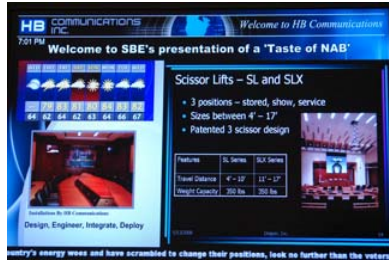




Connecticut Valley
Venue Report #37
Wednesday, August 6,
2008



Returning for our seventh year and hosted by the good folks at HB Communications we were very happy to see some long time friends and associates. HB Communications is located in North Haven, CT and is an excellent place for us to hold our Taste of NAB Road Show. SBE Chapter 14 holds meetings there quite frequently. I truly appreciate the folks at HB for making their place available all these years.

I truly appreciate all the effort that SBE Chapter 14's Chair Scott Baron has put into help making our show such a great success once again. I also appreciate the help that we got from Jeff DeHaan of HB Communications for his help in setting up and once again to Jeff DeHaan, along with Fred Krampits, Scott Baron, Kevin Dunsheath of Leader Instruments, Mark Morgan of WMNR and Chris McDuell of HB Communications for sticking around to help us pack up and get on our way. Shawn and I truly appreciate all this kind of help.

I'd be very remiss if I didn't mention with garlands of gratitude deserved to the folks at HB Communications for the fine spread they once again provided us. There was more than enough for all and it was quite good besides. I certainly didn't see anyone go hungry.

While recognizing help, I should mention that we had present to assist with the presentation: W. Kenneth Freed, New England District Sales Manager for JVC Professional Products, Kevin Dunsheath, Regional Business Development Manager for Leader Instruments, Steven T. Nelson, Eastern US Sales Manager for Telecast Fiber Systems, Bob Valinski, Regional Sales Manager for Omneon, Gordon Bates, from Symco representing Compix Media and Walter J. Kelley representing The Taste of NAB's newest sponsor, Plura Monitors. It should be added that HB Communications represents and sells nearly all the technologies we have on the Taste of NAB Road Show.

Our sponsors representatives are always most welcomed to join us and help in fielding questions on their respective technologies. I have to admit that this is most reps we've had at any one presentation in a heck of a long time. It was funny to see them all sitting in one row along the back wall of the room during the presentation was made— we called it “Rep Row.” ☺

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/2008/38-Connecticut_Valley.htm.

The question came up and was answered about the kinds of printer ports the Trilithic EAS system had for delivering reports etc. Most all other questions were fielded by the respective representatives. During the presentation, we had one organization brag about their Omneon Spectrum server, saying they were very happy with it, having had virtually no problem. Many said they had ESE products in their respective plants from time code generators/readers/inserters, DAs of various types and of course various types of clocks. Nearly all hands went up when asked if any present had ever used Henry Engineering products. The television folks supported the use of AJA converters in all the plants of those present.

If anyone is interested, the repair that took place in Cherry Hill, NJ on Tuesday and reported in the last venue report lasted until I got as far up the NJ Turnpike as Newark and the problem reappeared. We limped on up to the Connecticut Valley where we found a Dodge Dealership within a few miles of where we did the presentation reported on above. They found the problem and fixed it – hopefully. We made it on up here to Concord, NH where this report is being written and we'll do a presentation in the morning (Friday).

The following comments were received since our last report from folks who attended our presentations. These e-mails are unedited except as noted. The “To” line has been deleted when it is our address as well as sender's physical address and phone numbers. Anything in italics has been added for clarification.



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Subject: Thanks

From: albert egner albertcegner@yahoo.com

Date: Wed, 6 Aug 2008 07:23:08 -0700 (PDT)

Hi Larry:

Thank you for the presentation on the NAB convention. While I'm retired from radio, I still found all the information interesting and was happy to be exposed to the new advances. It helps me keep my mind active.

I was the one who asked you if Chuck Pharris would be interested in some old TV receivers I have, and I've received an e-mail from Chuck asking

about them. I've answered him and told him what I have and we'll go from there.

Thanks again and hopefully we we'll meet again next year.

Albert C. Egner

Philadelphia, Pa. 19111-4026

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Subject: Thanks

From: Robert Smith robertsmith@entravision.com

Date: Thu, 07 Aug 2008 09:06:34 -0700

Hi Larry,

Thank you for bringing the Taste of NAB to our SBE Chapter. As I walked in the door for the presentation at HB Communications I had a flash of Christmas morning from when I was a kid. The anticipation of all the new toys was palpable.

The stocking stuffer prizes were fun to watch being passed out and fun to get.

One suggestion...

As engineers we are involved in buying a server, cameras, and instruments every now and then. I appreciate the relevant information you brought to Hartford and it will certainly be a factor in any decisions made in the future. On the road home we were discussing the JVC cameras you had on display. It's amazing to see such magnificent cameras that are on the threshold of being affordable for personal use.

It's nice to dream about the occasional purchase of big ticket items like cameras, servers, and test equipment. Might you consider showing more stuff that is involved in our daily lives? The Henry, AJA, and Black Magic boxes are excellent examples of how a problem that can come up at any moment can be solved with a single phone call. Just knowing those guys are out there enhances my ability to get things done quickly. Often they are priced below the threshold of even having to make out a purchase order. These guys are relevant in my daily work life. Thank you for bringing them along.

More tools and easier ways to get things done sure would be a lot of fun too. With the wonderful Power Point presentation you had going a few slides on tips to make something quicker or easier might be a way to help focus the group.

Enough! I do have to get some work done. Many thanks for bringing the Taste of NAB to us. I'm looking forward to next year.

Smith

WUVN / WHTX / WUTH

Hartford, CT

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Subject: SBE14

From: Ecumenical Communications ecucomm@sbcglobal.net

Date: Thu, 7 Aug 2008 08:00:27 -0700 (PDT)

Larry,

Thanks for another great Taste of NAB presentation. It is always a pleasant and informative evening!!!

Bob

Rev. Robert J. Geckler

Ecumenical Communications

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Subject: SBE 14 Meeting 8/06/08, Taste of NAB

From: Scott Baron engineer@wdrc.com

Date: Thu, 07 Aug 2008 09:18:59 -0400

Larry,

Thank you for a very informative meeting last night.

It was nice to see more radio equipment this year. Hopefully more next year.

Everyone seemed to enjoy the presentations. If it wasn't for you most of us would never have seen the equipment you showed.

Most cannot make it to the NAB. This is a great way to get a Taste of NAB.

Thanks again,

Scott

If you can please mention at your next stops in the New England and New York areas about the Hartford Ennes Workshop on September 13.

I attached Hartford's registration form and schedule.

Thanks

Scott Baron

Chief Engineer

Buckley Broadcasting of CT.

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Chairman, Society of Broadcast Engineers, Chapter 14

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Subject: contact info SBE CT

From: Mark Morton mmorton@wmnr.org

Date: Thu, 7 Aug 2008 01:29:09 -0400

Hi

Thank you for coming out.

Below is my contact info if you need it.... BTW, I was the guy with the little ASUS laptop...

73's

- Mark

Mark Morton - W1MEM

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