



## **nuCAT - New Ulm Community Access Television**

The town of New Ulm has recently implemented a new department in their local City Government. It's called nuCAT. The City Council decided that community access television needed a vehicle for the citizens to utilize the electronic medium of cable TV to enhance the sharing of ideas and information to enrich our town. That vehicle is a "state of the art" facility which nuCAT has installed in the basement of the Public Library complete with portable camera checkout, Final Cut Studio edit suite, and a tapeless TV studio. Over the last few months we have had 36 people take the instructional classes on how to use the equipment and make their own TV shows. During our "Open House" we went "LIVE" from the new studio with a 13 and a 16 year old running cameras.

Along with our "new" public access facility, nuCAT records all board and commission meetings held in the council chambers and replays them on the local channels. The City Council and Public Utilities Commission meetings are "LIVE" cablecast from the City Hall system every month. The third leg of duties includes productions of current events in our community and training seminars for city departments. One such event was New Ulm day at the Mall Of America on Jan. 26 where the premiere of the "New in Town" movie took place. nuCAT got some great footage and interviews from the stars of the movie which our community really enjoyed!

In the year of "09" we plan to add another Final Cut Studio edit suite and another portable camera package for the public to use. Also on our first quarter agenda we will be installing an Apple computer playback system and take over the cable access channel programming from the cable companies. This is an awesome system we learned about from our access friends up at SCCTV in White Bear Lake. It's a revolutionary approach to programming we discovered at the "08" MACTA Conference!!! Thank you MACTA! Being networked together with other access facilities is a great benefit to our fledgling operation in New Ulm. It's great to have such awesome resources at our fingertips.

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