

Chat Lobby: Welcome to the monthly c-band chat. We would like to welcome your questions.

Chat Lobby: Hello

Chat Lobby: Any new channels coming to 4DTV?

Mike_Mountford -> Chat Lobby: yes, we're working on a few.

Mike_Mountford -> Chat Lobby: Just talked today with the people from Blue Highways TV

Mike_Mountford -> Chat Lobby: We're also talking to NBC about "Chiller"

Chat Lobby: thanks NPS for the G3 relocation its working Perfect for me great quality picture

Mike_Mountford -> Chat Lobby: You're very welcome and send a BIG shout out to Kelly Miller of KDM Satellite, our satellite consultant. He does a great job

Chat Lobby: Any news on the return of Nickelodeon and Spike TV to analog?

Mike_Mountford -> Chat Lobby: Right now we're trying to finalize the deal to keep Comedy active. After that we will try to engage Viacom in further discussions about Nick and Spike.

Chat Lobby: As a long time C band subscriber I am seeing more and more channels being taken out of the system...I have spent weeks trying to get g3 to come in, finally was able to make my USA come in on GB...am wondering what your views are of the future to this way of viewing TV in rural areas?

Chat Lobby: Anything new to report this month with IPTV?

Mike_Mountford -> Chat Lobby: I'm not sure what you mean, but I do believe that the future of C-Band is viable. Most C-Band subscribers have 4DTV at this point and most channels are digital. So I don't see things changing too much from here out. We haven't lost too many channels. The only ones I can think of are ESPN and Disney and we're working toward a future solution with IPTV.

Chat Lobby: Any news on NFL HD?

Mike_Mountford ->Chat Lobby: No new news about IPTV at this time.

Mike_Mountford -> Chat Lobby: As far as NFL HD...we need to explore that again before the season gets too much closer. However, at this point we have not heard anything new.

Chat Lobby: any news on the ipg yet?

Mike_Mountford -> Chat Lobby: about the IPG...We looked into it and right now it's going to remain "as is"

Chat Lobby: Any chance of getting some Canadian programming?

Mike_Mountford -> Chat Lobby: no. I tried to work with CBC a couple of years ago and that was just a fruitless effort.

Mike_Mountford -> Chat Lobby: OF course I never say never and if something came up in the future, we'd be happy to talk to them.

Chat Lobby: Are there any more questions from the room?

Chat Lobby: What about the golf channel? Or FX?

Mike_Mountford -> Chat Lobby: They're gone. Um...we are still trying to find a person to talk to at the Golf Channel. I need to do a follow-up on that one. However, FX is not going to be available at least until we're on an IPTV platform.

Chat Lobby: any news on cartoon network yet (location)

Mike_Mountford -> Chat Lobby: It will be on G3 with the other services. I'm not sure which transponder. I think 16...but I'm not positive.

Chat Lobby: What about Star choice, there channels are like 4dtv

Mike_Mountford -> Chat Lobby: Star choice just won't work.

Chat Lobby: still hoping we can get the ipg on G5

Chat Lobby: Any idea if or when WGN will be going digital?

Mike_Mountford -> Chat Lobby: We are in the process of trying to reuplink WGN. Again, it would go to our G3 satellite with the other service and I think we should be able to get that accomplished by the end of the month. And send another shout out to Kelly Miller 'cause he's the one who will have to get it done.

Chat Lobby: ther'e using trans 1 & 7 currently

Chat Lobby: Will you guys have a Spanich package?

Mike_Mountford -> Chat Lobby: No, we do not anticipate having a Spanish package at this time.

Chat Lobby: Other than the 2 transponders you currently have, as more feeds need to be replinked will you be able to pick up more transponders if needed on Galaxy 3?

Mike_Mountford -> Chat Lobby: We might be able to, but I don't think we can afford them.

Chat Lobby: also thanks nps for sleuth.

Mike_Mountford -> Chat Lobby: This is why the IPTV solution makes the most sense for us in the long run.

Mike_Mountford -> Chat Lobby: Sleuth...you're welcome. It's nice to hear somebody say thanks for a change.

Chat Lobby: Now with two transponders on G3, any chance of using the same method as HBO to have better picture quality? they have many channels on one transponder and the picture is great, the nps uplinks are very poor.

Mike_Mountford -> Chat Lobby: ##^&&#...we're doing the best we can.

Mike_Mountford -> Chat Lobby: sorry

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Chat Lobby: Any other questions?

Chat Lobby: I'm excited to hear about Chiller. About how long would that take to happen once it is approved.

Mike_Mountford -> Chat Lobby: I never know on these situations. It all depends on how fast the NBC lawyers work. I generally make them turn around pretty quick unless I have a heavy workload, but I'll turn it around as quick as possible once we get it from NBC.

Chat Lobby: I think they use a different fec rate, it may be worth a shoot to test on one transponder and see if people with poorly tuned dishes complain or not, with this method you guys will be able to uplink many more channels and still keep the quality better than pizza dish.

Mike_Mountford -> Chat Lobby: Okay, thanks for the suggestion. I will run that by Kelly Miller and see what we can do.

Chat Lobby: Whats up with WPIX? Picture quality still poor with the move. Others still look good.

Mike_Mountford -> Chat Lobby: I'm not sure. I will look into it.

Chat Lobby: starz is on G5 trans 12 can't we get the guide there also?

Mike_Mountford -> Chat Lobby: No, I'm sorry. It just will not happen. We are not in control of that. Motorola is and it's just not going to happen.

Chat Lobby: We will take a few more questions, if anyone has anything else.

Mike_Mountford -> Chat Lobby: hi Robert

Mike_Mountford -> Chat Lobby: How are you today?

Chat Lobby: Cool, I think HBO uses a fec rate of 7/8 on G-15 transponder 23, but I am sure you know many have issues with these feeds because there dish is not tuned good

Chat Lobby: I am assuming ESPN's are still planning to go to the iptv? Do you know a timeline for the guide to get back to correct info on X4

Mike_Mountford -> Chat Lobby: I didn't know there was a problem with X4. I'll check on that as well... adding it to my list.

Chat Lobby: if you need more info on how they do it, Kelly or the guys on the forum will be able to explain in more detail

Mike_Mountford -> Chat Lobby: Thanks for that. I'll pass it along. I gotta get going now. Thanks for all your comments and questions.

Chat Lobby: Join us next month for another c-band with Mike. We will post the chat log to the callnps.com website.