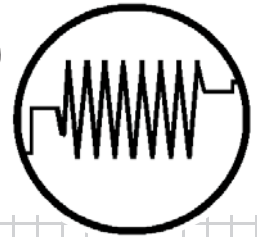


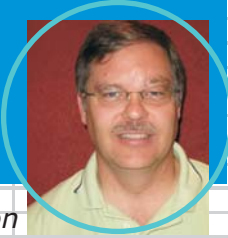


ONLINE

NEWSLETTER FOR ACCESS FORT WAYNE



Notes from Norm



by Norm Compton

How is technology helping you today? We interact with it all the time; typing on a keyboard, communicating via email, saving the file on a USB flash drive.

The USB memory stick or flash drive is a wonderful way to save and move files but they have a downside. They are very susceptible to computer viruses. The staff of Access Fort Wayne seems to be fighting computer viruses everyday. Since we run the Computer Center at the main library we see how patrons move from computer to computer and freely plug their flash drives and cell phones and cameras into the public computers.

The problem is also on AFW's TV side. A flash drive can be used to transfer graphics, pictures, and music, but the



virus issue has forced us to ban outside flash drives from being put into studio computers. I am reluctant even with staff computers. Viruses have tried to infect them, but we are currently clean and need to stay that way!

So how do you keep a flash drive virus free?

When you plug the flash drive into a computer, don't let it automatically launch any program of software. A window will pop up asking if you want to open or start running a program and click on "cancel".

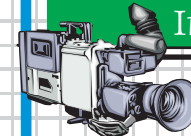
Scan your flash drive for viruses regularly and delete files you can not recognize.

Stop and think before you plug into any computer. Do you really need to expose your flash drive to any viruses that might be on that computer.

It is very likely you will pick up a virus so limit use to just the computers you will work with regularly.

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New Volunteers & Updated Information



Studio Camera:

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or 446-3619
Victoria Bennett
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Updated Info:

Canaan Eubank 458-4825
Geoffrey Wladecki 433-5959
Kerry Adam 485-2848

Format Wars: Elizabeth Lord

In the beginning it was 3/4 or Umatic then came VHS and later SVHS. After those we incorporated DV tape and DVD's which, was a monumental step forward.

Now in the digital age we have the ability to accept files. Yes files, but those files bring about a whole new level of format questions. Our playback server the Ultra Nexus has the ability to hold hundreds of hours worth of programming, but it is specific about what types of files it can read.



For those of you who are technical minded here are some of the file requirements.

- Acceptable types:
 - MPEG-1 System Stream or MPEG-2 Program Stream (consisting of a single elementary video stream with an optional single elementary audio stream) NOTE: Transport streams must be converted to program streams before using with your LEIGHTRONIX MPEG-2 server.
 - Elementary video stream
- Three video resolutions (pixels) are allowed. Other resolutions are *not supported*.
 - 352 x 240 (Horizontal x Vertical)

352 x 480
720 x 480

"What about windows media files, or Quicktime files?" If it's not an mpeg file with a file extension ending in .mpg it does not work. If you cannot create the file into an .mpg with the proper formatting, I cannot accept it. It may be that you'll just need to burn a video DVD and bring that in.

If you are interested in turning your program in to AFW as a file, call Elizabeth at 421-1200x2400 and make an appointment to come in and discuss all the technical issues and a follow-up to verify that your file does, in fact, work.

News from the Front

In the past few months there have been more producers needing to transfer raw footage so that they can edit it into a final product.

In an effort to keep up, track for the month end statistics, get final copies out within 5 business days, make sure I get the transfer done in 5 days and breathe... I've created a new form.

The Transfer form is on yellow paper, to differentiate it from the Duplication Request Form. Just like the Duplication Request Form (of finished product), there are rules. These rules are on the form, so I won't enumerate them



here. Except for the last one:

If the producer wants to transfer onto a hard drive, they will need to schedule an edit suite to do it themselves.

And one final thing. The information I have requested, all needs to be filled in. To do my job, I must have that information. If you have any questions, ask.

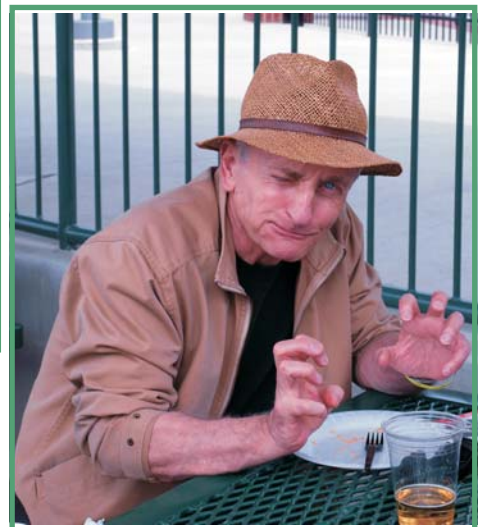
Producers: Pick up a new volunteer form today! Recently, we purged many names and numbers from the volunteer list of people who have been inactive for over a year. If your list is prior to April 2010, it is woefully, sadly, badly (and all those other -ly words) out of date.

If you want to schedule time, please do not email staff. Call 421-1250 to schedule editing, cameras or studio time.

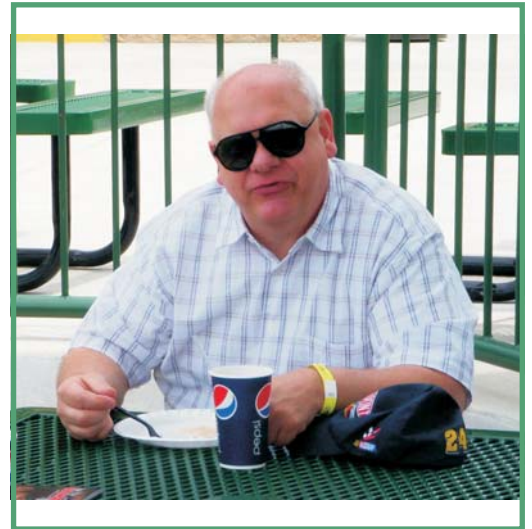
Take Me Out . . .



In order to show how much we appreciate our tremendous volunteers, we invited them to join us at Parkview Field for a Tin Caps game. The Tin Caps provided us with all-you-can-eat food and great seats with tables down the right field line. We had about 70 people in attendance, and a great time was had by all.



... to the Ball Game



It's indeed a pleasure to work with so many fine people on a daily basis. The staff of Access Fort Wayne is blessed to have such a talented and friendly group of volunteers dedicated, as we are, to making a creative space for our producers to thrive.



Thanks to the Friends of the Library for their generous support.





Thanks to you, our volunteers, for being so generous with your time and talent and to your families for sharing your wonderful gifts with us.

