

NEWS

Citizens Band

Citizens Band (CB) radio celebrates 60th anniversary

Thomas. September 11, 2018.



Many thanks to *SWLing Post* contributor, Ron, who reminds us that today is Class D CB radio's 60th anniversary. From Wikipedia:

On September 11, 1958 the Class D CB service was created on 27 MHz, and this band became what is popularly known today as "Citizens Band". There were only 23 channels at the time; the first 22 were taken from the former amateur radio service 11-meter band, and channel 23 was shared with radio-controlled devices. Some hobbyists continue to use the designation "11 meters" to refer to the Citizens Band and adjoining frequencies.

My dad was an avid CBer when I was a kid. He had an FCC-issued license and belonged to a healthy community of CBers in our part of the state. He had a beautiful yellow Robyn T-240D (same as pictured above) as a base station, and a mobile CB installed in every car. After the FCC dropped the licensing requirement, his activity on the bands slowed down although it did give me a chance to hop on.



My best friend (who lived about 1/4 mile away) and I used to keep in constant contact with our 40 channel 5 watt CB walkie talkies. It was great fun.

Of course, it was a treat when I would catch some "skip" and make contact with someone two states away with that same walkie talkie. Like it or hate it, a lot of radio enthusiasts and ham radio operators cut their teeth on CB radio.

I was certainly one of them.

CB radio is still a pretty dynamic public radio space today. True, it's a bit of a free-for-all and if you can't tolerate profanity and "colorful metaphors" then you best stay away.

You don't need a CB radio in order to listen to the CB frequencies; most SDRs and many portable shortwave radios can tune in. If interested, check out this previous post: [Listening to Citizens' Band \(CB\) radio on your shortwave receiver.](#)

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1. The third webinar module of the SBE series on ATSC 3.0 is scheduled for November 29 at 2:00 pm ET. S. Merrill Weiss, President of the Merrill Weiss Group, will present, Understanding and Implementing ATSC 3.0 Transport and Physical Layer.

2. SBE will present the Ennes Workshop at the 2019 NAB Show in Las Vegas on April 6 to kick-off the NAB Broadcast Engineering and Information Technology (BEITC) Conference. The morning program will be held in the Las Vegas Convention Center and will be open to those with an NAB Show conference pass.

3. Madison, Wisconsin will be the location of the next SBE National Meeting, October 15-16, 2019. It will be held in conjunction with the annual Broadcaster's Clinic, conducted by the Wisconsin Broadcasters Association and the SBE chapters of Wisconsin.

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EL PASO, TX SBE CHAPTER 38 MEETING MINUTE

DATE 10/09/2018 LOCATION: RIO CHINBA BUFFET

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: 12:15 PM, BY ANTONIO CASTRO.
THERE WERE 17 ATTENDANTS.

REPORT OF THE SECRETARY: MINUTES IN THE SEPTEMBER NEWS-
LETTER. ACCEPTED BY MARIO JIMENEZ, SECONDED BY WARREN
REEVES.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER: \$ 3,840.76 IN THE BANK. ACCEPTED
BY NORBERT MILES, SECONDED BY ELIAS VENTANILLA.

REPORT OF THE CERTIFICATION COMMITTEE: NO REPORT.

REPORT OF THE MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE: NO REPORT.

REPORT OF THE FREQUENCY COORDINATOR COMMITTEE: MULTI-
MEDIOS WILL BROADCAST IN CH 6-1.

REPORT OF THE SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE: NO REPORT.

REPORT OF THE WEBSITE COMMITTEE: 2402 HITS LAST TIME, NOW
2422 (20).

REPORT OF THE EAS CHAIRMAN: NATIONAL TEST WAS FINE,
MONTHLY TEST NM AND TX WERE FINE,

REPORT OF THE PROGRAM COMMITTEE. ORBAN TO SPONSOR
LUNCH AND DO WEBCONFERENCE ON DEC.11, 2018 AT THE KFOX
STUDIOS..

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: WYLER TRAM CLOSE TO HUMANS DUE TO
AGED. CITY OFFICIALS ARE RE-CONSIDERING.

NEW BUSINESS OR ANY ITEMS FOR THE CHAPTER INTEREST:
INVITATION TO CHAPTER CHRISTMAS PARTY AT WARREN REEVES
PLACE AND TO BE SPONSORED BY DAVID GRICE

NEXT MEETING DATE AND LOCATION: NOVEMBER 13, 2018. AT
COMO'S ITALIAN RESTAURANT. TIME: 12:00 PM

MEETING ADJOURNED: AT 13:55 PM.

**IS THE WYLER TRAM DOWN !!
WE NEED TO KNOW ABOUT THIS
VERY IMPORTANT ISSUE AT OUR
NEXT MEETING.
PLEASE ATTEND AND BRING YOUR
INPUT !!!!**

NOVEMBER PROGRAM

IN OCTOBER WE HAD OUR REGULAR CHAPTER MEETING AT THE RIO CHINA BUFFET ALONG WITH THE PRESENTATION AND HOSTING OF

LumenServe, Inc.
Bear Poth, founder president and CEO.

IT WAS AN EXCELLENT PRESENTATION. THANKS BEAR !!!!

FOR THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER, WE DO NOT HAVE A PRESENTATION, JUST OUR REGULAR CHAPTER MEETING

WHEN:
TUESDAY NOVEMBER 13 , 2018

PLACE:
COMO'S ITALIAN RESTAURANT

TIME:
NOON

