



New portable camera gear here in October

The long awaited transition to HD cameras is almost here. If delivery happens as expected, NWCT volunteers will have new Panasonic AG-HMC150 cameras in hand the third week in October. And as with all equipment updates, there will be a learning curve for volunteers to tackle. Perhaps the biggest challenges will be moving to an HD record format (16 X 9) and recording to SD cards instead of videotape.

CURRENT MEMBERS MUST BE RECERTIFIED

All NWCT members currently certified in portable camera will be required to take a one and a half hour class on the new equipment. This class **must** be completed before you will be allowed to check out new equipment. The class will go over basic camera operation as well as importing/editing procedures in Final Cut Pro. Sessions are scheduled for early October—please see the schedule to sign up.

SD CARDS TO BE SOLD

To assist volunteers, NWCT is planning to sell SD cards along with other media. They will be available at the front desk and will be sold in various sizes (8G, 16G & 32G) to match individual shooting needs. We will have charts available at the studio to help you decide which size card you will need for your projects. We do want to caution you that **they will be more expensive than videotape!** But remember, if well cared for, they can be used over and over again for years. Expect to pay \$12-\$16 for 8G cards, \$21-\$35 for 16G and \$42-\$55 for 32G cards. NWCT plans to offer a competitive price to area stores.

48 HOUR CHECKOUT RULE TO BE ENFORCED

Finally, with new equipment come stricter usage rules. Demand for cameras is going to be high so we will be enforcing the 48 hour checkout rule. If that sounds restrictive, remember there are 300+ active volunteers all vying for nine cameras and two portable studios.

Those who use equipment but fail to turn in programming will be denied future reservations.

Also, all media (SD cards, DVDs, tapes) must be paid for at the **time of purchase**—no more paying for media when equipment is returned or at a later date.

NWCT looking for two superheros!

Northwest Community Television will hold an election this November to fill two seats on its Board of Directors. One position is for a one year term, the other for two years—both terms begin February 15, 2012. The Board of Directors sets policies, adopts a budget and oversees the overall operation of Northwest Community Television. The Board of Directors generally meets quarterly on the third Thursday of the month at 7:30am.

Interested in filing? Here are the qualifications:

- ⦿ You must be a resident of one of the nine communities served by NWCT,
- ⦿ You must be a member of NWCT,
- ⦿ You must be at least 18 years old by November 1, 2011, and
- ⦿ You must file as a candidate by providing a candidate's profile and submit it to Northwest Community Television no later than Monday, October 24, 2011.

All candidates must provide a 300 word candidate's profile. The profile should describe your involvement with NWCT and state your views on how you can contribute to the success of NWCT. The profile, along with a photo, will be displayed at the studio during the election. Please submit your profile by email to bnolan@nwct.org no later than Monday, October 24, 2011. **BNC**



PROPOSED EQUIPMENT TIMELINE

Remember, this schedule is dependent on equipment delivery—dates are subject to change.

Monday, September 26: SD card sales begin

Monday, September 26, through Thursday, October 6: No portable studio or camera checkouts

AG-HMC150 classes for NWCT AG-DVX100B certified users:

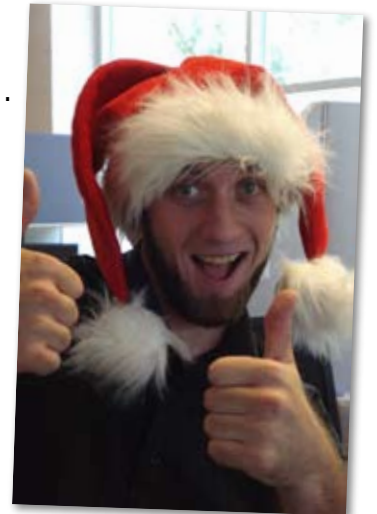
- ⦿ Saturday, October 1, 9:30-11am and 1:30-3pm
- ⦿ Tuesday, October 4, 6:30-8pm
- ⦿ Wednesday, October 5, 9:30-11am
- ⦿ Thursday, October 6, 6:30-8pm

Friday, October 7: New portable studio and camera checkouts begin **BNC**



Christmas comes (and goes) in July

On Sunday, July 31, it was just like Christmas inside the studio—we had the music, the food, the colors of the season . . . just no snow! The four musical groups that participated in "Christmas in July" were Finn Hall (Ralph Tuttila, Cheryl Paschke, Dennis Halme, Al Reko), Wayne Hamilton and Paul A. Folwell III, Lora Westberg, and the Minnesota Association of Christian Songwriters (MACS members John Bennett, Wes Miller, Julie Jacobs, Beth Hatch, and Char Engen and Barbara Bozonie). The finished programs will play through the holiday season starting after Thanksgiving.



Studio managers Roger Larson, Nikki Jackett and Nate Piotrowski were on hand in the control room while volunteers **Adeleye Ademakinwa, Mike Braun, Tim Conaway, Paul Gordhamer, Dave Griffin, Jackie Gustafson, Larry Haapoja, Al Heisenfelt, Judy Homme, Eric Jaakkola** and **Steve Mindrum** did everything from technical direct to audio to camera. Special thanks to volunteer **Tim Almen** who helped us set up the audio the day before the event! We really appreciated everyone's help—we hope that you learned some new things, ate some good food, met some new faces and made some new friends! **TT**



Pictured top to bottom: NWCT Studio Manager Nate Piotrowski, Finn Hall, Wayne Hamilton and Paul A. Folwell III, Wes Miller on guitar and Adeleye Ademakinwa on camera.

Studio notes

DIY CLASS: HOW TO MAKE A PROMO

Want to make a promo for your show but have no idea how? We're offering a Promotions class in the near future! Channel 12's Chris O'Connor will be the instructor. You'll learn all about how and what you need to make a promo. As part of the class, you will be making a promo for your show—how's that for motivation? Your promo will be featured on Channel 18 and our web site. Interested? Call 763.533.8196 or email info@nwct.org to put your name on the list. We'll contact you as soon as dates are set.

VOLUNTEER GALA NOVEMBER 14

Keep the evening of Monday, November 14, free! That's the date of the 2011 NWCT Volunteer Gala. We're going to keep you guessing on this year's theme—but, rest assured, it will be a night of fun, camaraderie, good eats and prizes!

HAVE A QUESTION FOR A STUDIO MANAGER?

Share it and we'll put it on our new web site! There are currently two videos on site at www.nwct.org/pdfs_videos.aspx. They feature questions that someone new might have. You get to choose who you want to answer your question and if you want a mention.



WELCOME TO NEW NWCT MEMBERS!

Here's a list of area residents who took classes the last few months to become certified members at NWCT: **Lydia Assa Kelly, Pete Betiku, Julie Blakestad, Alicia Carlson, Drea Davis, Bob Flynn, Connor Green, Anthony Johnson, Ashlee Kephart, Sharon Kephart, David Konold, Evan Kuder, Jane Lalor, Juan-Carlos Maymir, Will McCabe, Steve Mindrum, Gilbert Otoo, Zachary Pierson, Paul Ridgeway, Cecilia Shaw, Elijah Shaw, Elizabeth Shaw, Melinda Shaw-Herron and Linda Wes-Sieh.** Congratulations and welcome!

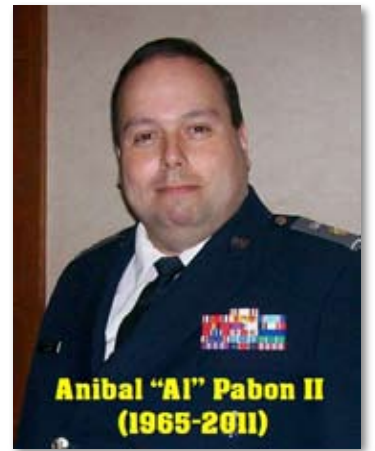
EMMY NOMINATION!

"I Believe in Public Access" has been nominated for an Upper Midwest Chapter Emmy Award! The 60 second PSA was produced by former studio managers, Matt Olson and Damian Kussian, with

the audio expertise of current studio manager Nate Piotrowski. Congratulations and good luck, guys—winners will be announced September 24.

AL PABON PASSES UNEXPECTEDLY

Anibal ("Al") Pabon II of New Hope passed away unexpectedly of natural causes on July 22, 2011, in Millersburg, Kentucky, where he was volunteering with the US Army Cadet Corps.



Al became an NWCT volunteer in 1994 and quickly became known as a talented producer and enthusiastic worker. If you saw a wrestling show on our channels, you can be sure Al was involved in the production! He also submitted many programs featuring the Civil Air Patrol. In addition, he served two terms on our Board of Directors. We will miss Al and his contributions.

If you would like to assist in expenses (Al did not prepare for this unforeseen situation), donations can be sent to: The Anibal Pabon II Memorial Fund, c/o David Palmer, Manager Merchant's Bank, 7300 147th Street W, Apple Valley MN 55124. **STAFF**

September studio production calendar

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|-----------|---------|-------------------------|-----------|---------|-------------------------|
| 1 | 8:30am | Celebrate Life Int'l | 17 | 8:30am | The Uncle Mike Show |
| | 9:30am | Healing Center Int'l | | 9:30am | Jesus Is Lord |
| | 12:30pm | Seniors On Screen | | 11:00am | Baby Blue Arts Presents |
| | 2:00pm | New Liberian Foundation | 18 | 3:30pm | Africa Rendezvous |
| | 3:30pm | Tyson Show | 19 | 8:30am | Painting with Dave |
| | 5:00pm | Denis Durnev | | 3:30pm | Mr. Cleanhouse |
| | 8:00pm | The Review | | 5:00pm | Sharon Novell |
| 2 | 8:30am | Hope and Restoration | | 6:30pm | Shakey Shaman Show |
| | 12:30pm | Ruth Miller Ministries | | 7:00pm | Portable camera class |
| | 2:00pm | Power in the Word | | 8:00pm | Send in the Clones |
| 3 | | CLOSED | 20 | 12:30pm | Shekannah Glory |
| 4 | | CLOSED | | 2:00pm | Daughters of Zion |
| 5 | | CLOSED | | 3:30pm | Repentance and Love |
| 6 | 12:30pm | Shekannah Glory | | 8:00pm | MN Assoc of Songwriters |
| | 2:00pm | Daughters of Zion | 21 | 9:30am | The House United |
| | 3:30pm | Repentance and Love | | 5:00pm | The Uncle Mike Show |
| | 6:30pm | Mr. Cleanhouse | | 6:30pm | Art Cunningham Show |
| | 8:00pm | Real Progress TV | | 8:00pm | Oromo TV |
| 7 | 8:30am | Along for the Ride | 22 | 8:30am | Celebrate Life Int'l |
| | 12:30pm | The House United | | 9:30am | Healing Center Int'l |
| | 5:00pm | The Uncle Mike Show | | 5:00pm | In Our Town |
| | 6:30pm | Art Cunningham Show | | 8:00pm | The Review |
| | 8:00pm | Oromo TV | 23 | 8:30am | Hope and Restoration |
| 8 | 8:30am | Celebrate Life Int'l | | 9:30am | Twin Cities Testify |
| | 9:30am | Healing Center Int'l | | 12:30pm | Ruth Miller Ministries |
| | 8:00pm | The Review | | 2:00pm | Celebrate Life Int'l |
| 9 | 8:30am | Hope and Restoration | 24 | 9:30am | Reggie Moore |
| | 9:30am | Twin Cities Testify | | 10:00am | Orientation |
| | 12:30pm | Ruth Miller Ministries | | 11:00am | Country Music Jubilee |
| | 2:00pm | Celebrate Life Int'l | 25 | | |
| 10 | 8:30am | Reggie Moore | 26 | 3:30pm | Mr. Cleanhouse |
| | 11:00am | Polka Spotlight | | 5:00pm | Sharon Novell |
| 11 | 1:00pm | The Pastor's Study | | 6:30pm | Shakey Shaman Show |
| 12 | 8:30am | Painting with Dave | | 7:00pm | Nonlinear edit class |
| | 3:30pm | Mr. Cleanhouse | | 8:00pm | Send in the Clones |
| | 5:00pm | Sharon Novell | 27 | 12:30pm | Shekannah Glory |
| | 7:00pm | Studio production class | | 2:00pm | Daughters of Zion |
| | 8:00pm | Send in the Clones | | 3:30pm | Repentance and Love |
| 13 | 12:30pm | Shekannah Glory | | 6:30pm | Mr. Cleanhouse |
| | 2:00pm | Daughters of Zion | 28 | 9:30am | The House United |
| | 3:30pm | Repentance and Love | | 5:00pm | The Uncle Mike Show |
| | 6:30pm | Mr. Cleanhouse | | 6:30pm | Art Cunningham Show |
| | 8:00pm | Real Progress TV | | 8:00pm | Oromo TV |
| 14 | 9:30am | The House United | 29 | 8:30am | Celebrate Life Int'l |
| | 5:00pm | The Uncle Mike Show | | 9:30am | Healing Center Int'l |
| | 6:30pm | Art Cunningham Show | | 8:00pm | The Review |
| | 8:00pm | Oromo TV | 30 | 8:30am | Hope and Restoration |
| 15 | 7:30am | NWCT Board meeting | | 12:30pm | Ruth Miller Ministries |
| | 8:30am | Celebrate Life Int'l | | 2:00pm | Power in the Word |
| | 9:30am | Healing Center Int'l | | | |
| | 12:30pm | Seniors On Screen | | | |
| | 5:00pm | Light on the Gospel | | | |
| | 8:00pm | The Review | | | |
| 16 | 8:30am | Hope and Restoration | | | |
| | 12:30pm | Ruth Miller Ministries | | | |
| | 2:00pm | Power in the Word | | | |

Tim Conaway and Michael Thompson-Quartey proudly displaying their TVBYME wear!

