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Chairman's Chat

by Blake Thompson



My thanks to Bob Valinski and Parkervision for their interesting presentation of "The Future of Broadcast News Production" at the December meeting. Those who couldn't make it missed a fine show and good food. My thanks to those who braved the campus parking to make it, and my apologies to anyone who tried to find us but somehow got lost in the maze.

NEWSLETTER TO SWITCH TO E-MAIL

First up, I need to let everyone receiving this newsletter know that, by unanimous vote, we are going to phase out the printed/ mailed version to go to an e-mail newsletter system. If you don't have any e-mail access and need to receive a printed version make sure you contact Bob Long to get on the new mail only list, phone (330) 626-4906 (Ext. 215) or blong@rock889.com. We will send the newsletter by direct e-mail and in our postings on the list-server so we need to have your latest e-mail address or you can go to the Chapter 70 website (www.broadcast.net/~sbe70/) and subscribe to the list. Make sure you are getting the newsletter somehow, soon. We will discuss the final printing at the Jan. meeting. If you are a

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January Meeting

Tuesday, January 14
COX Cable, Parma
Gather at 7pm

Our January 14th meeting will be held at Cox Cable in Parma. Please plan on gathering at 7:00 for refreshments followed by our business meeting at 7:30. Immediately following the program SBE chapter member and Cox Cable employee Jim Hartland



will be presenting a program about the history of cable TV followed by a tour of the Cox Cable system head end. My thanks to Jim Hartland and the folks at Cox Cable for their willingness to host this meeting.

ADDRESS:

12221 Plaza Drive (at the cul-de-sac)
Parma, OH 44130

Located one block south of the W. 130th - Snow Road intersection.

The facility is hard to miss - Taking Plaza Drive until it ends will place you in the driveway of the facility.

Next Meeting
Tuesday, February 11th

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sponsor please contact Bill Weisinger at (330) 626.2469 or wwes@juno.com for additional info. There are several reasons for the switch as we discussed at the last meeting. To reiterate:

- ?? It'll save the Chapter postal/printing money.
- ?? Be more efficient and timely.
- ?? Save wear & tear & time on your volunteer editor.
- ?? It can be mailed for those few not capable of e-mail, if so member requested.
- ?? Our sponsors will get a price break...and the bonus of a link to THEIR website.
- ?? We will maintain a two-tier Sponsor rate....a lessor "business card" at \$50 and a more deluxe "Partial page" ad at \$160.
- ?? All sponsors will get printed in the Jan edition even if they opt out.

I would like to remind everyone about the great website that Mark Krieger found for us, www.fccinfo.com. It has all the Broadcast Auxiliary License Info for your station. We as a chapter are trying to get all BAS and other data into a usable format for the frequency coordinators, and everyone else, to use. Find your data, cut & paste it into an e-mail & send it to Mark (mkrieger@drfast.net) for frequencies under 1 Ghz and Mike Szabo (mszabo@wkyc.com) for frequencies over 1 Ghz. You can open a new e-mail message to Mark or Mike from our Chapter web page at: www.broadcast.net/~sbe70/freq_coord.html. Include as much information as you like.

Next an EAS update. This year January 8, 2003 will be the RMT originated by the LP-1 station in your area at 9:50 AM; February 12, 2003 will be the RMT originated by the LP-2 station in your area at 4:50 AM. Please note that beginning in 2003, the LP-2 station for the Central and East Lakeshore Local Area will be WCPN 90.3, replacing WGAR, and the LP-2 station for the East Central Ohio Local Area will be WQMX 94.9, replacing WONE. That means all operators in the region must change their tuners by Feb 11th at the latest.

NEW SBE DUES RATES IN EFFECT

As announced in October of last year, SBE has raised membership dues as of January 1, 2003. The increase will affect most members. The rate for Regular, Senior and Associate members is now \$60 per year. This is the first dues increase for these membership categories since April 1992. Dues for Student Members are now \$18 per year, up from \$15. This is the first increase in this category since 1996.

The new rates will apply to new members that join on or after January 1, 2003 and for current members who are due to renew April 1, 2003. Membership dues for Youth Members will remain at \$10 while dues for Sustaining Members will stay at \$550 per year. Chapters will also share in the increased revenues from the dues increase.

Blake Thompson
SBE Chapter 70 Chairman



2003 Certification Exam Dates

<u>2003 Exam Dates</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Application Deadline</u>
April 8, 2003	NAB - Las Vegas	March 1, 2003
June 6-16, 2003	Local Chapters	April 25, 2003
August 15-25, 2003	Local Chapters	June 13, 2003
November 7-17, 2003	Local Chapters	September 26, 2003



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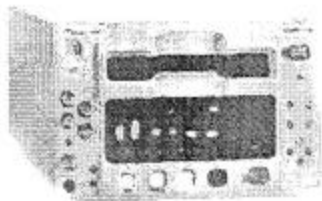


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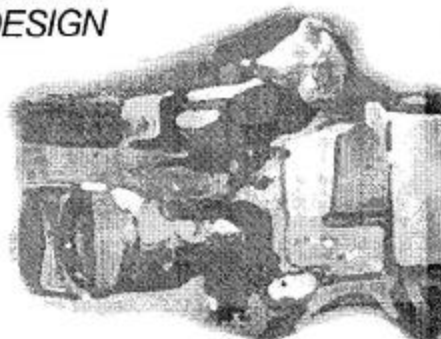
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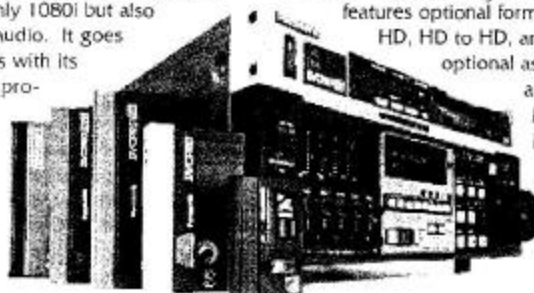
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NEWS from SBE National

SBE reviewing Part 74 ruling; Possible changes to SBE coordination

The SBE Frequency Coordination and FCC Liaison committees have been discussing a course of action, regarding the recent FCC decision impacting Part 74 frequency coordination. The Executive Committee will take up the issue at their meeting on January 11. They will also discuss how the FCC ruling affects the responsibilities of SBE regional frequency coordinators. After establishing what changes are necessary, SBE will provide guidance to frequency coordinators on how to proceed.

New handbook for radio operators

SBE will be releasing the new, *SBE Handbook for Radio Operators* early this year. A new certification level and exam are being prepared and will be available when the book is released. The book will include sample questions to help users prepare for the optional test. Watch for future announcements about the release and discounts for pre-publication sales.

Ennes workshop set for NAB convention

The Ennes Educational Foundation Trust and SBE will once again collaborate to present an Ennes Workshop during the NAB spring 2003 convention in Las Vegas. It will be held on Saturday, April 5 at the Las Vegas Convention Center from 9:00 am to 6:00 pm. Topics will include Digital Audio Technology, Facility Infrastructure and Improving Station Efficiency Through Centralization. Participants can apply for SBE recertification credit following the Workshop. The Ennes Workshop is open to all who hold full NAB registration credentials for the convention. Members of SBE are eligible for the NAB Partner convention registration rate, a savings of \$230 from the non-member rate. Go to the NAB web site, www.nab.org, to register

	
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