# SBE 70 MINUTES

WKTX Studios 11906 Madison Avenue Lakewood 44107

Gather at 7:00pm Meeting at 7:30pm July 2013 Vol. XXI Number 5

#### July 9th Meeting Info

Our next meeting on Tuesday July 9th will be back at the wonderfully aged studios of WKTX-AM where Jim Georgiades will be our host. The location is 11906 Madison Ave. in Lakewood, OH 44107. Our program will be from Megan Wagoner and/or Gary Cooper of Digital Broadcast Inc. They'll talk to us about new systems for archiving that should interest all of us, especially our TV members, hint, hint! We will learn about which types of storage are best suited for each application and see how their MediaVault system works for broadcasters. It should be another good learning event for all. The usual times apply, gather at 7pm with the business meeting to go at 7:30 and the program to follow that.

Blake Thompson CBNT Director of Engineering WZIP-FM / ZTV <u>www.wzip.fm</u> SBE Chapter 70 Chairman

#### **CHAIRMAN'S CHAT**

Hello all members and friends of SBE Chapter 70. Big Chapter thanks go out to Terry Groden and the staff at the Ohio Center for Broadcasting for hosting our June meeting. We didn't have the program



from Gary Liebisch due to his back issues, but we'll have him in soon to see that program. It was still a good meeting as we discussed what type of programs we wanted for the fall engineering conference. Ed and I had some good ideas to bring down to the planning meeting we attended in Columbus on June 20<sup>th</sup>. This looks to be another really good conference so stay tuned for more info. The date is Thursday, Nov. 7, at the Greater Columbus Convention Center for the 11th Annual Ohio Broadcast Engineering Conference.

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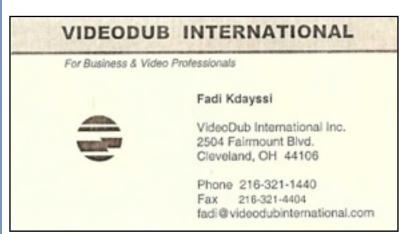
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### More from the OAB; Hit the Road [with] Jack

The OAB's <u>Alternative Broadcast Inspection Program's</u> (ABIP) inspector, <u>Jack Layton</u>, CPBE, is sharing his on-the-road insight with you. The OAB's ABIP program helps stations ensure they are in compliance. A station certified to be in compliance by Jack is exempt from routine inspections by the FCC Field Office for three years.

Jack has seen, and helped stations fix, many issues over the years. Below are a few reminders to keep in mind before, and after, an inspection:

- Check your antenna structure registration document to find lighting and painting requirements.
- Be sure you're monitoring all of your assigned stations for EAS.
- Minor compliance issues discovered during an ABIP inspection can usually be resolved by a notarized letter, documentation and a photo.
- Beware that some station licenses available on the Internet aren't complete and need to include modifications to the license.





•Don't forget to prepare a quarterly community issues list and keep it in your public file for the term of your station license.

To schedule an ABIP inspection for your station, complete the <u>ABIP inspection registration form</u> or contact the OAB's Patti Geary at <u>pgeary@oab.org</u>.

One final thanks from me to Joe Mate who stepped up to be the new Chapter Treasurer, we still have an opening for Program Chair. Contact me if you are interested.

Blake Thompson CBNT Director of Engineering WZIP-FM / Z-TV The University of Akron SBE Chapter 70 Chairman

## Chapter 70 email list updated

For some of you, this may be the first time you've received the Chapter 70 newsletter in some time. This past month I audited our newsletter mailing group and found that many members had changed their email addresses (along with job assignments) and thus got dropped off the list when their emails bounced back. We received a members' list from SBE National and after reviewing that list I updated our file. In the future, if you change email addresses, please let me know so that I can update our list so that you can continue to receive the newsletter.

Bob Long, Newsletter Editor (boblong@rock889.com)

## FCC releases nationwide EAS test final report

An update by SBE EAS Education Committee chair, Scott Mason, CPBE, CBNT

(Earlier this Spring), the FCC released the document, "Strengthening the Emergency Alert System (EAS): Lessons Learned from the Nationwide EAS Test." This is basically the FCC's report card to the public on the results of the nationwide test, held on November 9, 2011.

The document summarizes the lessons learned from the test and the Bureau's recommendations for strengthening the EAS. While the overall tone of the document is one of praise, it does point out numerous areas that are not acceptable. The areas included:

- Widespread poor audio quality nationwide
- Lack of a PEP in an area to provide a direct connection to FEMA
- Use of alternatives to PEP-based EAN distribution
- The inability of some EAS participants to either receive or transmit the EAN
- Short test length
- Anomalies in EAS equipment programming and operation

The 19 page document closes with the FCC declaring the test a success, with several areas in need of improvement. It should also be noted that every station was required by the FCC to turn in the results of their test in a specified time frame. The commission did not mention any type of fine structure for those that did not turn in the results; however these fines can still be issued. If you did not submit your results, think of the old saying, "Better late, than never."

Here is a copy of the FCC report.

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# SBE 2013 Certification Exam Schedule



Exam Dates	Location	Application Deadline
February 8-18	Local Chapters	Closed
April 9	NAB Convention	Closed
June 7-17	Local Chapters	Closed
August 9-19	Local Chapters	Closed
November 1-11	Local Chapters	September 13







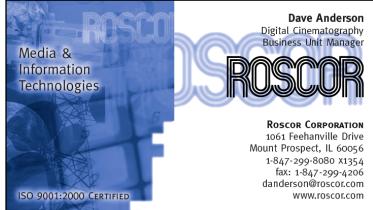
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