

Some Technical Observations for Live Streaming Facebook from Mary Ann Horton and Shaun Travers

Can I get onto live-streaming without a Facebook account? Or, I don't want a Facebook account. Can I still live-stream?

I spoke with Shaun Travers, and he assured me it does work. He was able to logon to our Sunday Facebook Live without an account during the broadcast. However, Facebook REALLY wanted him to create an account, and he had to both dismiss two "pop-up" requests, and then had a banner at the bottom of the page that took up 1/4 of the screen encouraging him to make an account for the entire LiveStream. However, he didn't have to, and he was able to watch and hear it on the LiveStream and not sign up. He was also able to watch the posted recording of it without a Facebook account after it was posted, and it as even easier (no pop-ups, just the annoying banner).

If you are having any trouble, Shaun said he would be happy to help, and just reach out to him at (858) 663-6288 or shaun_travers@yahoo.com.

What do I do when my screen freezes or gets glitchy?

Mary Ann replied...

I discovered that the freezing up problem was on my end. It only happened when I plugged my laptop into my TV and had you on the big screen. As long as I kept you on a little screen it was fine.

Initially I had you on both my laptop and tablet. After the laptop-to-TV fail, I realized that, since you had the camera in portrait mode, the picture was much better on my tablet than the laptop, so I shut off the laptop, moved to the dining room table, and worshiped with the tablet.

Here is a bit more detail about the "smaller window" for freeze up thing. I realize this may vary from phone to tablet to laptop to desktop, and they are all out there.

On the tablet I used, I didn't get any freeze up at all. I'm pretty sure the same is true for phones. That's good, because the window size is what you get on those.

On a laptop or desktop, it's a bit more complex. You have some choices. You can watch the small window in Facebook, you can click the "full screen" icon to go full screen, or you can do either of these on an external monitor or TV set. I was trying to watch on my big screen TV on Sunday, by plugging an HDMI cable into my laptop and the TV.

What I found is that if the livestream is being displayed on the big screen, either in the Facebook window or full screen, it froze like crazy. As soon as I dragged it onto the laptop screen, no freezing. The sheer size of the big screen and it couldn't keep up.

Watching in the small Facebook window was very smooth. And since Facebook is inside a browser window, I can even make the browser window smaller to make the picture smaller.

You can reach out to Shaun or Mary Ann during the livestream if you wish. They will be standing by (actually they'll be sitting) and are happy to be of service to you.