



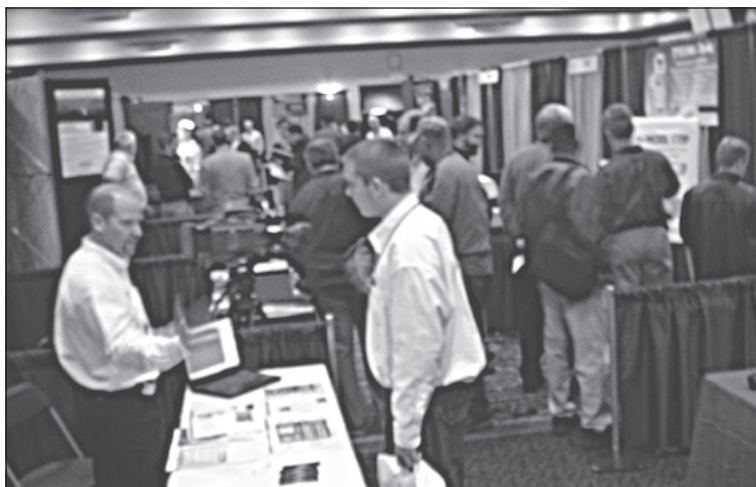
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At the Expo ...



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Chairman's Corner



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Well, it's over. The Chapter 20 Regional Broadcast Expo, that is. If you missed it you missed it until next year. It was, at least in my opinion, a great show, and a boatload of kudos go to Joann, John, and Nick. We had a lot of new vendors, excellent speakers, many more attendees than last year, and every booth space was filled. Everyone seemed well pleased with the new, more central location, and I think that helped a lot with attendance, making it easier to get to the show, then get back again if you needed to. But let's hear from you. What did you think? We're going to be having a follow-

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Next Meeting

Our November meeting will be on the normal 3rd Thursday, but it will be a joint session with the Penn-Ohio Chapter of the SCTE (Society of Cable Telecommunications Engineers). The location is an all day seminar at the Holiday Inn at RIDC off of Rt. 28 near Blawnox.

As SBE attendees you are free to attend any of the seminars and the lunch or just the lunch. Our usual \$7 lunch fee will apply, Chapter 20 will make up the difference. The SCTE will need to know if you will be there for lunch, so please contact Roger Hughes at rhughes@agoc.com or 724-283-0925 and let him know how many will be there for lunch.

AGENDA

8:30 AM - 9:00 AM	Registration
9:00 AM - 10:30 AM	MPEG Stream Analysis, Brad Salerno – Treven
10:30 AM - 10:45 AM	Break
10:45 AM - 12:00 PM	Statistical Multiplexing and Rate Shaping – BigBand Networks
12:00 PM - 1:00 PM	Lunch and SBE meeting
1:00 PM - 3:00 PM	DWDM and Fiber Optic Transport Technologies, – OpVista, Inc.

Holiday Inn Hotel & Suites
Pittsburgh-Allegheny Valley-RIDC
180 Gamma Drive
Route 28 N at the RIDC exit North of Pittsburgh

Next Meeting

Thursday,
November 17

Joint Meeting with the SCTE

Registration begins at 8:30 A.M.
Lunch at noon
See article for list of seminars
and R.S.V.P info

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up meeting soon and we'd like to hear your thoughts; what was good, what was great, and what could be better next year. Send your comments to me at bjordan@wpxi.com, and I'll pass them along.

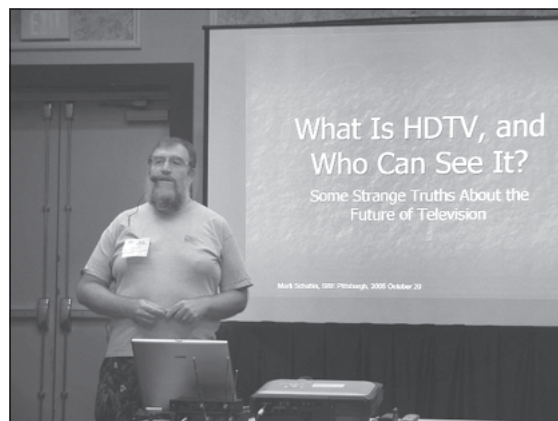
I observed something this year that I think is very significant. The students. There are at least four schools, colleges and universities in the Pittsburgh region that offer excellent degree programs in communications. We've had students in attendance at our Expo in the past, but this year I observed what I felt was a higher caliber of students.

One group in particular attending the keynote breakfast stood out. These 'kids' were well dressed, courteous, attentive, and professional looking. They took notes too. I observed one young person seated near me who didn't appear to be just taking notes because there might be a test later, but she seemed to me to be grasping the most significant points in some complex material. Makes me think maybe the future of our profession might not be in such bad shape after all. As the ones with the experience, we need to do all we can to encourage greater student interest and participation.

Speaking of the future, our annual election of officers will occur at the December meeting. I've appointed a nominating committee, and they will be making their recommendations at that time. If, between now and December you get a call from the committee asking you to serve, I'd like you to please give it very serious consideration. In fact, if any of you have an interest in serving, please let me know and I'll pass it along to the committee. It seems like we keep tapping the same group of people, and there may be others willing to serve who have simply never been asked. So I'm asking.

In thinking about a nominating committee and officers for next year, I decided to take a look at the Chapter 20 bylaws. There are a couple of things that we haven't been following quite to the letter, and some other things that I think need tweaked a bit to be more in keeping with the times. There's no date on the copy I have, so I'm going to ask our current Secretary, Glenn Romsos, to check for later revisions and put a copy of the most current bylaws into the hands of the 2006 officers. I'll be finishing my second consecutive term as Chairman, so I'm done, but I'd like to suggest that those officers look over the bylaws and get back to you, the members, with any recommendations they might have for updating.

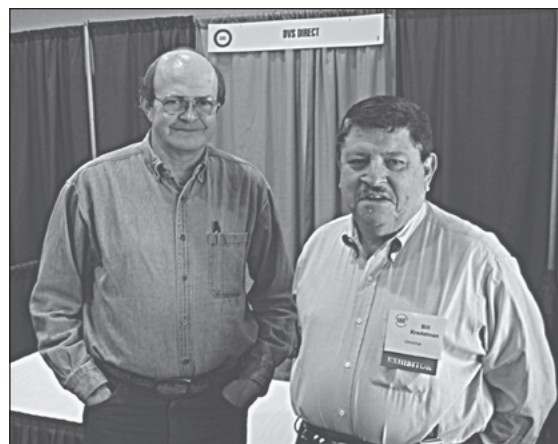
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Mark Schubert tells of some amazingly common sense things about HDTV.



The HD Radio presentation was well attended.



Bob Jordan and Bill Kradelman during set up day.



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