

SLCT TIMES



Sterling-Lancaster Community Television

A Note From Your Director

"We've come a long way, baby." In reflecting on the past five years, we have seen the dream of two towns coming together and building an access television station become a reality with the help and support of the town's Select Boards and Comcast's licensing approval. We look forward to expanding and building on this foundation for many years to come! We will celebrate this milestone with activities throughout the year. Happy Birthday SLCT!



**HAPPY 5th
BIRTHDAY
SLCT!**



Sterling-Lancaster Community
Television was established on
October 28, 2009.
Happy Birthday SLCT!

Recent Highlights

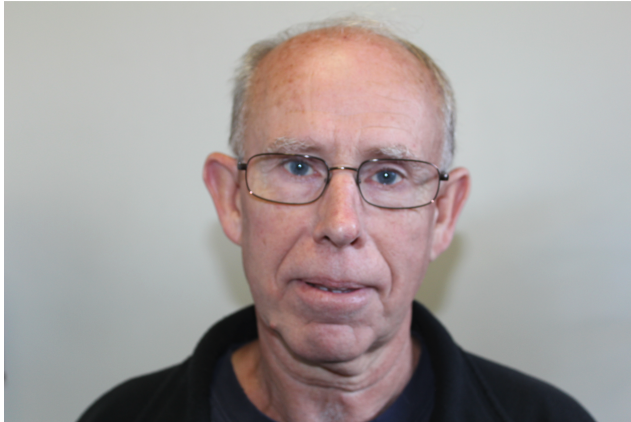
- ◇ SLCT Annual Meeting took place in September.
- ◇ Lancaster Special Town Meeting took place.
- ◇ Completed inventory audit in Lancaster.
- ◇ SMLD held a public informational meeting on bringing natural gas to town.

Future Events

- ◇ Sterling's Special Town Meetings will be held on November 12th.
- ◇ New copier is on its way! It scans, prints, copies. It talks to MACs and PCs!
- ◇ Camera upgrades for public meeting rooms in Sterling and Lancaster!

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Welcome New Members!



We are pleased to welcome our new member, Stephen A. Ware. Stephen is a former fruit grower and is currently a nature and wildlife photography enthusiast. He is interested in branching out into video production. Stephen is currently filming the Holistic Health with Dr. Kate show. Welcome Stephen!

Ideas Anyone?

Have an idea for a show?

We do (we just need volunteers.)

Contact Matt or Myself to help guide you through the production process by providing the equipment and training for you to shoot, edit, and air it!

Purchases

We received our final two Canon XF-205 cameras and Personal/Project hard drives for volunteer members!

Training

Lighting training course for staff is rescheduled for some time in the near future.

Do you know....

What is a DROBO?

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The Company

We are in the process of renewing our Access Agreements with the Select Boards in Sterling and Lancaster for the next five years.

SLCT has hired Bob Kelly of SRA Associates to help SLCT formulate and execute a strategic plan.

SLCT has hired Don Jacobs of Municipal Management Consultant Services to update job descriptions and establish salary ranges.

We have had meetings to discuss the possibility of a merger with Bolton Public Access. More meetings and analysis to follow... stay tuned!

News Director meeting at Arlington Community Media, where ideas were exchanged. Facilities, equipment, budgets, and staffing were discussed in reference to producing local news programming using citizen journalists.

Our NAS "Drobo" was installed (see page 4 for details!)

Camera training for a new volunteer, and editing for volunteers and staff were conducted in October.

Two people have checked out equipment, filmed, edited and produced their own shows. Our first two (of hopefully many) access produced shows!

Chris and Matt attended the New England Cable Tech Expo in Marlboro, MA. where we got to meet vendors and check out new equipment which would help us be more efficient in our productions.

We have 8mm and 16mm projectors which have been donated to allow us the ability to provide transfer services.

Lancaster Community Center is installing security cameras throughout the building. We are housing the recorders, and in turn they have offered to install cameras in our office to protect our space.



We started off the season by filming the candidates for the office of State Representative. Challenger Brad Wyatt (-R-) and incumbent Harold Naughton (-D-) each recorded a half hour show, where we produced the DVDs for the six towns in their district. We also recorded a half hour show with U.S House of Representatives MA 3rd District Senate challenger Ann Wofford (-R-.) We aired a live debate, moderated by Gary Hutner of the Clinton Item, between Harold Naughton and Brad Wyatt. Next, we aired the "recall candidate's night", moderated by Jan Gottesman.

WHAT IS A...

drobo

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Drobo is a family of external storage devices for computers. Drobo devices can house many Serial ATA hard disk drives, and connect to the network via Gigabit Ethernet or Thunderbolt. Drobo devices are primarily designed to allow installation and removal of hard disk drives with the power on and without running the risk of data loss. By centrally locating all the files to this unit via the network, it allows all the editing machines to access archival video without booting up individual external desktop drives.