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## The ACCW Travels to Iowa City



Board member Timm Lovaas



Anne Davis, MCCB staff

Board of Directors members, Timm Lovaas and Larry Davenport recently traveled to Iowa City, along with Minnesota Cable Communications Board Staff Member Anne Davis. This was the location for the Midwest Regional Convention of the National Federation of Local Cable Programmers (NFLCP). The NFLCP is a national non-profit organization that supports and advocates alternative use of the television medium, such as access programming.

Timm and Larry attended seminars on Access & Political Awareness, Institutional Networks, Cable Radio and numerous other sessions. They also toured access facilities in the Iowa City area and spoke with access users from the Midwest.

They concluded, that the conference was "extremely useful" and that "ETC 12 can hold its head high and compete favorably with any of the other access operations from the Midwest which were at the convention."

A formal report of the convention is in the Workshop library for you to read. There are some very interesting sections on Cable Radio, and Newspapers & Cable.

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# Focus on Labor

by Larry Davenport

"We walked through the crowd and came up to the barricade," said Timm Lovaas, "and there was a cop there. We just told him we were press and he let us through. That was quite a charge. We were out there video-taping right next to WCCO and KSTP."

Lovaas, one of the producers of "Focus on Labor," an ETC 12 access production, was with his crew recently in Bloomington when President Ronald Reagan addressed a Republican fund-raiser at the Carlton Celebrity Room.

"We weren't nervous at all at the Reagan rally," Lovaas said. "It was really a thrill."

The group that produces "Focus on Labor" works at the Fridley FMC Plant. All of them are members of the United Auto Workers (UAW), which has donated \$100 to the Anoka County Communications Workshop. So far, the production group has done six programs.

"I started the idea about a year ago," Lovaas said, "at a union meeting. It muddled around for a while and then I met Vicki McKenzie and she and I generated enough enthusiasm to really get it going."

One of their programs was taped at the Minnesota Solidarity Day Rally at the Minnesota State Capitol.

Another program featured an interview with Tom Collopy, head of the local Professional Air Traffic Controllers Union.

"That was really a good show," Lovaas said. "It confirmed the idea we could do a show without censorship. Collopy had been misquoted quite a bit by the Star and Tribune. He had tried to cover both sides in a four hour interview with a reporter, and the lead was 'Tom Collopy was an agnostic humanist.' He was pleased at ETC 12 to be able to say what was on his mind without editing."



Producers Timm Lovaas & Vicki McKenzie

Another "Focus on Labor" show covered a speech by Congressman Jim Oberstar at a UAW-CAP meeting.

"Ed Kaspszak (of the Fridley Cable Commission) said he thinks it's one of the better shows," Lovaas said, "and the mayor seems really pleased by it too. The people at CAP were just overwhelmed."

More than 2,000 people work for FMC, which manufactures gun mounts and rocket launchers, among other things.

"I just sent a letter to other union locals," Lovaas said, "asking if they want to get involved with the program. I'd like to see 'Focus on Labor' go metro-wide because labor issues certainly aren't based in one community."

"There are enough subjects and people in unions who like to talk," Lovaas continued, "that we should have a long-running series."



Mark Ellefson, CAP and Dan St. Clair, UAW 683 Grievance Chairperson

## Third Annual Telethon Successful

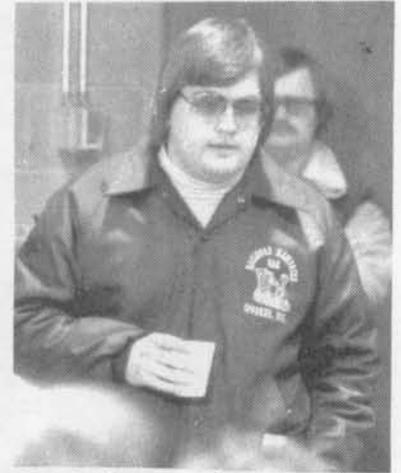


Friday Night hosts Hellbound Train comedy entourage

The Telethon this year was the Workshop's most successful, both in money raised and community support. We received \$1,733 in pledges, and donations of over \$500 in premiums and services from area businesses and individuals. Storer Cable will match the first \$1,000, making a total of \$2,733.

The Workshop greatly appreciates the support shown by our community. We also wish to thank all the individuals and groups who performed, served as crew, answered phones and helped make things go smoothly. Everyone, especially wants to thank Paul Kaspszak - this year's Telethon coordinator.

The money raised from the Telethon will be use to increase the services the Workshop provides our community. If you missed some of the Telethon, many of the performances were taped and will be scheduled on ETC 12 in the near future.



Paul Kaspszak

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Karl Eilers

Terry Lovaas



Cosmopolitan Dancers

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## April Fools Meeting Held



ETC 12 volunteer John King directing

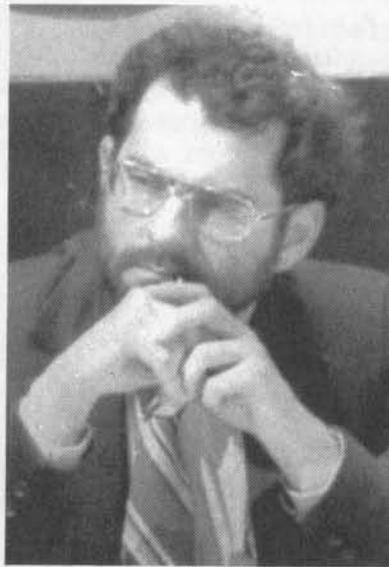
Even though the Workshop's Bi-Annual membership meeting was held April 1, it was not a meeting of fools. All reports are, the Workshop is growing by leaps and bounds. We now have over 125 individual members and five non-profit organizational members. ETC 12 is cablecasting over thirty hours of programming each week and the studio is turning out at least fifteen new programs a week. Our two portapaks are booked solid.

Coordinator Will Loew-Blosser announced the recipients of the first Volunteer of the Year Awards. This year Dave Harvet, Mike Bednarcuk, Paul Kaspszak, Paula Neuman and Mark Scott received certificates.

The next meeting will be held in September. At that time, elections for the Board of Directors will be held.



Will Loew-Blosser



Ken Brennen



Mark Scott

### BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Mark Scott, *Chairperson*  
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## Intern Visits ACCW

The ACCW was pleased to have Cynthia Huth, an intern of the National Federation of Local Cable Programmers (NFLCP) spend some time at the access studio. She appeared on "Fridley Poll" with Mike Bednarchuk and was a participant in Will's Studio II and Portable II classes. She also had the unique experience of being a performer/camera operator for a special "In Focus" where the preparation and behind the scenes activity were taped as the live "In Focus" program was put together and taped.

Cynthia's present job is Program Assistant with the Visitor Program Service of Meridian House International in Washington, D.C. where she is involved with the coordination of international visitors travel arrangements throughout the United States.

She became interested in Minneapolis through her job contacts and friends who live in the area, and applied for this site through the NFLCP training program as she became interested in cable activities.

Cynthia's comments after the program were, "I'd like to keep a copy of the tape 'In Focus' to always remind me why I wanted to become involved with cable."



"Fridley Poll" with (clockwise) Mike Bednarchuk, Pam Mager, and NFLCP intern Cynthia Huth.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

If your group has an upcoming event that you would like to see on ETC 12, contact the Workshop. We may have a producer who would like to work with your group.

A special thank you to Larry Hutchinson for donating the black paint and painting the studio with Pam Mager's assistance.

Check out the many books and magazines in the ETC 12 library, located in the studio.

Volunteers are needed to cablecast. Contact Will at 571-9144.

If you like sports, don't miss the Fridley Junior High Girls' Gymnastics Exhibition or the Girls' Regional Gymnastics Meet, produced by Dave Harvet and John King.

If you work for First Bank Minneapolis, IDS or St. Paul Companies, ask about the matching donations for employees who donate time or money to non-profit organizations.

A donation of shelving is needed for the tape library.

Check out U.S. News & World Report, May 10 issue, Page 83.

## Calendar / Classes

- June 12 Introduction to Studio Production, Part I: 10:30-2:30 p.m.  
 Introduction to Portable Video, Part I: 2-6 p.m.
- June 15 5th Annual Minnesota Community Programming Awards entries due
- June 19 Studio Production Skills, Part II: 10:30-2:30 p.m.  
 Portable Video Skills, Part II: 3-6 p.m.
- June 26 Advanced Studio with Editing, Part III: Noon-4 p.m.
- July 3 Closed for Independence Day
- July 8-10 National Federation of Local Cable Programmers (NFLCP) National Conference at the St. Paul Radisson. Workshop will be closed.
- July 17 Introduction to Studio Production, Part I; 10:30-2:30 p.m.  
 Introduction to Portable Video, Part II 2-6 p.m.

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