



WOOL Host Post for June, 2008

The WOOL "Host Post" is back. This monthly posting is to be sent to provide information about things that are happening at the station as well as the specific activities of WOOL hosts, the station's Board and its programming committee. If you have a station-related item you'd like to see included in a future Host Post, please e-mail it to afp@sover.net.

Programming:

WOOL Program Schedule, The Print Edition:

The updated print edition of the WOOL Program Schedule is out and has been distributed far and wide (more or less) throughout our listening area. While the hard copy of the schedule cannot stay as immediately current as the Web version (an inevitable consequence of the changeability inherent in community radio), its presence in stores and venues gets the word out that we're here and lets people know what we're doing.

Football Broadcasts on WOOL:

WOOL is planning to broadcast a series of Bellows Falls Union High School and Fall Mountain High School Home football games this fall. An announcing team has been selected and we are in the midst of selecting dates and making technical arrangements. Look for the schedule of game broadcasts on the WOOL Web Site and in future Host Posts.

New Programs:

The "Low Down on Science":

The "Low Down on Science" is a weekday 90-second feature that explains the world of science with a dash of humor. It is hosted by CalTech alumna Sandra Tsing Loh, who in addition to being a scientist is a writer and performer. For more information on the show, go to <http://lohdwn.caltech.edu/index.html>

"What's the Word":

"What's the Word" is a program about how the study of language and literature enriches people's lives. Produced by the fine folks at the Modern Language Association, the show covers a wide range of topics and is heard on community radio stations around the country. Its spot on the WOOL schedule will be announced soon. For more information on the program, go to <http://www.mla.org/radio>

"Antestatic"

The great Gary Smith returns to the WOOL airwaves with a new show called "Antestatic". From 10pm to 12 midnight on Monday evenings, Gary will play tracks that have been released over the last two years; most of the choices appear on the sales charts of the Coalition of Independent Music Stores. The Antestatic Web Site is to be found at <http://www.antestatic.com/>

"Transmissions from Tara 'n Firm":

Ralph Golec is hosting a show called "Transmissions from Tara 'n Firm" on Sundays from 3 to 4pm. The program blends the music of local musicians and bands with comedy and (occasionally) a little theater.

"GUTworks Theater Project":

GUTworks is a theater and multimedia troupe out of New York City that was co-founded by Kali Quinn, who recently took the position of Theater Events Coordinator at the Bellows Falls Opera House. She and her colleagues will be developing a show that documents the evolution of a play's production. The program is tentatively scheduled to be broadcast on Sundays at 5pm, starting in June. For more information on GUTworks, their web site can be found at <http://www.gutworks.org/index.html>

Cancellations:

The following shows have been cancelled (at least for the time being) due to host's time constraints:

No Strings Attached
Special Collections
Sunday Night Sangha

Other Station News:

Annual Meeting:

WOOL's Annual Meeting will take place on Sunday, June 29th from 2 to 5pm at the Waypoint Center in downtown Bellows Falls. The Board will make a report to the membership on the state of the station and plans for the future. Board elections will also be held. The meeting, which usually lasts about an hour, will be followed a party with food and drink.

Callathon:

WOOL's April 18th Callathon resulted in \$820 in pledges to the station. Many thanks to the hosts and volunteers who gathered together to make this event a success.

Power Boost:

We continue to wait for the FCC to make a ruling on WOOL's application for an increase in our signal power. The entire process can be somewhat inscrutable and tedious, so there may be no news to report on this for a while.

Training Project:

The Board and the Programming Committee are developing a project that will enhance our ability to effectively train new hosts. A curriculum is being developed that would be most likely be taught by a local professional broadcaster with an appreciation for community radio and what we are trying to achieve. We have already identified a good potential funding source, and we hope to have more to announce soon.

Equipment:

We are currently looking to obtain:

Two M-Audio Desktop Powered Monitors (to replace our studio monitors)
Marantz Power Supply
Turntable pre-amps
Remote setup with small mixer (for broadcasting things like football games)

If you have any potential leads on equipment of this sort, please drop an e-mail to board@wool.fm

Farewell Charlene, Hello Heather:

Our trusty Office Manager, Charlene Peavey, has departed for the fair coast of California, specifically, San Francisco. All of us at WOOL thank Charlene for her work at the station and wish her well. Charlene's role has been taken up by Heather Lane, who hosts "Not For The Masses", which is heard Thursdays from 3 to 4pm on our fine station. If you see Heather around the station, say hi and thank her for helping us our community radio station going.

Thus endeth the post, a post that some might say was sui generis, nonpareil and utterly without peer. If you'd like to contribute to a future Host Post, simply send your item to afp@sover.net. Until then, I remain your occasionally humble servant,

Tony Princiotti