



70 Minutes

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Chairman's Chat

by Blake Thompson



Our thanks go out to Cam Eicher of Logitek and John Grayson from the Rock Hall for the great meeting last month. Cam had us in an actual restaurant, Hornblowers on the lake, and had a good presentation on their digital console/ routing platform. The best part for me was playing with an actual working system in the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame and Museum. We all had a lot of fun playing radio and checking out the very flexible setup in the Alan Freed Studio. I enjoyed the fact that they still include a couple turntables for vinyl playback... what a concept. Our friends at Telos and ENCO have also contributed to the fine facility. All in all it was a memorable evening.

All the engineering magazines I read are talking about IT being **the** backbone for Radio & TV content. Everyone has their version of a system to put audio and / or video through a box and onto some flavor of Ethernet connection. We've seen quite a few of these systems over the last couple months at our own meetings. With this in mind I think we should opt for the CBNT exam sessions from Terry Baun

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March Meeting

Tuesday, March 9th
@ WKYC-TV
Gather at 7:00pm

The March 9th meeting of SBE Chapter-70 will take place at WKYC-TV at 1333 Lakeside Ave. in Cleveland. Parking is in front of the building and across the street.

The program for the evening is by Calrec Audio of England and will be presented by Doug Simon of Studio Consultants. He will be giving us a fairly technical presentation on "real time" audio networking. Doug is well versed on the subject as Studio Consultants commissioned Calrec's very first audio network at CNBC New Jersey. Doug will also be demonstrating Calrec's new Zeta, audio console.

As usual the meeting will begin at 7:00pm with refreshments and the business meeting will begin at 7:30 and will be followed by the program.

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Next Meeting
Tuesday, May 11th

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for our next Ohio Engineering Conference. Those of us that aren't fully IT conversant will probably need to be sooner rather than later. I have a good deal of knowledge in this area now, but I know enough to know there's more I need to know... ya'knowwhatI'msayin'? (Doh, sorry I work with kids a lot.) It will also look good come review time to have an SBE Certification, although working for the state I know it won't mean a raise... I don't make enough to get a raise. I have notified our friends at the OAB about the schedule for SBE exams, and how they seem to fit into last year's timeframe of November 11 - 22. This would also keep our conference from interfering with any others in the area since most of them are from Aug. - Oct. So keep this kind of time frame in mind so we can have more folks learn even more than last year.

Isn't it funny how the FCC works, if you bare a breast at halftime you get hearings on Capitol Hill within a week and a new policy to be tougher on indecency. On the other hand if you want to broadcast on every frequency alerting the nearly deaf, and those trying to get there by trunk thumping, about your ambulance screaming down the street, you can't get complaints answered in a month. The SBE and NAB, among others, have filed against another service to alert us about that emergency vehicle behind us and somehow not scaring us into driving **in** the way. Alert Devices has petitioned the FCC to allow emergency vehicle warnings to be transmitted over AM and FM broadcast radio signals. The SBE's petition is 9 pages long. I guess it takes awhile to read that as opposed to "my kids saw that, and my Tivo is wearing out". The worst part is the NAB says they have started selling these devices already! Let's hope this one goes away like the last.

"The most terrifying words in the English language are: I'm from the government and I'm here to help." **Ronald Reagan.**

Blake Thompson
SBE Chapter 70 Chairman

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As usual, there will be no meeting in April because of scheduling conflicts with the NAB conference. Pay attention to this newsletter and to the listserv for announcements about future meetings.

Gary Bluhm
Chapter 70 Program Chairman

NO MEETING IN APRIL...

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SBE Meetings and Events at NAB2004

SBE members and others interested are invited to attend the SBE meetings and functions listed below, held during the NAB Spring Convention in Las Vegas. (*Note: To sit for an SBE Certification exam on Tuesday, April 20, you must have made application and received prior approval. Application deadline is March 2.*)

Saturday, April 17

SBE/Ennes Workshop (requires NAB registration)

8:45 am – 5:00 pm

N110, Las Vegas Convention Center (LVCC)

Sunday, April 18

SBE Board of Directors Meeting

8:30am – 12:00pm

Grand/Royal Salon, Las Vegas Hilton

Monday, April 19

SBE/NFL Game Day Coordinators Meeting

9:00am – 11:30am

Conference Rooms 4-5, Las Vegas Hilton

SBE EAS Meeting

2:00pm – 4:00pm

N255, LVCC

Ennes Trust Annual Meeting

12:00pm – 1:00pm

Conference Room 11, Las Vegas Hilton

Tuesday, April 20

SBE Frequency Coordinators Meeting

10:00am – 12:00pm

Conference Rooms 4-5, Las Vegas Hilton

Adhoc Group on BAS 2 GHz Transition

8:00am – 9:30am

Conference Rooms 4-5, Las Vegas Hilton

SBE Certification Exams (advance registration required)

9:00am – 12:00pm

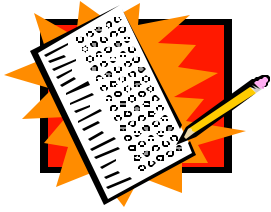
Continental/Club Salon, Las Vegas Hilton

SBE Membership Meeting & 40th Anniversary

5:00pm – 6:00pm

N110, LVCC





SBE Certification Exam Dates

<u>2004 Exam Dates</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Application Deadline</u>
February 6-16	Local	Past
April 20	NAB - Las Vegas	Past
June 4-14	Local	April 23, 2004
August 13-23	Local	June 11, 2004
November 12-22	Local	September 24, 2004



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