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THE 12TH ANNUAL WILLIE AWARDS

by Liz Nehring

The 12th Annual Willie Awards were held Saturday, February 13. We had a full house with nearly 50, people in attendance and everyone seemed to have a wonderful time.

The Willie Awards are ETC 33's way of thanking its members for supporting public access and are given out to everyone who produces a program at the Workshop over the past year. It is also a chance for the members, staff and Board of Directors to celebrate the Workshop's anniversary. This past year, ETC 33 enjoyed it's 17th year of operation, the longest running and oldest public access center in the state, and among the oldest in the country as well. The Willie Award is named after the Workshop's first Access Coordinator, Will Loew-Blosser, and is a tradition that started in 1980.

In addition to the Willies, a number of other awards were given. The George Stoney Award was given to four producer's for

their overall excellence in access production. This year's Stoneys went to: Steve Herrig for his progressive music and variety program "My

Town;" Paul Kammeyer for his unique approach to American History in "Nat Turner;" Michael Loonan for his comedy satire entitled "Mission: Cable," and Scott Lothrop (for the third straight year!) for his documentary entitled "Anasazi."

ETC also honors people for their outstanding contributions to public access television. These awards are called the Silver Willies and this year's recipients were two former board members: Jim



Sandvik and Frank Taylor.

The Workshop also recognized two members for their tremendous efforts in assisting on various staff pro-

duced and member produced programs. This years Volunteers of the Year were Robert Bissonette and Larry Morrisette.

Finally, the ETC 33 Board of Directors presented a special recognition award to former Director of Operations Michelle K. Glynn, in appreciation for her four years of service to ETC 33.

The hosts for this years Awards were Liz Nehring, Richard Klatte, Elaine Sorensen, and T. J. Larson. Dave Harvet directed the show and Todd Lindberg ran the audio. Becky Harvet, Craig "Bubba" Chura, and John P. King all ran cameras for the show. The event was beautifully catered by Beth Carls-Larson.

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FROM THE DIRECTOR...

By T. J. Larson

As things begin to heat up outside any we northern "cave-dwellers" begin to emerge from our winter slumber, I'd like to remind you all to capture these brief moments of fun in the sun on video! Nothing beats the winter blahs better than by reliving that epic softball game

or seeing your Aunt Elsie water-ski as the snow falls outside. ETC 33 has just purchased two new AG-450 camcorders so there's no reason for you to be left out in the cold. Give us a call, stop by, and make this summer last forever!



FROM THE COORDINATOR..

By Liz Nehring

I hope everyone is looking forward to summer as much as I am. It was great to see so many members at the Willie Awards in February, I was finally able to put some faces to the names. Check the CARP article to see if there's an

award waiting for you! A lot of you have memberships coming to a close this spring, so look for your renewal form in the mail-we need you! And, talk to your friends, bring them down to ETC 33 and show them how much fun producing a show can be. Enjoy Spring!

WHAT'S NEW AT ETC 33?

By T. J. Larson

The purchase of two, new AG-450 camcorders should allow for a busy summer of portable video productions. The cameras can record in either regular or super VHS... A variety of new members have come up with new program ideas including a local fishing show, a comedy variety program, and a long anticipated movie review program, just to

name a few...the Workshop was selected as a preliminary judging site for the Hometown Video Awards and staff and members have been busy reviewing over 60 tapes produced by volunteers across the country. The category ETC 33 was assigned is Performing Arts and 4 finalist will be chosen and sent on to Portland for final round judging. ETC 33 submitted 9 entries to the contest.



FOOLATHON MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

By T. J. Larson

Taking a page from ETC 33's history, the Workshop decided this year to bring back an old favorite, the Foolathon. For 5 straight days of total madness, ETC 33 staff, Board Members, and volunteers all pitched in to produce continuous live programming from March 31st to April 4th..

The event was organized as a way to recruit new members into the ranks at ETC 33 and were more successful than we had anticipated. When the dust settled Sunday evening, ETC 33 had added 30 new members as well as stir up interest in public access television among our Fridley viewers. ETC 33 staff contacted area merchants, many of whom generously donated prizes to give away to new



members.

The approach was simple: anything goes! Some hosts sat in the control room, took calls

and played tapes on request. Others ventured into the studio for more adventurous fun.

John P. King and Todd Lindberg kicked off the event Wednesday night, reliving times gone by and taking calls from their dedicated following of fans.

Liz Nehring and her friends Dayna and Dennis gave dance tips as to an enthusiastic audience.

Richard Klatt recruited a group of local youth who came down to the studio and produced their own program on the spot. The "Young Sport Studs" are now planning on producing a regular series. Richard also amazed and astounded one and all with his portrayal of the now legendary O'Blarney the Crazy Irish Dinosaur. The phone rang off the hook as Fridley viewers clamored to talk live with this instant cult hero.

Late night hosts Steve "Mr. Saturday Night" Herrig and Craig "Bubba" Chura,

burned the midnight oil and created a kind of Talk T.V. format with a variety of inter-



ested viewers. Rumor has it that even Amy Fisher and Joey Buttafucio called in requesting membership information.

Frequent ETC 33 volunteers Shelley Peterson, Jack Lothrop, Tom Evers, and Beth Carls-Larson also put in a marathon session of comedy madness. At one point Jack Lothrop was joined by his father Scott for a spontaneous (and hilarious) comedy routine called "Welcome to Minnesota". Local artist Jeff Schuler even stopped by and he painted a new piece live on the air for an amazed Fridley audience. Poet and mime Janey Moe was also on hand to add to the fun.

All in all, it was a very successful and fun event. Thanks to all of the volunteers who made this possible!

NEW AND RENEWING MEMBERS

Over the past few months our we have gained over 40 new or renewing members. We are certainly excited about all the new faces and we hope to see all of you producing programs during the long, hot summer at ETC 33!

The current membership dues are as follows:

- \$9.00 Student/Senior
- \$16.00 Regular
- \$26.00 Family
- \$150.00 Organization
(Local)
- \$250.00 Organization
(Non-Local)

To renew or begin your membership send check or money order to:

ETC 33
350 63rd Ave N.E.
Fridley, MN 55432

All members receive the quarterly newsletter "Videosyncrasies" as well as access to all of our video production equipment. Members also receive discounts on classes and invitations to special Workshop events. Join us today!

CARP POINT UPDATE

By Liz Nehring

CARP stands for the Cable Access Reinforcement Program and it's our way here at ETC 33 of awarding access members for their volunteering their time and skill to various ETC 33 productions. Points are awarded for helping out ETC 33 staff and other access members with their productions, taping local grade school concerts, bringing in new members, helping out with special events and more.

Once CARP points are earned, members can redeem them for valuable prizes:

- 10 points = ETC 33 mug
- 20 pts. = ETC 33 T-Shirt
- 30 pts. = Free Membership or Class
- 40 pts. = Free Dinner
- 50 pts. = ??????????

If you would like to become a volunteer and start earning your own CARP

Current Carp Leaders

Craig Chura.....56 pts.
Frank Taylor.....37 pts.
Richard Klatte...33pts.
Elaine Sorensen.30pts.
John P. King....29 pts.

points, give the office a call at 571-9144.

The following members were recently awarded their CARP prizes at the Willie Awards. (If your name is starred "*" you can pick up your prize any time in the office).

Craig Chura*.....Free Dinner
Frank Taylor.....Membership
Richard Klatte*...Membership
John P. King*.....Membership
Elaine Sorensen...Membership
Jeff Lindberg*.....T-Shirt
Todd Lindberg.....T-Shirt
Joe Kerner*.....Mug
Scott Moehring*...Mug
Robert Bissonette..Mug
Larry Morrisette....Mug
Beth Carls-Larson.Mug

A DAY IN FRIDLEY

ETC 33 producer Tom Thompson has interesting idea for a program he would like to produce, but he needs your help. Tom's idea is to record the activities of one day in the life of the city of Fridley. The date is set for June 2nd and if you'd like to volunteer for a time to record call the Workshop at 571-9144 to sign up. Tapes will also be accepted but they must be made with date/time on the camera and within the city.

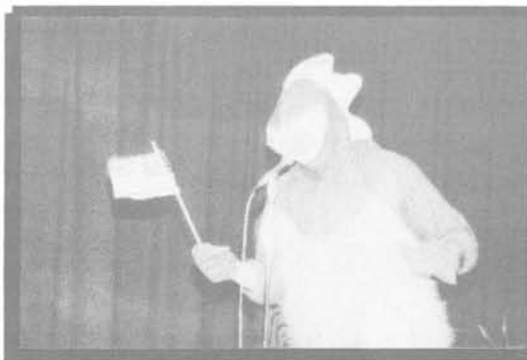
RICHARD A-BOMB KLATTE CELEBRATES 10 YEARS AT ETC 33

by Liz Nehring

Richard Klatte has been part of ETC 33 for the past 10 years. He produces an average of one new program a month with most of them originally cablecast live and then later replayed on ETC 33. Richard puts a lot of time in pre-production for his programs; working on the Video Toaster, creating special effects, and editing special tape-roll segments together.

Richard's programs almost always include classic rock & roll, and often feature special

tributes to the Rolling Stones. During one of his recent



programs—"The 1993 Fantasy Baseball Show" he announced he will be making a new series of programs in the coming year. Stay tuned for future surprises from the A-Bomb!

Although Richard was not elected President of the United States last fall, he was elected to the ETC 33 Board of directors. He has been very active ever since in helping to shape the Workshop's future.

You can usual see Richard at any of the major events produced by the Workshop. Recently he co-hosted the Willie Awards and also played a major in last falls Halloween Bloodmobile as well as April's Foolathon as O'Blarney, the Crazy Irish Dinosaur. Richard is always looking for volunteers, just give the office a call at 571-9144.

CONGRATULATIONS SCOTT LOTHROP

by Liz Nehring and
T. J. Larson

Scott Lothrop came close last year. He was a finalist in both the Minnesota Community Television Awards as well as the Hometown Video Awards. Certainly this was a distinguished accomplishment. But when he found out this year that not one but two of his programs were selected as finalists for this year's MCTV

Awards, Scott had to like his chances! Two programs which he submitted, "Journey to the Aegean" and "Anasazi" were listed as finalists in the Programming by Seniors category. And this year Scott brought home some hardware from the gala event. "Journey to the Aegean", Scott's account of he and his wife Doris's recent trek there took home top prize.

This certainly came as no to surprise at etc 33. Scott has



received a Stoney award three years in a row for one overall production excellence.

Oh, and in case you're wondering...Scott has entered the national Hometown contest as well! Good Luck, Scott!

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