



# Gord Tulloch

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**A guide to open source  
astronomy hardware/software**



Gord Tulloch first joined RASC in 1985 to meet up with other users of astronomy software for his Apple II so he could automate his home built 13.1" Dobsonian telescope. He built this scope with his Dad when he was 16, an upgrade from his first Tasco 3". Since then Gord has enjoyed a number of telescope making projects as well as being a very active member of the Centre in the 90s and early 00s. Highlights include a series of articles on Amateur Telescope Making (ATM) featuring his experiences in mirror making, the first presentation on Webcam imaging of planets and image stacking, and presentations on two of his passions, spectroscopy and photometry. Gord also built a runoff roof shed observatory in his back yard in 2002, housing a completely automated C8 telescope for photometry and imaging. Gord continued to be active in photometry using iTelescopes in the interim. Gord and his wife Marie are now returning to astronomy after a long hiatus being busy parents to their two sons, Liam (17) and Aidan (15). Gord has worked for the Sunrise School Division as Director of Information and Communications Technologies for 8 years, after a career in software development, manufacturing automation, internet service providers, and healthcare IT.

