

Community Access News



Community Access Television

Orientation

October 1, November 5, December 3
(subject to change)
All at 6:00 p.m.

Level I (Required)

Basic Television Production
October 6 – October 27
for four Tuesdays
November 18 – December 16
for four Wednesdays
(skipping November 25)

Field Camera (Elective)

September 30, November 10
(a single 1-2 hour session)

Field Lighting (Elective)

October 21, December 1
(a single 1-2 hour session)

Schedule subject to change due to staff availability. You will receive a confirmation postcard a few days before the class.

All classes are held in our studio at 6:00 p.m. on the dates scheduled and require advance signup and payment where applicable. You must attend an orientation and become a CAT member before signing up for the required Level I, Basic Television Production class. Level I is a prerequisite for all elective classes, for each of which there is a \$10 fee. You can pick up our class schedule in the lobby.

Random Access News from The Staff of Community Access Television



Many, many thanks to all of our members who stepped forward and helped with our two major festival schedules of the year at the Erie Art Museum Blues & Jazz Festival and Celebrate Erie. These festivals took place on some of the only hot, humid days of our cool Erie summer, but we had plenty of help from all of you to make it happen. Shawn and DJ are to be commended for their extra work and professionalism under sometimes trying circumstances.

Next up on the CATV schedule is our Member Picnic and Annual Meeting scheduled for Saturday, October 24th with a pot luck dinner, entertainment and business meeting, not to mention annual awards and a fun auction (look for a new format this year!). Watch for your invitation in the postal mail in October. The Call for Nominations for the annual election can be found on the next page.

We are working on two equipment grants, each for \$5,000. The first, from the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development, was obtained with the help of Representative Flo Fabrizio, and is helping us to upgrade audio needs in the

studio. The second, from the Erie Community Foundation, has enabled us to purchase a teleprompter and some low-temperature lights for use in the studio and elsewhere. These are intended for use during Free PSA Days, a program for nonprofit organizations. However, the equipment will also be available for our members. These pieces of equipment were received during the festivals, so are just now being unpacked and checked over.

Another big change that will affect all members is in the area of membership renewal dates. We will be converting all renewal dates to one common date of January 1, which means that everyone will have prorated renewal amounts for this year. We will try to make the conversion process as painless as possible. Once the conversion is completed, it should alleviate what has been a complicated record-keeping and tracking process for us.

Jeanne, Shawn and DJ



Notice of Election

At the Annual Meeting on October 24th, there will be an election by the membership of one Trustee for a three-year term. The position is currently held by Jim Globa, who plans on running for another term. Nominations will be accepted from the membership, provided that the nominee is ***an active member of CAT; consents to being nominated; submits a short written biographical summary of his or her qualifications by October 16th; and is present for the election.*** Each individual member has one vote, to be cast in person. Each organizational member has one vote, to be cast in person; however, there may not be more than one elected representative from any one organization. Membership dues must be up to date in order to cast a vote.

The following criteria for Trustees are stipulated in CAT's bylaws:

1. Trustees must have the knowledge and dedication necessary to fulfill CAT's purposes and to direct its activities;
2. Have the interests of cable subscribers represented on the board;
3. Avoid conflicts of interest;
4. Foster excellence, diversity, objectivity, service, and equality in public access operations and programming.

If you would like to nominate someone to serve on the Board of Trustees, please submit a short biographical sketch of the nominee to Jeanne Bleil, Community Access Television, 142 West 12 Street, Erie, PA 16501 ***no later than October 16th.***

Attention All Producers!

At the beginning of the New Year we would like to host a forum for our producers to share their ideas. It will be a great way to network and develop an understanding of the challenges and rewards we often share. Please send us a response if you would like to attend and a few ideas you would like to discuss. Please respond via email to Shawn at phelps@cattv-erie.org if you would like to join the group!



Holiday Closings

Labor Day

Monday, September 7

Thanksgiving

Thursday, November 24

Friday, November 25

Hours of Operation

Monday through Friday
8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Evenings Mon—Thurs
5:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Subject to staff availability

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This Month's To Do List

- ✓ Email Shawn with producers' forum ideas.
- ✓ Enjoy the holidays with friends and family