

September 12th Meeting Information

Our next Chapter Meeting will be Tuesday, September 12 at the Salem 1220 Transmitter site, located at 9446 Broadview Road, Broadview Heights, 44147. Gathering time is 7pm with Meeting about 7:30 and Program to follow. Host and Salem-Cleveland Director of Engineering Jim Georgiades will host, as we gather for what may be one of the last visits to this site before the transmitter facility is rebuilt and moved back amongst the tower array; with this building most likely being raised within the next year. The site is somewhat rough, but will afford us a meeting place for the program and brief tour. SBE Chapter 70 Frequency Coordinator Jim Baird will give a presentation on Frequency Coordination issues with regard to spectrum above 600 Mhz. We may also have open discussion on the upcoming National EAS and other topics of interest. It will be a somewhat casual meeting and program, as it is only a week in advance of the Ohio Broadcast and Multimedia Technology Conference hosted by the OAB in Columbus on September 19. Information and registration for that can be found at www.oab.org/obmtc. We hope you can make both events!

John Hovanec CSRE/CBNT, DRB, AMD SBE Chapter 70 Program Chair

CHAIRMAN'S CHAT

by Blake Thompson

Hello all members and friends of SBE Chapter 70. First I want to thank our newsletter



editor and top notch teacher of radio, Bob Long, for hosting the August election meeting at WSTB. If you missed it the election part was a yawn, same officers this year, but the new WSTB facilities were great and so was the pulled pork picnic from Bob. Former students Ben Claussen and Dan Kuznicki were there to describe how they worked together with Bob and the staff during the transition from the old high school to the new custom designed facility. WSTB will continue to be one of the top High School stations in the nation with these fine people supporting it.

Don't forget the award winning Ohio Broadcast & Multimedia Technology Conference is coming up in just a couple of weeks on Sept. 19th in Columbus. Registration is at - http://oab.org/engineering/obec/ and you can see what the sessions are at http://oab.org/2017-obmtc-schedule/. The SBE awarded last years event as the Best Regional Convention or Conference!

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On the national level we want to congratulate Jim Leifer who was elected President, and all the new officers of the Society. The final RF101 webinar on FCC regulations is on Sept. 21st at 2pm, register at the SBE website.

The repack fun is beginning to start with T-Mobile releasing their plans for the 614-698 MHz band including a list of counties where they will start operation by Nov. 2017, nothing in our area yet but this is one of the topics at the conference. This will impact most facilities that use wireless audio & video gear, not just broadcasters, during the 39-month transition period that is scheduled to end in July 2020. Over that time wireless microphones, intercoms and other low power broadcast auxiliary devices can continue to operate normally, but you will be required to protect any broadband systems that begin operations during the transition period. See www.sbe.org for more info. See you at the transmitter!

Blake Thompson CBNT BET Broadcast Engineering SBE Chapter 70 Chairman

Transition Begins for Broadcasters Leaving 600 MHz Band

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The SBE has noted recently that users of wireless microphones and UHF low-power auxiliary devices at the close of FCC Auctions 1001/1002 have significant options for continued access to the UHF television band. Among these options is the continued availability of the 600 MHz band (614-698 MHz, above TV Channel 37) during the

39-month transition period that is scheduled to end on July 13, 2020. At the end of this transition period, all television stations that participated in the auction will have cleared the spectrum between 614 MHz and 698 MHz.

During the 39-month transition period, wireless microphones, intercoms and other low power broadcast auxiliary devices can continue to operate normally in the entire 614-698 MHz band. However, it will be necessary during this entire period to protect any broadband systems that acquired the spectrum in the auction that begin operations during the transition period.

Congratulations to new CRO

Congratulations to Chapter 70 student member Liam Salvage who last week received his CRO certification from SBE. Liam is Operations Manager at WSTB and a senior at Streetsboro High School.







August at WSTB Radio



AS.9 FM
WSTB
Radio Station
Studios
Studios

Photos courtesy of Robert Leskovec



SBE 2017 Certification Exam Schedule



Exam Dates	Location	Application Deadline
February 3-13	Local Chapters	Past Date
April 25	NAB Show Las Vegas	Past Date
June 2-13	Local Chapters	Past Date
August 4-14	Local Chapters	Past Date
November 3-13	Local Chapters	September 25





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