



ACTON TV FALL 2012 NEWSLETTER

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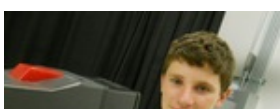
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PLEASE WELCOME SIMON BUNYARD



June, 2012 saw the arrival of ActonTV's new Executive Director, Simon Bunyard. Simon comes to ActonTV from Boxborough, MA with more than

30 years of experience in project and financial management.

Although new to the public access television world, he has much experience in non-profit management. Simon is also a former Boxborough Selectman, Founding Director of the Boxborough Conservation Trust, Treasurer of the Boxborough District Minuteman Company and he was awarded the Town of Boxborough's Golden Fife Award, the highest civil honor the town can bestow on its citizens. Please join us in welcoming Simon to ActonTV!

SUMMER INTERNS

Before the summer arrived, ActonTV had a number of inquiries about summer internships for students. We decided it would be a good idea to offer a program and, in short order,

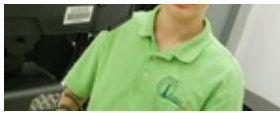
three students signed on: Will Henry, Jason Nelken and Alex Dai. All three had some experience with video production techniques but they were interested in learning more and hoped to gain valuable, hands-on experience by using ActonTV's equipment and resources. To that end, ActonTV assigned each intern a specific video project that they would produce, write, direct, shoot and edit. Will Henry created a program about Boy Scout Troop 284 in Acton, Jason Nelken produced an inside look at the Acton Water District and Alex Dai crafted a documentary about the Miracle League in Acton and their newly constructed field. All three did a great job and put in tremendous effort videotaping and conducting interviews around town and then editing the footage into structured and aesthetically pleasing programs. Two of the finished programs - "[Inside the Acton Water District](#)" and "[The Miracle League Story](#)" can be seen on our [Video On Demand](#) page. Will Henry's scouting documentary will be debuting soon.



Anyone interested in internship opportunities at ActonTV should contact Ron Zimmerman at ron.zimmerman@actontv.org or call us at 978-263-6033.

Oooh, THAT SMELL





ELDRIDGE - CAVARETTA "LIVE" DEBATE

ActonTV & Acton Patch will be presenting a "live" candidates' debate between incumbent State Senator Jamie Eldridge and challenger Dean Cavaretta on Wed. **Oct. 17, 2012** at 7:30pm on all of its channels. We are also taking questions from the public to be used during the debate. Questions are due **Oct. 10, 2012** and can be sent to ActonTV at debate@actontv.org

Photo Gallery: Summer Fun!



Leanne Quinn & Stetson Doggett host "Fast Cooking for Anyone"



Srinivas Setty gives the thumbs up during our July directing workshop



Our Summer Video Camp for Kids was a great success



The Video Campers operate studio



In our last newsletter, we told you all about our fully equipped kitchen set. Since that time, two new cooking shows have premiered on ActonTV! Producer Laurel Doggett and her son Stetson created "Fast Cooking for Anyone" a half hour cooking lesson for people on the go. Stetson, and his co-host/chef Leanne Quinn, provided step by step instructions on how to make quick and easy meals with only a handful of simple ingredients.

Also new from the kitchen is "A Taste of Acton" a cooking program spotlighting local restaurants and their signature dishes. The first show features Acton restaurant Bella Famiglia and its executive chef Bob Petkewich (pictured along with host Rick Degon). Chef Bob made a three course meal with a fried calamari appetizer, seafood ciopino as the main dish and canoli for desert. Delish to say the least! "A Taste of Acton" is currently running on our public access channel (Ch. 8 Comcast / Ch. 45 Verizon) and can also be viewed via [Video On Demand](#).

Contact ron.zimmerman@actontv.org or call us at 978-263-6033 and we can let you know how to start your own cooking TV show here at ActonTV!



PRODUCER SPOTLIGHT ON CHARLIE AARONSON

Producer, Director, Videographer, Editor, Movie Star ... Acton's Charlie Aaronson does it all! While you will not see Charlie in front of the camera he is most certainly behind it, videotaping a wide variety of programs at the Acton Senior Center and creating documentary shorts and public service announcements for ActonTV. Some of his recent efforts include the "Fabulous Fenway" musical program and the "History of the Supreme Court" series of shows. ActonTV is grateful for volunteers like Charlie and we will continue to spotlight productive volunteer producers and crew members in future newsletters. Oh, what about that movie star credit? Charlie and his wife recently had the opportunity of a lifetime when they were chosen to be extras in the new Jason Reitman film "Labor Day" currently lensing in Acton. They appeared in a scene shot at the Senior Center as dancers under the instruction of Kate Winslet's character!

NEW EQUIPMENT



- We have 3 new **JVC GY HM150 field cameras** to keep up with the increasing demand for field equipment from our access users.



- We also now have a **portable light kit** with three, low

cameras for the green screen game show



Summer Video Camp for Kids participants



Up With People visited the ActonTV studio and produced a Public Service Announcement about upcoming shows

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ACTON TV NOW HAS ITS OWN BLOG AT

ActonPatch

http://acton.patch.com/users/acton-tv/blog_posts



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

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

Visit our website

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

wattage, lightweight, LED lights and tripods. These lights are available to our access users for check out. There will also be a special training for anyone taking out the light kit.

- Meeting room #204 in the Town Hall has a new, three camera, remote control system. Training is available for anyone interested in helping to cover Selectmen or Finance Committee meetings. The Town Hall remote control system is now located at the RJ Grey Jr. High School for multi-camera coverage of School Committee meetings.

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 a Monday evening orientation class from 7-8pm that features a tour of the studio and an introduction to the many ways public access television can help you or your organization.

Please call 978-263-6033 or e-mail ron.zimmerman@actontv.org if you're interested in registering for our next 4-session workshop



And, for those who have completed the four session introductory workshops, ActonTV also offers

Advanced Workshops in

- **Field Production - camcorders, mics, etc.**
- **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)))

Comcast

Ch. 8 - Public

Ch. 9 - Educational

Ch. 99 - Government

(note new channel number)

Verizon:

Ch. 45 - Public

Ch. 40 - Educational

Ch. 41 - Government

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

Until our next issue . . .

***Hope to see you all
soon!***



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