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Comcast Channels 9 Public, 18 Education, 95 Government (G)

Verizon Channels 36 Public, 37 Education, 38 Matt G, 39 Marion G, 40 Roch G



## Education TV is launched!

It's official there is a whole channel dedicated to educational television for the tri towns. If you have Comcast turn to channel 18 and if you have Verizon turn to channel 37. This channel has programming to educate and inspire people of all ages. There is a lot of programming from the local schools such as graduations, school projects and special school events. Superintendent Dr. Cooper has also begun his own program starting with interviews from all school principals.

ORCTV runs the education channel by contributing a grant to the school for a teacher position split into 2 people. These teachers are the ETV contacts. Their contact info is on the ORCTV web site ETV tab. ORCTV has also donated a camcorder to each school and several to the high school so that each school has the opportunity to produce programs.

The education channel also has its own video bulletin board full of helpful school information. Each school will be contributing important information to the bulletin board so parents and kids can find out info from home. Check it out. An updated schedule can be found at [www.orctv.org](http://www.orctv.org) ETV tab. Click on the ETV logo designed by Tabor Academy student and tri town resident James Mock. You can also view the bulletin board pages on the ORCTV web site. If you would like to learn more about ETV or learn how to submit a program please see the ETV tab on the web site.

## Local shows from your community!

[www.tritowntopics.com](http://www.tritowntopics.com)

Since ORCTV has finished building the new facility, many shows have begun production. Tri-Town Topics is an informational talk show to be presented on public access channels 9 (Comcast) and 36 (Verizon) in the towns of Mattapoisett, Marion and Rochester, Massachusetts. A joint venture between The Wanderer weekly newspaper and Old Rochester Community Television, Inc. (ORCTV), Tri-Town Topics is designed to bring timely and poignant issues to the residents of the three towns.

Every episode will include a panel of three guests ~ one from each town ~ who will answer both live call-in questions and those that have been submitted in writing

**THE SHOW WILL DEBUT LIVE ON THURSDAY, OCTOBER 2, 2008 AT 7:00 PM,** featuring a panel comprised of sitting Selectmen from each town including: Jordan Collyer from Mattapoisett, Dan McGaffey from Rochester and TBD from Marion.

**Attentive Home Health Care**

Julius Britto director of Attentive Home Health Care got his family together, took classes and has produced several studio shows focusing on health issues that face all of us in our lives. ORCTV interviewed Julius about his show:



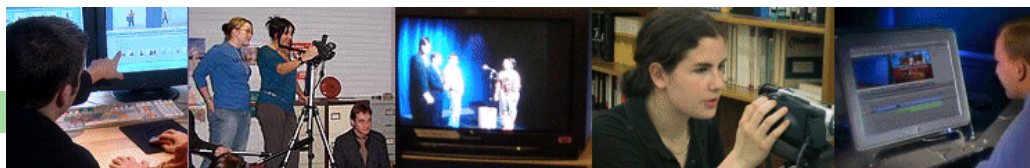
Interview with Julius Britto Attentive Home Health Care Studio Show started in July 2008

ORCTV: What made you decide to take classes and produce a show at ORCTV?

JB: I felt that Attentive had some unique resources to offer the community that ORCTV serves. Also, my son had done some filming for our Community Baptist Church on Front St. in Marion and my daughter is a film Major at college. It all seemed to fit our mission

ORCTV: Tell us about the kind of show (s) you have produced.

JB: This was Adventives' first production. We produced two shows that pertain to health care. We have one more show to complete. The topic is Stroke awareness and prevention.



Julius Britto interview continued.....

ORCTV: How would you describe the training- was it informative, fun, hard, easy?

JB: The training we received was very helpful and informative. We would characterize the training as moderately difficult. As a result of some previous experience with filming it was not as difficult as it may be for others with less experience. We did feel that the training was provided in a casual and fun atmosphere

ORCTV: What do you like about production?

JB: The ability to create your own work, in your own style and image.

ORCTV: Would you recommend to someone to produce their own show? Why?

JB: I would recommend others to produce their own show. Especially, if they felt confident, as I did, that we could present something that reflected well on the subject presented and Adventives' mission and style.

ORCTV: What do you appreciate about ORCTV?

JB: We appreciate the ease and convenience of ORCTV. We felt very at home with the staff and setup of our community television station.

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ORCTV: What does community access television mean to you?

JB: All of the good things that were stated above, with the accent on "access".

**Copies of programs**

Did you know that you can purchase a DVD copy of any program you see on ORCTV?  
A DVD copy or "dub" is \$10.50.





## Programming News by Robert Chiarito

With our new studio being operational for the past several months we have had a flurry of activity here at 345 Front St. We have completed our first studio shoots and programs thanks to the Britto family and Attentive Home Health Care. The shows that were made during these production sessions represent the first programs to be shot and then aired in our new facility. The programs are very informative and well made and our many thanks go out to Mr. Britto and his family/crew for bearing with us as we went about the task of feeling our way through this initial process.

Other members have chipped in to make lively and informative programs over the past several months as well. Don Cuddy continues to be a man about town in the Tri-Town region as he has filmed and presented several programs of local interest including documenting functions with the Mattapoisett Land Trust and the Mattapoisett Historical Society's lecture series featuring Seth Mendell as well as events such as the Heritage Days Bus Tour.

Members Tom Bliss, Tim Smith and Mathew Murray have contributed to programming by taping concerts and other public events, editing them and turning them in for broadcast. Over the summer months we produced a variety of programming as staff members and interns worked together filming and editing local events. This included the various holiday parades and ceremonies as well as other events including the July 4<sup>th</sup> festivities, the Rochester Fair, Harbor Days in Mattapoisett, Marion Art Center's Art in the Park and the Second Annual Heritage Days celebration in Mattapoisett.

Programming has continued to grow in other ways as well with ORCTV's educational channel becoming a reality over the summer. The channel, number 18 for Comcast subscribers and number 37 on the new Verizon system features programming related to the local Old Rochester School District as well as Taber Academy and Upper Cape Tech. We have also launched Rochester's government channel in recent months providing that town with its own channel for the first time. The Rochester Government Channel helped to open the opportunity to begin coverage of Rochester Planning Board on a regular basis and broadcast those meetings along with the Board of Selectmen's meetings on a daily basis.

With the broadcast of Rochester's government meetings and the educational programming moving to their own channels the public access channel now has over forty hours per week more time to dedicate to members' programming, as well as shows brought in from other outlets. We, as an access station, have reached out to other access outlets in the region as we try to concentrate on adding more local flavor to our broadcasts. Among the programs we receive from area access stations are Dartmouth's Ampersand, an arts and culture magazine that has spot lighted the Marion Art Center and the Nest Diner among its feature stories, Cape Cod Media Center's weekly programs Home Front, New England Outdoor Life and the new Fox Robbins Business Show as well as older staple programs from the area including Around BCC from Fall River and Penny Dreadful's Schilling Shockers from New Bedford.

We are always searching for new members who would like to create their own programs and work on new ideas and we welcome your material with open arms knowing that our members are the backbone of Public Access television. Until next time, take care and keep shooting that footage.

**Don Cuddy** has been a member of ORCTV since the beginning and didn't need to wait for the facility to be done. He jumped right in producing many field productions over the years. ORCTV decided to interview Don and get a feel for his experience.



Interview with Don Cuddy producer of MANY field productions 2006-2008!

ORCTV: What made you decide to take classes and produce a show at ORCTV?

DC: I became aware that oral history in the tri town was so rich that I felt someone should capture it before it vanishes forever. That led to a series of interviews called "Neighbor to Neighbor" with elderly residents and their fascinating life histories.

ORCTV: Tell us about the kind of show (s) you have produced.

DC: People forget that we're making history so it's important to capture contemporary events for example the Mattapoisett Heritage celebration. In future years those records will be invaluable to those who come after us.

ORCTV: How would you describe the training- was it informative, fun, hard, easy?

DC: Learning to operate the camera is a little intimidating at first but it's simply a matter of familiarizing yourself with the procedures. It's really quite simple. The rest is learning on the job or location and by mistakes.

ORCTV: What do you like about production?

DC: I was able to get a cultural council grant to have DVD's professionally made which are now in local libraries and historical societies. There are a series of ten interviews that can be checked out or are on file for historical purposes. We have an obligation to preserve the records of who we are. Noblesse Oblige which means



nobility obliges. Those who have the ability also have the responsibility to preserve things that have intrinsic value.



## Fall 2008 Class Schedule

**You must register for all classes by calling 508-748-1600 or email [kim@orctv.org](mailto:kim@orctv.org).**  
Class schedules are arranged to meet your schedule. Space is limited in some classes.  
Classes held at ORCTV studio 345 Front St Marion

Orientation is the first class and will familiarize you with ORCTV policies. Then you can take what interests you— digital camcorder, digital editing or studio production!

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Don Cuddy Interview continued...

ORCTV: Would you recommend to someone to produce their own show? Why?

DC: For me it's fun and interesting and of course the people you meet make it worthwhile. It's also very satisfying to be at your own home and turn on the TV and see something you produced; and anyone can do it.

ORCTV: What do you appreciate about ORCTV?

DC: Its assessable, it's free and they have equipment you can use, state of the art equipment. It's a very good community resource that's not being exploited as much as it should be.

ORCTV: What does community access television mean to you?

DC: I think community is the big word there because it's a resource in the place where you live that contributes to the community.

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### What is ORCTV?

ORCTV is the tri-town's community access television station. We are a non-profit organization whose mission is to provide training, equipment and channel space to tri town residents for programming. We operate the PEG channels in all three towns. P stands for public, E stands for education and G stands for government. The government channels are for town meetings and committee/board meetings. The education channel is run by teachers at ORR High School. The public channel houses all other types of programming that residents produce. ORCTV will give you as much help as you need to get your production off the ground. We will help you learn how to shoot in the field as well as in the studio. We will help you with camera angles, directing, audio and lighting. We will help you find certified crew as well as help develop your ideas for a show.





## Your Community Channels

Check us out and learn how you can get involved!  
Take classes and learn to videotape your own events for  
airing on your local channels.

Call now to sign up for classes or to learn more

508-748-1600

Or visit

[www.orctv.org](http://www.orctv.org)

## **Volunteers NEEDED**

Are you looking for ways to get involved in the community? There are MANY community events in the tri towns that are looking for someone to videotape them. Organizations and committees need help getting the word out about their group and mission. Every month there is an event that would love to have someone videotape it and put on the community channels. Become a member of ORCTV and get trained in video production. This is a great way to serve and get involved in your community. ORCTV will have events needing coverage listed on our web site or please feel free to call and find out more about this great need.