



Meeting Information from the Chair

As we head into the New Year I'd first like to thank all who have stepped up to host one or more of our Chapter 70 meetings in 2017, a few on very short notice! Having a location to gather at for our members is one of those things that sometimes gets taken for granted, as 'someone' will do it. It really isn't that easy! As we head into 2018 we are looking for ideas on programs of interest – but more importantly we need folks to help us come up with locations to host one of our 2018 meetings. We are thankful to all of those that have the ability and are willing to accommodate us! Please keep us in mind and let me know if you can provide a location for an upcoming meeting, even if we've been to your facility in the past year or so. Your support of Chapter 70 is appreciated!

With that in mind, as of this newsletter we do not yet have a location or program for the proposed end-of-January daytime meeting pinned down. Now would be a good time to step up! We will notify everyone by email if the January meet comes together. If not, our next meeting will be on our regular Tuesday evening, February 13th.

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

CHAIRMAN'S CHAT

by Blake Thompson

Happy New Year to all the members and friends of SBE Chapter 70! First up big thanks go out to Denny, Corny, Frank and the crew at Telos for hosting our November meeting. Good chats with friends and getting a more in depth look at the Omnia Volt with one of it's primary designers were highlights of the evening. I can't help but think more of you would have really enjoyed this program, where else can you talk processing with one of the top people in the field without any flame wars? I still learn things at every meeting and that's one of the reasons I'm willing to give my time to this organization, it helps make me a better engineer.

On another new year note, I have new email signature line. I am now working with the Ohio Association of Broadcasters as their Alternative Broadcast Inspection Program (ABIP) station inspector. Some of you may have heard about this at the OBMTC but I can now confirm it. If you are up for inspection this year know I never play favorites, if I know you through the SBE I expect



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everything will be good, but I will check it all. Anything less than a thorough inspection does a disservice to your station, and you're paying for it so I will be a stickler. I'm also coming at this from an educational perspective, I want to help instruct the staff on how to stay legal. I feel these programs are even more important now that the FCC will have all the Public Files online by March, couldn't hurt to have another set of eyes on your files to help ensure they are complete and accurate.

On the national side the SBE will have a new webinar series on Broadcast Infrastructure Security. As broadcast station IP networks have grown and become an integral part of the broadcast technical plant, so too have the security threats grown. Network security has become an ongoing essential task for the broadcast engineer with IT responsibilities. Join the Society of Broadcast Engineers (SBE) for this four-part webinar series that will provide an understanding of IP network security terminology, security plan principals, best practices, proactive implementation techniques, and active security verification. Wayne Pecena, CPBE, 8-VSB, AMD, DRB, CBNE will present with module 1 on January 30th. See sbe.org for more info. You can also sign up for the new Member Plus program and have all the webinars at no additional cost. It can pay for itself after just a few programs.



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I hope to see more of you at some meetings this year, resolve to get to a couple at least.

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Ed Miller retires...again?
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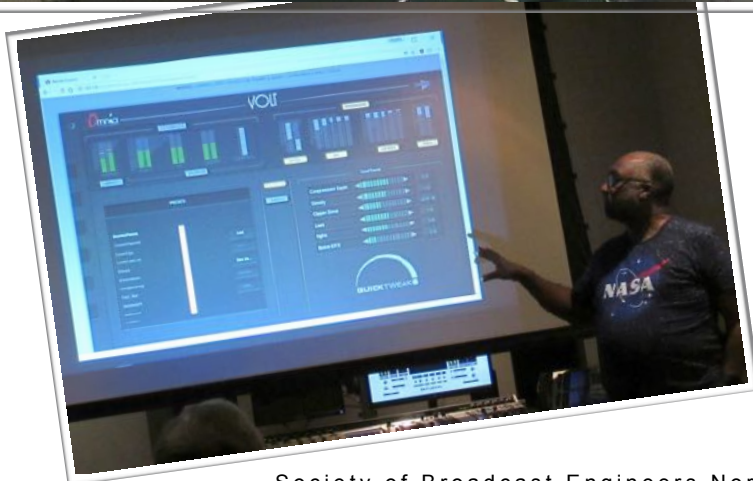
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November Meeting at Telos

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SBE 2018 Certification Exam Schedule



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
August 3-13, 2018	Local Chapters	June 5, 2018
November 2-12, 2018	Local Chapters	September 24, 2018

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Guess What?...Miller Retires, AGAIN!

Ladies and gentlemen,

In 1972, as a staff engineer at WEWS-TV5, I began my frequency coordination activities. With ENG news coverage technology in its infancy and the possibility of other wireless equipment coming into the marketplace, the time was right to begin coordination.



Effective January 1, 2018, after 45 continuous years, I have retired from my duties as the Certified SBE Northeast Ohio Frequency Coordinator below 1 GHz. It has been a distinct pleasure working with all of you over these many, many, years and I truly appreciate the professionalism extended me, as we together, worked to minimize RF interference.

I wish all of you and your individual sporting, entertainment, commercial broadcast, and the many other support related services and facilities continued success. I am confident that my replacement, Mr.

James Baird ajrb53@ameritech.net will continue the frequency coordination tradition moving forward. Please feel free to contact him directly at 440-823-6803 for any of your frequency coordination needs.

Again, I want to say thank you to all, for your support over these many years, stay well, God bless, and stay coordinated!

Sincerely,

Edward J. Miller, CPBE
SBE Northeast Ohio Frequency Coordinator below 1 GHz (retired)