

SBE CHAPTER 70 - CLEVELAND/AKRON

SBE 70 MINUTES

SBE Chapter 70 Picnic and Elections

Tuesday, August 13, 2024

Metroparks West Creek Reservation - 2277 West Ridgewood Drive

Parma, Ohio 44134 (See map on last page)

Gather 6pm, Meeting/Elections 7pm

No Zoom link planned

August 13th MEETING INFO

Our next meeting is for our Annual Picnic and Elections! We will gather at the Metroparks West Creek Reservation, 2277 West Ridgewood Dr. The Park entrance is off of West Ridgewood Drive, between State and Broadview Roads, closer to Broadview. You can spot the site from a distance due to the mammoth Parma antenna farm towers. If you are approaching from I-77 or I-480, look for them for the general idea of where we'll be!

I won't be grilling this time but we plan to have fried chicken, potato salad and snacks, some sort of sweets as well as refreshments. Please RSVP if you can, so we have an approximate headcount for food. If you end up not making it, or forget to RSVP, no worries... show up if you can!

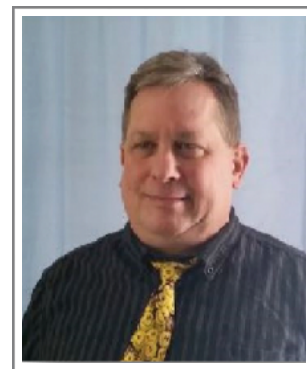
We plan to meet at the main pavilion (Keystone Shelter) which is to the right as you enter the Metroparks park entrance road from West Ridgewood Dr., so look for us there. Please note we do not have exclusive use of the pavilion, so there is a chance we may need to share space (but not the chicken!). Alternatively, if that pavilion is rented out to others, or for any other reason we are not there, we'll probably be set up at a smaller pavilion located at the Monarch Bluff Picnic Area further down the access road. Look for us and/or an SBE sign.

Gathering time is 6pm, to allow time for socializing and 'picnic-ing'. The SBE Chapter 70 meeting and Elections will be conducted shortly after 7pm.

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CHAIRMAN'S CHAT

Hello all members and friends of SBE Chapter 70. First up big thanks go out to Tom Nolan, Steve Crum, & Aaron Donnelly of WRLM/TCT. They gave us a great tour of their production studios and nationwide distribution systems, all run from the Akron complex. High end virtual sets with camera movement tracking are used daily. They have many additional automated support systems in place to assist the operators. The complexity of the facility is a tribute to their engineering staff. Good job all.



You should have received the signup email from the OAB for the fall MBMTC conference, some may have gone to spam folders, or signup directly. at -<https://mbmtc.oab.org/>. The vendor booths are all filled and we have the most varied group of programs ever. I hope to see you there. You can see the confirmed session list here -<https://mbmtc.oab.org/2024-sessions/>

In national news, the SBE Awards Program awarded Telos the 2024 Technology Award for its EAS At The Edge, a collaborative effort with Digital Alert Systems, Telos Alliance, and Nautel. This innovation simplifies broadcasters' Emergency Alert System implementations through software standards and AoIP-based techniques, ensuring compliance with FCC regulations while enhancing public safety functions.

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The location is nestled among the tower farm in Parma, so afterward you may wish to walk the trails, or hike, taking you in close proximity to the fences around at least one of the towers. It may make you feel at home, or more accurately, at work! (See the park map on the last page)

There are picnic tables, but you may want to consider bringing a lawn chair. I'll bring some extra chairs as well, just in case.

More information about the Metroparks location can be found at their website:

<https://www.clevelandmetroparks.com/parks/visit/parks/west-creek-reservation>

The website has a short video and a great site map of the trails and lay of the land.

Please RSVP if you can, so we have an estimated idea for food: john.hovanec@audacity.com, or any questions.

See you at the Picnic!

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

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The Robert W. Flanders SBE Engineer of the Year award is presented to James Dalke, CPBE, 8-VSB, AMD, CBNT, from Bellevue, WA, and a member of SBE Chapter 16 in Seattle, WA. Dalke, a dedicated SBE member of 26 years, currently serves as the editor of the online publication The Waveguide and is actively involved with the Alternative Broadcast Inspection Program (ABIP) through the Washington State Association of Broadcasters.

The James C. Wulliman SBE Educator of the Year award recipient is Larry Wilkins, CPBE, AMD, CBNT, of Prattville, AL, and a member of SBE Chapter 118 in Montgomery, AL. Wilkins, a 33-year SBE member, has been instrumental in the Alabama Broadcasters Association Engineering Academy as its Director, where he developed curriculum and conducted classes across multiple states. His career highlights include designing numerous radio and television studio and transmitter facilities. During his tenure at the Engineering Academy, he concentrates on curriculum development for multiple classes a year focused on radio and on television.

Blake E. Thompson CBNT
BET Broadcast Engineering
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A business card for Broadcast Depot Corp. The card has a blue background with a colorful, stylized graphic on the left side. The graphic consists of several overlapping, curved lines in red, yellow, and blue. On the left side, there are logos for "AVR ELETTRONICA", "DEVA BROADCAST", "SVS", "AXEL TECHNOLOGY", and "Telos Alliance". The text on the card reads: "Mary Schnelle U.S. Sales", "mary@7bd.com", "Mobile: (513) 476.4474", "Office: (813) 349.2400", "Broadcast Depot Corp.", "4326 West El Prado Blvd.", "Suite #1 Tampa, FL. 33629", and "www.7bd.com".

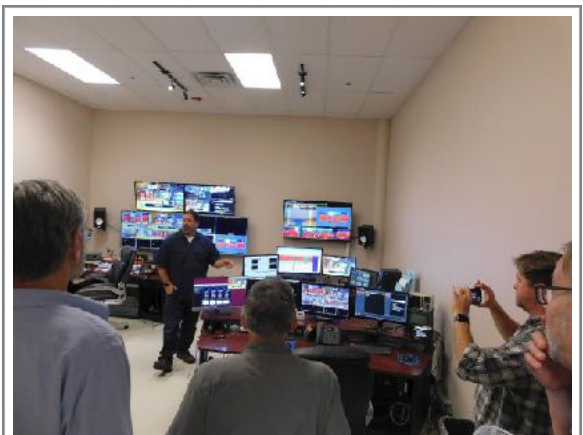
A business card for Videodub International. The card has a light beige background. At the top, it says "VIDEODUB INTERNATIONAL" in bold, black letters. Below that, it says "For Business & Video Professionals". In the center, there is a logo consisting of a stylized "V" and "D" inside a circle. To the right of the logo, the text reads: "Fadi Kdayssi", "Videodub International Inc.", "2504 Fairmount Blvd.", "Cleveland, OH 44106", "Phone 216-321-1440", "Fax 216-321-4404", and "fadi@videodubinternational.com".

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JULY MEETING

Presentation: Tom Nolan, Steve Crum, & Aaron Donnelly
WRLM/TCT



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SBE 2024 Certification Exam Schedule



Exam Dates	Location	Application Deadline
February 2-12	Local Chapters	Past Deadline
April 16	NAB Show/Las Vegas	Past Deadline
June 7-17	Local Chapters	Past Deadline
August 2-12	Local Chapters	Past Deadline
November 1-11	Local Chapters	September 6

When you are ready to take an SBE exam, please fill out the appropriate [application](#) and send it into the SBE National office. You will be notified once your application has been approved. Approximately 3 weeks before the exam time, your local certification chairman will receive a list of applicants in his/her area. He/she will then contact those applicants to schedule a date, time and place for the exams. The exams will be mailed back to the National office for grading. The pass/fail grades will then be mailed directly to the applicants.

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ZOOM MEETING: You are invited to SBE Chapter 70



**Topic: SBE Chapter 70 Meeting
Picnic and Election of Officers
Cleveland Metroparks West Creek Reservation**

**NO ZOOM MEETING THIS MONTH
JOIN US IN-PERSON**

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