



70 Minutes

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Chairman's Chat

by Blake Thompson



Chapter thanks go out to everyone at WKYC for hosting the March meeting, and to Doug Simon of Studio Consultants for presenting the Calrec consoles. We got to have some hands on fun with a Zeta console and check out their Hydra routing engine, too. Once again we all got to learn more about the networked audio approach that is coming to the forefront in today's IT based world. If you need a new console soon and didn't come to the past few meetings talk to some of the members who did. They are certainly better educated about them now.

The NAB has come and gone with the SBE making a push for more education of its members. I want to help move this along in our Chapter by working with our Program Chairman Gary Bluhm on some more education-based topics for our meetings. We hope to include the CBNT training & exam at our regional convention later this year. I'd like those of you that went to the NAB convention to show up and tell us about what you saw that you **have** to get, or feel some of us will. The

May Meeting

Tuesday, May 11
WEWS TV5
Gather at 7pm

The May 11th meeting of SBE Chapter-70 will be hosted by WEWS Channel 5. Mike Powel, Emmy award winning engineer from Thompson Grass Valley, will present a program about Facilities and Signal Management. He will talk about management tools that are available to help with the task and will discuss the roll of SNMP (IP's Simple Network Management Protocol) in facilities management. Centralized facilities management is on a lot of engineers' minds these days as we all try find ways to do more with less. After the program, John Workman, Director of Engineering for WEWS, has offered to arrange tours of Channel 5's facility for us.

As usual, we'll gather at 7:00pm for some munchies and beverages and begin the business meeting at 7:30pm. The program will follow the business meeting.

Next Meeting
Tuesday, June 8th

attendance was up this year, and I hope it is a sign of better times for us, and the folks that supply us with all our cool toys as well. The news of the show was definitely HD... Radio & TV. HDTV seemed to be making great strides in production gear and HD Radio was seeing more chatter on the AM side and finally ... receivers!!! The main focus of HDV seemed to be in the satellite and cable arena however. I know that Direct TV is offering a HD receiver as part of a package now. Reports are it works well on the "Free Over the Air" signals, too.

On the FCC side the main topic is still indecency standards, or lack thereof. Commissioner Powel has said *"You do not want the government to write a 'Red Book' of what you can say and not say,"* and I think most of us would agree. But he also said at the NAB Summit on Responsible programming *"... the debate is not best understood as one about what you can do or cannot do on radio or television. Rather, it is more about whether consumers can rely on reasonable expectations about the range of what they will see on a given program at a given time."* This seems to fly in the face of the fines against Howard Stern among others. Anyone who listens to Howard knows what to expect. It doesn't look like they want to stop us from playing Pink Floyd's Money (and it's 'do goody good BS' line) if you could expect to hear it on that station... I'm sure some of my listeners would think it obscene if it played during the Gospel show.

"Haven't you heard it's a battle of words the poster bearer cried."

Pink Floyd, Us & Them

WEWS is located on the northeast corner of East 30th Street and Euclid Avenue. Parking is less than a block away on an alley off 30th Street between Euclid and Prospect. The alley is called "Prospect Court" and runs to the west off of 30th. Park in the first lot on the south side of the alley.

I hope to see you all at Channel 5 on Tuesday, May 11th.

Gary Bluhm
Program Chairman

It's not too late to renew your SBE membership

SBE members can still renew their membership without missing out on any member benefits, but you must act soon. Renewal information was mailed in February. If you did not receive yours or you've missed placed yours, contact Angel Bates at the SBE National Office at (317) 846-9000 or abates@sbe.org



Chapter 70's Frank Foti kept busy at his Omnia-Telos booth at the 2004 NAB Convention in Las Vegas.



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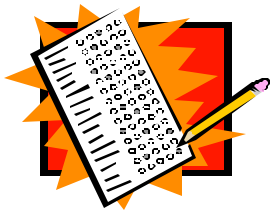
The SBE Leader Skills Seminars, Courses I and II, are planned for June 2-4 and August 11-13 respectively. These are outstanding opportunities for broadcast engineers to receive training in people and management skills at an affordable price. Both will be held at the Marten House Hotel and Lilly Conference Center in Indianapolis. Course II participants must have already attended Course I this year or in the past. We are pleased to have Dick Cupka as our seminar leader, who has led Leader Skills Seminars for broadcast engineers for more than 35 years. More than 1,000 broadcast engineers have taken part in this program since its inception. A registration form is available in the April issue of the *SBE Signal*. Please register as soon as possible to assure a spot.



New SBE designed certification sample test software is now available. The new software is Microsoft Windows-based and will replace the current DOS-based software. There will be a new sample test available for Broadcast Technologist, Audio Engineer, Video Engineer and Broadcast Networking Technologist. It will also be available for Broadcast Engineer and Senior Broadcast Engineer in both radio and television. Sample tests will include 50 to 100 questions and will indicate when an incorrect answer has been given and indicate resources to learn more about a subject. The cost for each SBE CERTpreview practice test is \$27 plus \$3 shipping.

Nominate your chapter or an individual for national recognition

SBE's annual National Awards recognize the achievements of chapters and individual members. For chapters, awards are presented for best chapter newsletter, web site, frequency coordination effort, regional convention and inter-active chapter. For individual members, awards are presented for Broadcast Engineer of the Year, Educator of the Year, Technology Award (individual or company), technical article and article by a Student member. A nomination form can be found on-line at the SBE web site or from the National Office. Deadline for nominations is May 31, 2004. Awards will be presented at the SBE National Awards Dinner, held during the SBE National Meeting, October 26-27 in Marlborough, Massachusetts in conjunction with the Bos-Con SBE Regional Convention.



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	Past
August 13-23	Local	June 11, 2004
November 12-22	Local	September 24, 2004



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