



October 10th Meeting Information

Our next meeting is Tuesday, October 10 at WEWS TV, Channel 5, located at [3001 Euclid Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio 44115](#). Host Bill McKinney, Director of Engineering, will give us a tour of changes and upgrades made to automate Master Control.

Usual times apply. Gather at 7pm, meeting 7:30 with tour to follow. Parking off E 30th between Euclid & Chester is recommended. Pull in next to the silo, ring the bell, and tell them you're there for the SBE meeting with Bill. Then park and come in the guest entrance at the back door of the building.

John Hovanec CSRE/CBNT, DRB, AMD
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CHAIRMAN'S CHAT

by Blake Thompson

Hello all members and friends of SBE Chapter 70. First a big Chapter thanks goes out to Jim Georgiades and Salem Broadcasting for hosting the September meeting at the 1220 transmitter site. Lots of cool old gear there, even for Jimmy! I also want to thank another Jim, one of our Frequency gurus Jim Baird, for his info on the repack frequencies and how it will start to shake out in our market. You should start planning now if you haven't already, and let our Frequency Coordinators know when you do.

The Ohio Broadcast and Multimedia Technology Conference (OBMTC) in Columbus went very well this year. We had about 170 attendees for our 13 sessions on Radio, TV, IT, and now multimedia. There were 47 booths with 80 folks staffing them to chat with. All the vendors I talked to were happy with the format since they had plenty of time and we were all on the same floor finally. I hope to see more of you next year as our contingent was fairly small (see photo on page 2).



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On the national level the EAS test seemed to go much better than last year, at the station end anyway. I know of several stations that experienced issues with the ETRS site trying to fill out the forms. If the FCC can get some of their software issues worked out I'm sure the next one could go even smoother.

The next SBE Webinar is on Thursday, October 19, 2017 2-3:30 p.m. on [Using Drones in Broadcast Operation](#). Drones, or Unmanned Aerial Vehicles, are useful in several broadcast operations, including ENG, tower inspections, site documentation, signal measurements, and even training videos. During this hour-and-a-half webinar, we will explore these uses and discuss FAA requirements, including how to get your Remote Pilot license, and some of the challenges and opportunities drones can bring to your stations. Sam Wallington, vice president of engineering, Educational Media Foundation (K-LOVE/Air1) presents.



Chapter 70 members attending the OBMTTC conference in Columbus last month.

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Pictures from the 1220 transmitter visit during the September meeting at Salem Broadcasting.

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September at Salem Broadcasting

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Exam Dates	Location	Application Deadline
February 2-12, 2018	Local Chapters	December 31, 2017
April 10, 2018	Exams at the NAB	March 2, 2018
June 1-11, 2018	Local Chapters	April 20, 2018
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November 2-12, 2018	Local Chapters	September 24, 2018

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