



Stow TV Update

March 1, 2005

Stow TV Now Accepting Local Video Recordings

Stow TV has begun accepting recordings for cablecast on cable channel 9. Town residents, employees of the town or Schools, or members of municipal agencies and non-profit organizations that serve the town may submit recordings. All submittals are subject to the policies outlined in the *Stow TV Handbook* and forms available at www.stowtv.org and soon on the new town web.

Programs

The initial program lineup includes one for the sports enthusiast, one for children (and airplane enthusiasts), and a concert for everyone.

Off the Wall is a weekly sports show produced in Marlboro. This episode was recorded just before the Super-Bowl, but we hope to get additional recordings on a timely schedule.

Science for Kids features a visit to the Lawrence Airport with a close-up view of airplanes.

Sounds of Stow Fall 2004 Concert was an all-Mozart program. Local video producer Dan Hnatio provided a quality video camera, and Lew Halprin with Anne VanTine recorded the event. Scott Glorioso set up the audio for the recording.



Scott and Lew preparing to record *Sounds of Stow*.



Ernest Goldman and Suzanne Reine
Sounds of Stow Fall 2004 Concert
Photo by Greg Troxel

Schedule

Repeats March 3-16, 2005

The schedule is on the web at www.stowtv.org. Once the new town web site becomes public, the schedule will be available on that site.

Sounds of Stow Fall 2004 Concert

Sat., Sun. 3 pm

Mon. 8 pm

Tue., Thu. 9 pm

Wed., Fri. 7 pm

Off the Wall Sports

Sat., Sun. 2 pm

Mon., Wed. 10:30 pm

Tue., Thu. 8 pm

Fri. 9:30 pm

Science for Kids Airport Visit

Sat., Sun. 8 am & 5 pm

Mon., Wed., Fri. 4 pm

Tue., Thu. 7 pm

Meeting Room Video Setup

In June 2004, the PEG Committee entered into a beta-test agreement with a local company to install cameras, microphone and system equipment to be used to record meetings in the Warren Room. While we were pleased with the support from this company, we did not feel the proposed solution met the town's needs.

The PEG Committee now has experience from the beta-test, experiments conducted with the Cable Committee, input from several other PEG community stations, and our own research. In Feb. Ross Perry and Anne VanTine visited the town of Lincoln to view their meeting room setup, and Anne has talked with a number of other stations.

Based on these experiences, the PEG Committee developed specifications of requirements and is soliciting quotes from several firms with experience in providing package solutions of cameras, audio equipment and systems.

Equipment Update: The Leightronix Mini-T-Net

Stow TV recently purchased a Leightronix Mini-T-Net scheduler and a DVD player. The Mini-T-Net controls individual VCRs and DVD players over a remote-control bus according to the created schedule. Leightronix software lets us create a schedule of what device should come on and play for how long, then, for example, to rewind the videotape.

Getting the Mini-T-Net installed and running has made us more confident about scheduling recordings on Stow TV. We have three VCRs, one DVD player, and the device that shows slides connected to the Mini-T-Net for cablecasting. If no video or DVD is scheduled to play, the Mini-T-Net defaults to the device that displays the bulletin board slides.

Additionally, we recently acquired two VCRs to use for duplicating or editing tapes. One is a combination DV and VHS deck that makes it easy to copy to VHS from the DV tapes that camcorders use. The other is another VHS deck so we can copy VHS tapes.



Kevin Long of Great Northern Video, prepares a demo of meeting room cameras for the PEG Committee at its Dec. 7 meeting.



The Mini-T-Net can schedule and control up to 8 devices.

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Stow TV and the PEG Committee

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