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Chairman's Chat

by Blake Thompson



Chapter thanks go out to Tom Creter D.O.E. and the whole FOX 8 staff for hosting the June meeting. Yet another spot we haven't been to in a while. We had a good presentation from MRC on the new BAS plan for conversion to digital channels for remote crews. They had a very interesting review of their testing of channel interference issues during the change over. They included all modes of transmission and reception of the analog and digital signals on all the channels available, a concept that some in the FCC may want to have a look at for future test reports (MITRE??). You can view the report on the SBE website in the "As-filed SBE Petition for Reconsideration of the ET Docket 95-18 Third R&O (2 GHz MSS)" pdf file. It is very informative. The tours of the FOX facility revealed an amazing mix of the new, large raid video server, the old, Shure M-68 mixers in the edit booths, and everything in between.

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July Meeting

Wednesday, July 21

WVIZ/PBS TV

Gather at 7pm

Please make note that the July meeting of Chapter-70 will be moved from its normal day and date to Wednesday, July 21st. The location will be WVIZ/PBS on Brookpark Road. The evening's program will be the "Taste of NAB Road Show" put on by Larry Bloomfield. Larry will recap some of the highlights of this past NAB Conference in Las Vegas for the benefit of those of us who couldn't attend. He will have some of the equipment on display for us to take a close look at. John Pierce from Leader Instruments Corporation will accompany Larry to help explain some of Leader's offerings.

WVIZ/PBS is located at 4300 Brookpark Road, just off the State Road exit of I-480. We'll meet at 7:00 pm for food, beverage and socializing. The business meeting will begin

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**Next Meeting
Tuesday, August 10th**

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The FCC has to go back and do all their hard work over again on the ownership rules, I can hear you all crying in your coffee over their plight. It seems the courts and Congress have had their say and the poor Commissioners will just have to work out a new solution. Any bets on who it will still favor??? Congress has also passed major jumps in the fine limits for indecency violations. All that remains is working out a compromise between the House and Senate versions, one having the \$275,000 limit the other a ½ million dollar limit! Needless to say we will be having additional training for all our On Air talent about what is allowable now. The Senate even had the issues attached to the Defense Spending bill... no surprise at the 99-1 vote. Politics in action.

They that can give up essential liberty to obtain a little temporary safety deserve neither safety nor liberty.

— Benjamin Franklin

... or better yet...

Politics is the art of looking for trouble, finding it everywhere, diagnosing it incorrectly and applying the wrong remedies.

— Groucho Marx

Don't forget the July meeting is on Wednesday the 21st for Larry Bloomfield's "Taste of NAB Roadshow". I hope to see a good turnout, I really enjoyed the show last year and it should be even better this year...and there are DOOR PRIZES!

Blake Thompson
SBE Chapter 70 Chairman

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about 7:30 which will be followed by Larry's presentation. Don't forget to bring your nominations for next year's officers.

Next month is picnic month for Chapter-70. In August we take advantage of summer weather and have a chapter picnic in place of a typical monthly meeting. This year's picnic will be held at WKYC's transmitter site on Broadview Road on August 10th. Keep in mind that our August picnic is also the time when we elect officers to serve the chapter for the following year.

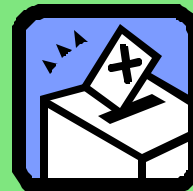
See you at WVIZ/PBS. Remember the non-standard day & date Wednesday, July 21st .

Gary Bluhm
Program Chairman

Remember, the August picnic meeting is when we elect officers for the next year.

Are you ready?

Tuesday, August 10th





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The ten largest SBE chapters

Ever wonder which are the largest SBE chapters? Here are the top ten based on the membership count as of December 31, 2003.

<u>Chapter</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Members</u>
47	Los Angeles	224
15	New York City	177
67	North Texas	175
37	Washington, D.C.	169
26	Chicago	163
16	Seattle	150
5	Atlanta	123
40	San Francisco	120
18	Philadelphia	114
48	Denver	113

SBE 2004 national meeting

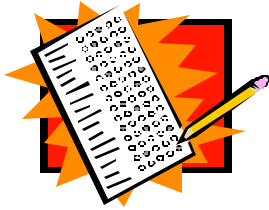
The SBE National Meeting will be held October 26-27 in conjunction with the Bos-Con Regional Convention sponsored by Chapter 11 in Boston. The event will take place at the Best Western Royal Plaza Hotel & Trade Center in Marlborough, Massachusetts.

The SBE National Meeting includes the fall Board of Directors Meeting, annual Fellows Breakfast, Annual Membership Meeting and the National Awards Reception and Dinner. The regional Convention includes an Ennes Workshop on Tuesday (only \$25 to attend and includes lunch) and a broadcast equipment trade show Tuesday evening and all day Wednesday (free!)

For those of you who plan to fly, Marlborough is approximately 45 miles west of the Boston airport, 50 miles north of the Providence, RI airport and 50 miles south of the Manchester, NH airport. Check all three to get the best rates and arrival and departure times from your location.

Leader-Skills course II, Atlanta courses available

The SBE Leader Skills Seminars, Course II will be held August 11-13 at the Marten House Hotel & Lilly Conference Center in Indianapolis. Those interested in taking Course II must have first completed Course I. We are pleased to once again have Dick Cupka, who has led Leader Skills Seminars for broadcast engineers for more than 35 years, as our seminar leader. More than 1,000 broadcast engineers have taken part in this program since its inception.



SBE Certification Exam Dates

<u>2004/2005 Exam Dates</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Application Deadline</u>
November 12-22	Local	September 24, 2004
February 4-14	Local	December 27, 2004
April 19	NAB—Las Vegas	March 1, 2005
June 3-13	Local	April 22, 2005
August 12-22	Local	June 10, 2005
November 11-21	Local	September 23, 2005



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