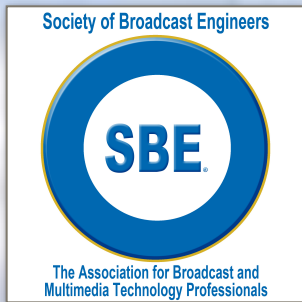


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Radio One/Cleveland
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Gather at 6:45pm
Meeting at 7:15pm

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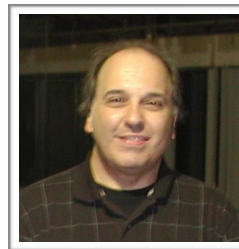
March 10 Meeting Info

First up big thanks Allen Fenner and Dan Tonelli from the Kent State University - TeleProductions Department for hosting the last meeting. The program from Ken Dillard of Dejero Labs Inc. was quite interesting. It turns out most of the Cleveland TV stations are using some of their gear (Ground Fox for one).

We get to go to a NEW place again this month. Our next meeting will be at the new home of Radio One/Cleveland located at 6555 Carnegie Ave., Cleveland, 44103, where our host will be Gary Zocolo. The program will be the SBE White Spaces webinar presented by Joe Snelson, CPBE, 8-VSB. The FCC is now allowing unlicensed wireless devices to operate in vacant, or TV White Space, channels as well as accommodating unlicensed microphone use. This webinar provides an overview of what the FCC has authorized for unlicensed devices and how this will impact the daily operations of a broadcaster, news organization or production company. These rules impact us in so many ways it seems like a 'must know' topic.

Since this webinar is 90 minutes we'll gather at 6:45-7pm with our business meeting at 7:15, and the program to follow that. Gary will also give interested folks a tour of the new facilities.

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CHAIRMAN'S CHAT

by John Hovanec

As I write this I'm keeping my fingers crossed that we are just about done with the worst of this winter's cold weather. Thankfully

February was a short month, and as we turn the page to March I'm sure we are all hoping that things will moderate, as far as the weather goes.

Just a reminder to renew your annual SBE Membership by the end of this month. Your continued support and participation in the SBE is appreciated!

For April, there is the NAB Convention in Las Vegas. As such, we do not plan to conduct a Chapter meeting in April, but hope to see you either this month at our March meeting or in May. I hope some of you are able to get to Vegas for the NAB. It's been a while since I've attended, but it is worth the time and effort if you can.

John Hovanec CSRE/CBNT DRB, AMD
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MARCH 18 REGIONAL IPAWS TEST

FEMA is planning to conduct a regional IPAWS test in March. This test will be a follow up to the test conducted in West Virginia last September, which resulted in 90% of participating stations successfully carrying the National Periodic Test EAS code. FEMA would now like to conduct several regional tests in preparation for a future nationwide IPAWS test. The goal of these preliminary tests is to evaluate how messages are distributed and propagated throughout the system, and identify areas for improvement.

The next regional test – which will involve participants in Ohio, Kentucky, Michigan and Tennessee – will be conducted on Wed. March 18th at 2:30pm. Local radio and television stations are not required to participate in the test, however, broad participation by stations will be very helpful in evaluating how the test messages propagate throughout the region.

If you have questions or want more information about test, please contact Greg Savoldi, Chairman of the Ohio State Emergency Communications Committee (SECC) and Regional Director of Engineering for iHeartMedia Columbus. Greg can be reached at gregsavoldi@iheartmedia.com or 614-487-2485.



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Calendar of SBE Educational Programs and Events

- ◆ **April 1, 2015**
SBE Membership Renewals are due
Regular, Senior, Associate, Student and Fellow members
- ◆ **April 14, 2015**
SBE Spring Membership Meeting and Member Reception 6 p.m. PT, Room S228, Las Vegas Convention Center during the 2015 NAB Show
- ◆ **May 6, 2015**
SBE RF Safety Webinar instructed by Richard Strickland
Live, 1 - 4:30 p.m. ET



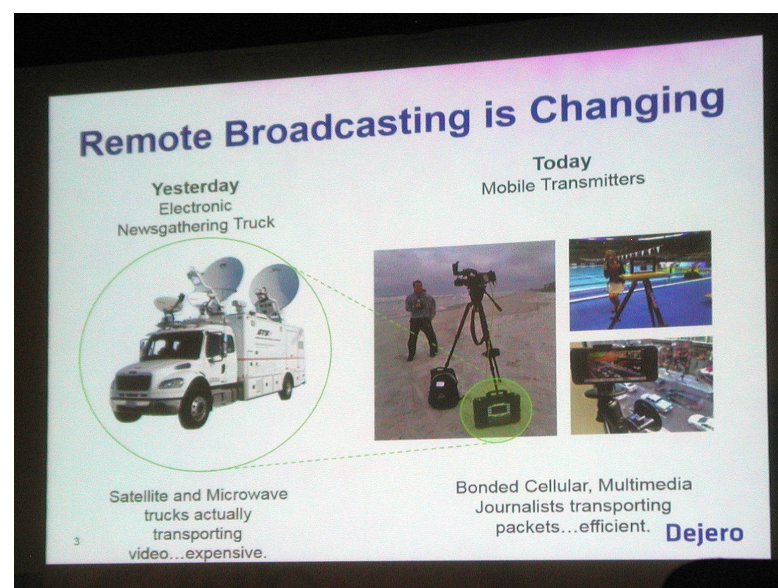
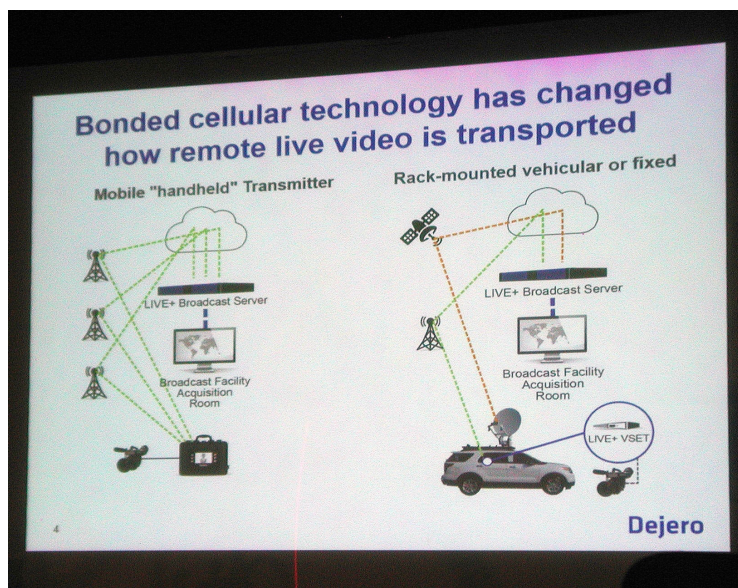
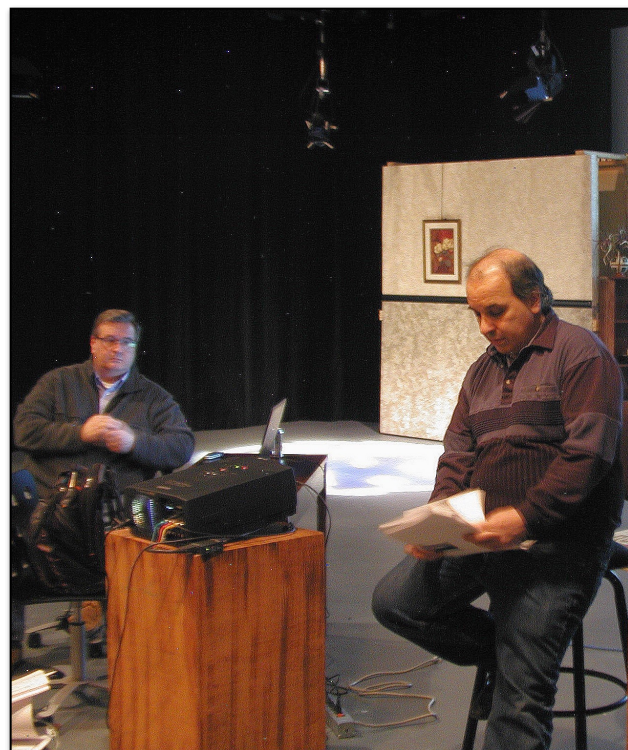
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| February 6-16 | Local Chapters | Past Date |
| April 14 | NAB Convention | March 20, 2015 |
| June 5-15 | Local Chapters | April 10, 2015 |
| August 7-17 | Local Chapters | June 5, 2015 |
| November 6-16 | Local Chapters | October 2, 2015 |

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