the Royal Astronomical Society of Canada (RASC)-the nation's leading astronomy club founded in 1849 with over 5,000 members and 29 centers across Canada. Neel welcomes your questions and comments at (403)560-6574, Neel_Roberts@ptccanada.com. The members meet once a month on weekends at Calgary's Rothney Observatory near Priddis and you can check out times at www.ucalgary.ca/rao/calendar. Like them at Facebook at www.facebook.com/groups/272037680377/, Twitter <https://twitter.com/CalgaryRASC> & YouTube <https://www.youtube.com/user/RASCCalgary>.