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ABMI's New Production Van



Replaces 1985 Ford Econoline...



Installation currently underway

ABMI's production van displayed over 200,000 miles on the odometer before its trade-in last month.

The replacement -- a 2011 Ford Econoline 250 purchased from Automax in Marlboro -- is now being outfitted with equipment installed by Access A-V of Concord, N.H. Multiple digital camera coverage of remote town meetings, sporting events, and summer concerts is now possible.

The new van will be "wrapped" with station ID and colors following installation.



Two members voted in at March meeting; Annual Membership Meeting on May 9

The ABMI Board of Directors approved two new members at the March 7 meeting.

Joe Moreau of Bellingham and Dylan DiAntonio of Mendon gained approval by unanimous votes.

In other business, Station Manager Patrick Fleming explained to the board that small cable boxes are needed to get channels up to 98 in Comcast Expanded Basic.

Board Vice-President Jereme Cooper asked about the Streambox demo. Fleming said it went well, but the cost of \$34,000 is more than ABMI can afford right now.

Fleming said representatives of North Grafton cable may tour the studio. Fleming told the board some new mics were purchased, and some old mics given to the BHS video club. Cooper asked that the scholarship applications be presented to the board as early as possible.

Board Member Kevin Gruposso asked about Rick Teter's latest show. Production Coordinator Erik Fischer said Teter is still playing live. Fleming said ABMI is covering the big concert at BHS. Gruposso asked how many drops were at the school. Fleming said two live drops is the limit.

Cooper asked if ABMI could get



a list of upcoming events from BHS Music Director Marie Forte. Fleming said he would look into it.

In new business, *Talent Call USA* producer Ed Gidney requested a reimbursement for his desk for the show. Board approved the reimbursement of \$199.99 on the condition Gidney waits until the May meeting. Board also approved the purchase of two iMacs for the station, as well as a Canon digital camera. Fleming said if he finds a deal on a new production van he will contact the board for approval.

The ABMI Annual Membership Meeting takes place Wednesday, March 9 at 6:15 p.m. All Members are urged to attend.

Two board seats are up for election. The Bellingham seat occupied by Brian Sutherland is up for election, as well as the open seat vacated by Dick Reynolds.

The Bellingham seat occupied by current Vice-President Jereme Cooper may also be available. Cooper has not yet announced whether he will seek re-election.

In all there are seven seats on the Board -- two from Mendon and five from Bellingham. All seats carry a term of three years.



REGULAR SHOWS

ABMI PUBLIC CHANNEL

MONDAY

3pm & 7pm Talent Call USA

9pm - Mendon Board of Selectmen

TUESDAY

12:30pm & 6:30pm - Victory Assembly of God

3pm & 8pm - 30 Odd Minutes [8pm LIVE!]

10pm - ETTV

WEDNESDAY

11am & 5pm - Biz Buzz

Noon, 4pm & 8pm
The Garage

1pm & 7pm - In the Spotlight

11pm - Horrorhost Network

THURSDAY

1pm & 7pm
Strictly Business

FRIDAY-SUNDAY

11am & 5pm - Something Special

Noon & 6:30pm - Real Estate Roundtable

10pm - The Dungeon of Dr. Dreck

check our website
for complete daily listings

ABMI BELLINGHAM CHANNELS

Public Channel Verizon47

Public Channel Comcast 8

Education Channel Verizon 43

Education Channel Comcast 98

Government Channel Verizon 45

Government Channel Comcast 11

***TALENT CALL* DRAWS BIG EVERY MONDAY**

The parking lot is always full at the ABMI studio on Monday nights. Guests for *Talent Call U.S.A.* arrive from far and wide for a chance to perform live on cable and worldwide web.



host
Ed 'Gids' Gidney

Host Ed Gidney scouts local karaoke and open mic nights for prospective guests for *Talent Call*. Gidney also produces the show, and now and then grabs the mic to deliver a tune or two.

Strictly Business

Thursdays, 1 & 7pm

Strictly Business features a different guest host for each show.



Scott Galante (left) of Workforce Central joins Cecily Christensen (second from left) and Bernadette Rivard of the Bellingham Public Library during a taping of *Strictly Business* April 25. The show was hosted by Julie Thompson (far right).



ABMI Video Contest Deadline June 1st

There's still plenty of time to submit your DVD of five minutes or less for the ABMI Video Festival.

First prize is \$300. The total prizes awarded will amount to \$600.

Any resident of Bellingham or Mendon is eligible. All submissions that meet cablecast requirements will air on the public channel. For more info, contact ABMI at 508-966-3234.

ABMI MENDON

PUBLIC CHANNEL COMCAST 8

PUBLIC CHANNEL VERIZON 47

EDUCATION CHANNEL COMCAST 98

EDUCATION CHANNEL VERIZON 42

GOVERNMENT CHANNEL COMCAST 11

GOVERNMENT CHANNEL VERIZON 41



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Next Meeting
Wed. May 9, 2012
6:15 p.m.

directions to studio

Seven things to know about ABMI

1. You can post free notices for your non-profit organization or activity on our video bulletin board. Best way is to email us at abmi8@comcast.net. You can also phone at 508-966-3234. Or send a fax at 508-966-2321.
2. We provide DVD copies of any ABMI show. The price is \$15.75 per DVD. Some of our recent shows can be viewed again under the Archive tab at abmi.org.
3. Our public channel is always streaming live on our web site at abmi8.org. You no longer have to BE in Mendon or Bellingham to watch ABMI.
4. ABMI encourages interested volunteers. Our staff is available to teach basic camera technique and non-linear editing on a one-to-one basis.
5. Station Manager Patrick Fleming, Publicity Director Steve Saraceno, and Production Coordinator Erik Fischer are generally available weekdays by calling 508-966-3234.
6. The ABMI public channel is Channel 8 for Comcast subscribers and Channel 47 for Verizon folks.
7. Check the abmi.org website for access to our archiving feature, where you can find previously played shows.



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