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WJMO Transmitter Site
9350 Ridge Road
North Royalton, OH

Gather at 7:00pm
Meeting at 7:30pm

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July 12 Meeting Information

"It's a picnic!"

Hello all members and friends of SBE Chapter 70. First a big thanks go out to everyone who showed up at WZIP for my final meeting there. It was a lot of fun to show it off and I appreciated the time you were willing to spend with us. It was also nice to introduce our newest member, and my replacement, John Knoblock to our 'crew'.

Our next meeting will be at the WJMO transmitter site located near/behind the Babbit funeral home at 9350 Ridge Rd. in North Royalton. The site has the expected long gravel road leading back to the 4 distinctive Blaw-Knox towers. We'll see and hear about the upgrades recently completed on those cool old towers. It's also the main transmitter site for 98.6, WNCX, and WQAL, 104.1.

Our Chairman will talk about the Nautel NV & GV series HD Transmitters used as mains and a backup for WQAL and the rest of his broadcast chains. John can also show us the small scale disaster recovery studios for the two FM stations.

Be sure to bring a chair for yourself and maybe an extra one or folding table you found. We'll have a picnic style event in July for a change. The usual times apply. Gather at 7 pm with our meeting to go at 7:30.

Blake Thompson CBNT
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SBE Chapter 70 Program Chair



CHAIRMAN'S CHAT by John Hovanec

We are 2 meetings away from our Annual SBE Picnic and election of Chapter 70 Officers. I have been the Chapter Chair for 2 consecutive terms, and we do have term limits. As such, we will be seeking candidates for my position as Chapter Chair, as well as Vice Chair for which Gary Miller has been serving for the past 2 years. Other offices include Secretary (open) and potentially others, should those elected or appointed person(s) decide to retire. Please help support this Chapter and consider running for one of our open positions. We will discuss at the upcoming meeting and take nominations from anyone interested between now and the August Election. Please contact me or any of the Chapter Officers listed on the back page of this newsletter for more details. As an additional resource, the SBE has prepared a video designed to inform and orient new and aspiring chapter chairmen and other officers and leaders about local chapter operations. It can be found at the SBE Chapter/Administration webpage, and can also be viewed on the SBE YouTube Channel. It is titled "SBE Chapter Training Part 1: Structure and Responsibilities" and is narrated by Chris Scherer. If you're paying close attention, you will see a shot of our Chapter Newsletter at the 8:43 second mark!

Here is some recent news and information from John L. Poray, CAE, the Executive Director of the SBE:

The SBE Compensation Survey will be released later this month. It contains more than 30 pages of results for TV and radio engineers and technicians. More than 500 members fully participated in the survey. The full report is a member-only benefit and will be accessed through the member-only gateway on the
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FCC Technological Advisory Council Opens Noise Floor Technical Inquiry

The SBE's often-stated concerns about increases in ambient noise, especially in the AM broadcast band, have received a response from the FCC. On June 15, 2016, the Commission issued a public notice, DA 16-676 announcing that its Technological Advisory Council (TAC), an FCC advisory group, will investigate changes and trends to the radio spectrum noise floor to determine if there is an increasing noise problem. If it finds that there is such an increasing problem, the TAC will investigate its scope and the quantitative evidence available. Initially, the FCC on behalf of the TAC is asking how a noise study should be performed.

Comments from the public are due by Aug. 11, 2016. The SBE will file comments prepared with the assistance of its Government Relations Committee and its Executive Committee.



Managing Your Contract Engineer Business Webinar is July 21

SBE's latest webinar, Managing Your Contract Engineering Business, will be held Thursday, July 21 from 2:00-3:30 p.m. ET. Dennis Baldrige and Mike Seaver will cover radio and TV contract engineering services from two different perspectives. Dennis will discuss topics from the perspective of the contract engineer, including establishing yourself as a contract engineer, organizing your business, promoting your services and protecting your business. Mike will cover topics from a station's point of view, including why we have a contract, the various types of contracts available, the necessity of keeping good, valid records of contracted service, security, and review of services received.

Dennis Baldrige is owner of Baldrige Communications, LLC, a contract engineer business based in Wisconsin. He's been in broadcasting for over 30 years and is a Senior Member of the SBE. He has authored articles for Radio Guide and has been associated with the Alternate Broadcast Inspection Program of the Wisconsin Broadcasters Association for the past four years. His focus has been helping stations verify substantial compliance to the FCC rules through the use of the FCC's Self-Inspection Checklists.

Mike Seaver is a member of SBE and has authored a course in the SBE University series and the chapter on Engineering Management for the newly released SBE Broadcast Engineering Handbook. In broadcasting since 1959, he has worked in almost every position at a radio station, from studio assistant to general management and as a chief engineer.

Completion of this webinar from Webinars by SBE qualifies for one credit, identified under Category I of the Recertification Schedule for SBE Certifications. The webinar registration is \$55 for SBE members and \$85 for non-members.

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SBE website. A shorter, executive summary version will be made available to non-members.

The annual election of officers and national board of directors will begin July 25. Be sure to vote!

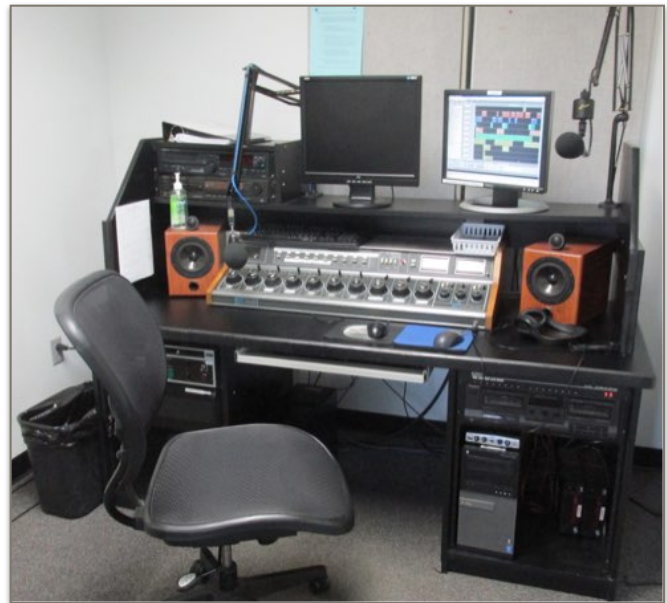
The SBE webinar, "Managing Your Contract Engineering Business", will take place on Thursday, July 21 from 2 to 3:30 pm ET. Register at the SBE website. (See details on page 2)

The new SBE Broadcast Engineering Handbook: *Hands-on Guide to Station Design and Maintenance* is now available and can be ordered from the SBE Bookstore. It retails for \$199 and the regular SBE member price is \$159.

The SBE has archived the webinar, "Sharing of the 2025-2110 MHz Band Between DoD and the Broadcast Community", which was held on March 3. The webinar describes future sharing of the band by the Department of Defense with broadcasters and discusses the plan being developed to coordinate its use. There is no cost to view the one hour webinar.

John Hovanec CSRE/CBNT, DRB, AMD
SBE Chapter 70 Chairman

JUNE MEETING AT WZIP



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SBE 2016 Certification Exam Schedule



Exam Dates	Location	Application Deadline
February 5-15	Local Chapters	Past Date
April 19	NAB Convention	March 18
June 3-13	Local Chapters	April 15
August 5-15	Local Chapters	June 3
November 4-20	Local Chapters	September 30

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