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OTT 101: STRAIGHT-TO-OTT

How Heritage Broadcasting Group gained more viewers and gave local advertisers more options by taking live content straight-to-OTT.

Heritage Broadcasting out of Cadillac, Michigan, is pioneering straight-to-OTT programming on VUit, Syncbak's direct-to-consumer OTT app.

Streaming live local events such as the 31st Wood-Tic dirt track race from Merritt Speedway straight-to-OTT was the answer to challenges they were facing to achieve three goals:

- Meet viewer demand by airing more live local community events.
- Attract out-of-market viewers with local content that draws interest on a national scale.
- Create a new revenue channel for station-produced content.







OTT is the great equalizer. Taking local events straight-to-OTT gives our in-market viewers more to watch, attracts out-of-market viewers to programming that has nationwide interest and gives our advertisers more options.

- Kevin Dunaway, VP and GM at Heritage



HOW THEY DID IT

Video

One camera was aimed at the track out of a cracked window in the announcer's stand, setup to follow the action automatically.

Syncbox

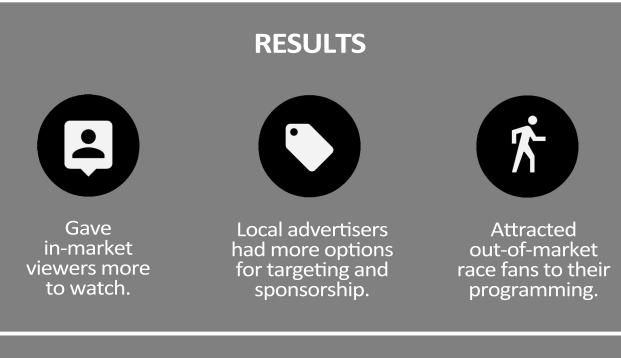
The feed was sent back to the Syncbox at the station via traditional remote workflow.

Audio

A single microphone was put in front of the stadium announcer to capture the commentary, which was fed into the camera.

Promotion

Local affiliate WWTV promoted the event to its social media followers.



GO STRAIGHT-TO-OTT

All you need is:

Local Event • Camera • Microphone • Internet • Syncbox