



SBE Chapter 118 News Bytes

February 2010

***NEXT MEETING
THURSDAY FEBRUARY 4th
Lunch will start at 11:45 AM***

***PROGRAM BY PRESENTED BY
CURTIS NICHOLS WITH DIGITAL
BROADCAST***

*Location will be at Alabama Public Television studios on
Madison Street downtown (next to Patterson field)*

**February Required Monthly Test (RMT) will be
on Thursday February 4th at approx 11:15 AM**

*(a list of all the RMT dates for 2010 can be found on our web site
www.sbe118.org)*

JANUARY MEETING

Our first meeting for 2010 was held at the APT studios, our thanks to Harvey Wilson and all his crew for making this possible.

The program featured Ray Lego with Pesa. His presentation covered their new fiber and router products and DRS (Distributed Routing System) audio router technologies, including audio embed/de-embed available now from INSIDE the routers.



FEBRUARY MEETING

Curtis Nichols, Southeast Area Manager with Digital Broadcast will be our special guest.

His presentation will cover the latest in their automation/server systems, specifically the impact of Pitch Blue and Mpeg 4, and an innovative approach to playout involving an ASI transport stream end to end.

We will meet at 11:45 AM at Cumulus transmitter site.

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HD RADIO POWER INCREASE APPROVED

The FCC has approved the power increase for HD Radio broadcasting!

The change permits stations to increase power by up to 6DB, which is a four-fold increase from where we are currently. Said in percentages, this allows for you to broadcast with up to 4% of the power of your existing analog signal (up from 1%), with the potential of up to 10% with further application to the FCC. This is great news for HD Radio and the radio industry in general.

Ibiquity CEO, Bob Struble said "We are pleased with the FCC's action today to allow FM HD Radio stations to increase their power. The FCC Order is another significant milestone in the rollout of HD Radio Technology. The Commission has worked closely with the radio broadcast industry on this item, and chose a prudent course for the power increase which met the needs and addressed the concerns of the key constituents.

This is another fine example of successful collaboration between the government and the private sector,

and it promises to further enhance the benefits of HD Radio Technology to all Americans."

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SBE CERTIFICATION PROGRAM

With all the changing technology (HDTV, HD radio, computer automation, etc) it is more important than ever to stay up to date and informed.

The SBE certification program is designed to aid engineers in keeping up with the latest in our field. If you are not SBE Certified contact our certification chairman Charlie Grider today at ccgrider@aol.com

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MONTGOMERY AREA STL DATABASE

Please check the STL database located on our chapter web site www.sbe118.org and make sure the information is correct. If there are any corrections or changes please let Larry Wilkins know.

Montgomery is getting crowded with STL's and we want to keep this as accurate as possible

SBE TAPS MADISON, WI, FOR 2010 NATIONAL MEETING

The SBE National Meeting will be held in conjunction with the Wisconsin Broadcasters Clinic and the Upper Midwest Regional Meeting, hosted by [SBE Chapter 24](#) and the [Wisconsin Broadcasters Association](#) (WBA) on Oct. 26-28, 2010.

This is the fourth time Chapter 24 has hosted the SBE National Meeting since 1997. The SBE National Meeting was last held in Madison in 2008.

The SBE National Meeting serves as an opportunity to spotlight SBE-sponsored regional conventions held in different areas of the country. SBE National Meeting events include the annual membership meeting and the SBE National Awards Dinner, honoring the 2008-09 chapter and individual award recipients.

