



## ACTON TV WINTER 2013 NEWSLETTER

### NEW HOURS of OPERATION

ActonTV has announced new hours for 2013 including **Saturdays!**

MONDAY - 9am-5pm  
TUESDAY - 9am-9pm  
WEDNESDAY - 9am-5pm  
THURSDAY - 9am-9pm  
FRIDAY - 9am-5pm  
SATURDAY - 9am-2pm

### The ActonTV Staff



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### A MESSAGE FROM OUR E.D.

Hello ActonTV community! It is a true delight for me to have become a part of this dynamic team. The staff, the Board of Directors and, most importantly, you members, are clearly dedicated to the idea of producing the best possible community access television for Acton and having lots of fun while you are at it.

The potential for what we can produce together is limited only by our imagination, tools and skills. ActonTV is committed to providing you the best facilities, equipment and training we can. Add to that some of your creative energy, time and imagination and there is no limit to what can be done.

Feel free to drop into my office in the studio at any time to share your thoughts about what you would like to do, and how we can do it better. Make us your studio. We are here to assist you do more *for you and by you!*

### ANIMAL ADVENTURES



ActonTV Lead Production Assistant Shane Brown has no problem being in front of the camera! One of his ideas was to bring local animal conservationist and educator Ed Laquidara to ActonTV to co-host a new studio program called *Animal Adventures*. Ed and Shane aren't the

only ones on stage - the program is called *Animal Adventures* for a reason! For each show, Ed brings along a wide variety of animal friends direct from his family zoo and rescue center in Bolton, MA. One more element was needed, however - a live studio audience of kids to interact with the animals!

One of our volunteers recommended contacting a local preschool and, within a day or two, we had a studio audience of 15 kids excited to be a part of this fun and educational program.

The first show was taped in December and was an amazing success. Featured on that episode were a Burmese Python, a Eurasian Owl and a Timor Monitor. In January, a second show was taped featuring a chinchilla, snapping turtle, African Fennec fox and a full sized alligator!



**Shane Brown**

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Production Assistant

## Photo Gallery:



Alex Reine operates a camera at an AB Football game. Producer Mark Scheier, along with ActonTV, covered all of the fall, 2012 AB Football games.



E.D. Simon Bunyard interviewed many of the non-profit organizations set up at last fall's Oktoberfest for an ActonTV produced documentary.



Dad & mom prepare their kids, Ava and Isabelle, for the taping of a short segment that was used during ActonTV's annual LIVE "Call in Santa" program.



If you have or know of kids who may be interested in being a part of the *Animal Adventures* studio audience, please contact Ron Zimmerman at [ron.zimmerman@actontv.org](mailto:ron.zimmerman@actontv.org)

## NEW SHOWS TO WATCH ON ACTON TV



In addition to *Animal Adventures*, we have had many other new shows and series premiere in the last few months. Volunteer produced programs that have aired recently included two Halloween "cemetery tours", the "MinuteVan" movie, "Acton Diwali 2012", performances at the Acton Jazz Cafe, *Middlesex West Chamber of Commerce business education seminars*, "Acton Chinese Music Night 2012" (pictured), "USAF concerts", a 7-part *History of the Supreme Court* series, a new cooking show called *Two Crazy Cooks* and a look at the "Boy Scouts in Acton". All of these programs and more can be seen on our [Video On Demand page](#) at [www.actontv.org](http://www.actontv.org).

Recent staff produced programs included the LIVE "Eldridge/Cavaretta Candidates Debate", "Oktoberfest" coverage and a new monthly cooking show called *Family Cookin'* featuring different Acton families and their favorite, kid friendly, easy to make recipes.

Contact [ron.zimmerman@actontv.org](mailto:ron.zimmerman@actontv.org) or call us at 978-263-6033 and we can let you know how to produce your own TV show at ActonTV!



## **PRODUCER SPOTLIGHT ON HART MILLETT**

Hart Millett and his artistic director, Nan, (better known to most as Hart's better half), have volunteered at ActonTV since January, 2012. Hart is particularly interested in producing programming that spotlights Acton's rich and storied history. As the Treasurer of three Acton non-profit organizations: the Acton Historical Society, Iron Work Farm and the Acton Conservation Trust, Hart is in the unique position to take advantage of those organizations' resources to bring to life compelling historical programs. A good example of this is Hart and Nan's production of "A Farm Boy in Acton", a historical re-enactment from a book by Acton resident Merry B. Post. Hart is also interested in all aspects of production from videotaping local events to learning advanced editing skills on Final Cut Pro. His willingness to help whenever a call for volunteers goes out is exemplary and his enthusiasm for video production and learning new skills inspire all who work with him. ActonTV salutes and thanks Hart for his contributions to community access tv and for his efforts to let others in town know about our unique resource!

## **THE SPORTS CORNER**

AB Sports represents some of the most popular and watched programming on ActonTV's channel lineup. The following winter sports are currently being covered and can be seen on our public and educational channels as well as on our [special Video On Demand site](#) devoted just to sports:



**AB Boys Varsity Ice Hockey**



Girl Scout Troop 72017 visited the ActonTV studios for a tour and demonstration in Dec. and recorded a special holiday greeting for Acton.



The ABRHS Broadcasting Dept. continues to submit new episodes of their news magazine style *AB to Z* series.



Lorna Agnitti & Dawn Tower are *Two Crazy Cooks!* This is one of several new cooking shows on ActonTV!



Welcome Christo Tsiaras and Charlie Aaronson to the ActonTV Board of Directors!

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Produced by Joe Loblundo



**AB Girls Varsity Ice Hockey**

Produced by John Stewart



**AB Boys Varsity Basketball**

Produced by the ABRHS Broadcasting Dept.



**AB Girls Junior Varsity Basketball**

Produced by Mike Ford

## WORKSHOPS

Our popular 4-session **free** television production workshops are offered monthly. These workshops cover all the basic production steps and will allow you to begin producing content for ActonTV's access channels! We also offer an *orientation class* that features a tour of our 5000 sq. ft. studio space and an introduction to the many ways public access television can help you or your organization. We also offer [Video Camps for Kids ages 10-12](#) during school vacations.

Please call 978-263-6033 or e-mail [ron.zimmerman@actontv.org](mailto:ron.zimmerman@actontv.org) if you're interested in registering for our next 4-session workshop or to receive a tour/orientation of ActonTV's studio.



And, for those who have completed the four session introductory workshops, ActonTV also offers **Advanced Workshops** in

- **Field Production - camcorders, mics, etc.**
- **Studio Production & Broadcast Pix**
- **Editing with Final Cut Pro**
- **Production Truck Set Up**
- **Lighting & using the portable light kit**

Call now to [register](#) or for more details!

**((( Tune In )))**



## Video On Demand

ActonTV offers Video On Demand.

All locally produced programs, including town meetings, can be viewed online! To access the Video On Demand page simply go to [www.actontv.org](http://www.actontv.org)

and click on one of the four options in the "Watch online" box on the left of the screen.

Visit our website

[www.actontv.org](http://www.actontv.org)

for more info on how you can become an ActonTV member or volunteer.

You can also find **program schedules** for our Public and Educational Access channels there as well!



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