

Community Access Quarterly



Community Access Television

Orientation

January 10, February 7, March 6,
April 3, May 1
All at 6:00 p.m.

Level I (Required)

Basic Television Production
January 8-20, for four Tuesdays or
February 20–March 12 for four
Wednesdays.

Field Camera (Elective)

February 6, March 18, or April 30
(a single 1-2 hour session)

Field Lighting (Elective)

February 12 or March 25
(a single 1-2 hour session)

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

All classes are held in our studio
at 6:00 p.m. on the dates sched-
uled and require advance sign-up
and payment where applicable.
You must attend an orientation
and become a CAT member be-
fore signing up for the required
Level I, Basic Television Produc-
tion 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 Notes from Executive Director Jeanne Bleil

In an effort to make the most of the technol-
ogy available to us, as well as save precious
dollars, this will be the last print newsletter
from CAT. ***Please make sure we have your
current email address!*** Starting with the
spring newsletter, we will email you a link
to the newsletter on our website,
www.cattv-erie.org. While we know that
some do not have email addresses and Inter-
net access, that is a relatively low number of
our members. We will have a copy posted
in our lobby and, as always, welcome you
as visitors. If you are not sure whether or
not we have your email address, just send it
to info@cattv-erie.org.



Twenty-First Century, here we are!

Wow! We can hardly wait! As I write,
we do not yet have a firm target date,
but very soon we will be playing our
programming from a digital server. We
have been dreaming and planning for a
very long time now, and it is about to
become a reality.

Thanks to a grant from the Pennsylvania
Department of Community and Eco-
nomic Development (our tax dollars)
with support from Pennsylvania Senator
Jane Earll, and financial support from
our members and Board of Trustees,
contractors are working rapidly to com-
plete renovations that include a brand-
new playback room and five (yes, 5!)
adjacent editing rooms. Just as exciting,
all of the editing rooms are being insu-

lated and having the doorways rebuilt to
accommodate (get this) actual doors.
For nearly nine years, you have been
editing elbow to elbow, so while plan-
ning our new playback room, it just
made sense to expand and complete the
adjacent editing rooms.

It may not have meaning for you to
know what new systems we will be us-
ing for playback, but we have selected
the more grown-up and enhanced ver-
sion of Tightrope Media System's
Cablecast and Carousel than the one we
have been using for several years. It in-
cludes a server with a terabyte of space
and will allow us to ingest your videos
from DVDs as files and drag and drop
them into our playback schedule. We
will even be able to do this from remote
computers, so that when, for example,
we have a serious blizzard and are not
able to get to the office for several days,
Shawn or DJ will be able to access the
system from their home computers and
program the next several days of shows,
without even leaving home.

Soon, soon, we promise you that we will
let you know what new procedures you
will need to follow to turn in your pro-
grams. Shawn and DJ are configuring
the system right now and will thor-
oughly test it before it goes online. Once
all the equipment is in place and ready
to roll, you will be the first to know!

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Announcements

- ◆ Welcome to new board member Erika Howland, who has been appointed to our board by Mayor Joseph Sinnott. Erika is the Community Development Specialist for the City of Erie and has an extensive background in commercial television.
- ◆ If you have programs that you would like to “bicycle” to other access centers, White Rose

Community Television in York, PA, would like to hear from you. You can contact Steven Burgoon, Station Manager, at stevenburgoon@comcast.net, for details. His telephone number is (717) 324-6555.

- ◆ New CAT apparel for sale: Long-sleeved black polo shirts, \$25; short-sleeves, \$20.

Holiday Closings

Martin Luther King's Birthday

Monday, January 21

Presidents' Day

Monday, February 18

Good Friday & Easter Monday

March 21 & 24

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

This Month's To Do List

- ✓ Send in email address to info@cattv-erie.org.
- ✓ Check out CAT facility renovation.
- ✓ Pick up tapes that are no longer running.

HOW TO REACH US

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