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Chairman's Corner –

SBE Chapter 80 Members,

It's July and that means it's time for our annual chapter picnic. This year's picnic will be at the Fox 11 Fieldhouse (1249 Shadow Ln) in Green Bay across from Lambeau Field on Tuesday, July 15th beginning at noon. Please RSVP to myself or Mark Friedman by Friday so we know what to purchase for brats and burgers, also we invite you to bring a dish to pass. We look forward to seeing everyone at the picnic on the 15th!

Our August meeting will be held at Sam's Pizza in Schofield on Tuesday, August 19th and in September we will be in Madison for the Midwest Regional Broadcasters Clinic at the Madison Marriott West on the 16th and 17th, please plan to attend both of these events.

If you missed the Duke Wright Media Technology Institute in La Crosse you missed out on a fantastic event. I have been to a number of these now and this year was the best yet, the amount of energy, knowledge and enthusiasm in the room was amazing. Kudos to our own Bill Hubbard, who along with Jeff Welton of Nautel organized MTI, also a big thank you to all the presenters and speakers who made this a very worthwhile event. If you couldn't make it this year please plan on attending the 2026 event which will be held in Lake Geneva.

I look forward to seeing everyone at the picnic on the 15th, again don't forget to RSVP to myself (matt.converse@wcinet.com) or Mark Friedman (m48dat@yahoo.com) by this Friday.

Matt Converse

Chairman Chapter 80, Fox Valley

Annual SBE Election Begins July 14

The annual election of SBE officers and directors begins July 14 and runs until August 13. Most SBE members will receive their ballots by email. Those without a valid email address on file, or who opted out of online voting will receive a paper ballot. All votes must be cast online or received at the SBE National Office by August 13. Watch your email or mail for more information coming soon.

Upcoming Webinars by SBE

Designing for High Availability – From Physical to Virtualized Network Functions July 31, 2025 | 2 p.m. ET

This webinar revisits MTBF, MTTR, and the role of redundancy in physical broadcast systems and extends them into today's hybrid environments, where physical infrastructure coexists with virtual machines, cloud-native platforms, and containerized network functions.

Instructor: Ruben Calzadilla

Upcoming Certification Exams

Exam Dates	Location	Application Deadline
November 7-17, 2025	Local Chapters	September 4, 2025

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