Tampa, FL Venue Report #25
Thursday, July 8, 2008

This was our seventh year bringing the Taste of NAB Road Show to the Tampa Bay area. This year we were once again at the studios of WTTA-TV – MyTV for Tampa Bay – a Sinclair Broadcast Station. It has always been a great place to have our meetings. This year we had thirty-seven in attendance; that's five more than last year.

It's always difficult to put in any special or particular order the "thank you" list when all contributed to the fullest to make this a really great presentation. Especially appreciated is all the hard work that Bob Hardie, Chief Engineer of WTTA did in getting the word out as well as hosting us and to Ros Clark, SBE Chapter 39 Chair for his participation.

In addition to this, I'd like to again thank Tu.Be. Computers for the nice luncheon spread they provided. I didn't see anyone go away hungry. If you wish to contact them, here's the info: Tu.Be. Computers, Inc., 113 Tavernier Dr., Nokomis, FL 34275 - (941) 966-1356. Their e-mail address is: info@tubecomputers.com and website: www.tubecomputers.com. BTW: The proprietor is Claire Bloomfield and she deals primarily with business and industry. (And yes, there is a relationship – she's my daughter-in-law ☺).

Not to be forgotten is the much appreciated help from all those who pitched in to both help us set up and pack our things when we were done. Tampa had to ensure that we were aware we were in Florida by providing us with a very heavy downpour as we were packing up. My assistant, Shawn Wixted, Bob Hardie and Tommy Goodson (Leader Instruments) all got drenched – being from Oregon, I hardly noticed. ☺

Helping in the presentation was Tommy Goodson of Leader Instruments. In addition to those questions answered by Tommy Goodson, particular interest was express in the technologies from AJA and their 3 Gig gear, Avocent's KVM systems, Tiernan's encoding, and Telecast Fibers' tactical fiber applications. There were several who couldn't get over the density of the Blackmagic 72X144 routing switcher. Larry Stephen of Professional Communications Systems was there to also help out as his company represents many of our sponsors.

If you are interested in who won what door prizes and pictures of the event, you can see them posted on our website at: www.tech-notes.tv/2008/25-Tampa.htm. If we were asked once, we were asked a dozen times to come back next year by those in attendance.

The e-mail comments that have been received since the last posting in a venue report will be included in the Miami Venue report which will be completed soon.
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