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NextRadio Ramps Up Its Push

Jeff Smulyan's motto for NextRadio is 'cool and free'

NEWSMAKER

INDIANAPOLIS — This is an exciting time for Jeff Smulyan, the chairman, president and CEO of Emmis Communications.

The push is on to promote radio in new Sprint smartphone models that come with the free NextRadio App. Some 13,000 people had launched the NextRadio app on their Sprint HTC One and HTC Evo smartphones as of early September, according to Emmis.

The number was increasing daily, the company said, and is expected to rise sharply as consumers buy more phones and as wireless company Sprint, phone manufacturer HTC and broadcaster Emmis-owned NextRadio conduct a beta eight-city marketing rollout.

Emmis Senior Vice President/Chief Technology Officer Paul Brenner expected the test to go live shortly before the Radio Show convention this month. Phones have been provided to 40 DJs at stations owned by various groups in those eight markets so they'll talk about NextRadio on-air, online and on social media. A total of about 14 radio group owners are involved. Sprint and

HTC support the effort with their own marketing plans targeting radio.

The NextRadio App does not use a streaming signal to deliver station audio. Instead it provides local over-theair reception in phones with enabled FM chips — and adds interactive features, if stations opt to support them, such as buy song, rate song, social media coupons and geo-location services. "If that app is active, you have access to all stations in the listening area," said Brenner, who added that approximately 2,000 stations had been tuned to through the app as of

Jeff Smulyan speaks at last year's Radio Show.

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As the October-LPFM filing window at the FCC approaches, Prometheus Radio Project argues that this opportunity could improve radio's reach and content immensely.

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Prometheus's Pete Tridish, far left, working during a barn-raising in Petén, Guatemala, in 2004.

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AM Radio: Where Do We Go From Here?

IBiquity Says HD Radio provides a cost-effective path for AM to evolve

COMMENTARY

BY JOE D'ANGELO

The author is senior vice president, Broadcast Programs and Services, for iBiquity Digital Corp.

It's been more than 90 years since KDKA(AM) in Pittsburgh became the first commercially-licensed radio station in America, and the technology of AM broadcast has not changed significantly since then. Compare the cars, trains, telephones and motion pictures of the 1920s to today.

Back then, a simple crystal radio, made with a hunk of galena crystal and 50 feet of copper wire wrapped around a milk bottle, and a pair of headphones, were all you needed to receive your local AM station. Other than the occasional



AM stands out as the only service in the car that currently can't display even analog artist and title data. AM becomes the 'blank screen' in the dash — the only 'unconnected' part of the connected car.



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thunderstorm, there was no electrical interference to speak of.

Fast-forward to today. Manmade electronic noise on the AM band has increased to the point that many regional and local channel AM signals are severely compromised, and even the Class "A" 50 kW clear channels are suffering from noticeably diminished coverage. FCC Commissioner Ajit Pai recently stated, "Every day it gets harder to pick up a clear AM signal."

LIMITED RECEPTION

AM revitalization is all about addressing this noise issue, and HD Radio digital technology has proven to provide a cost-effective path to allow AM radio to evolve, giving it a fighting chance at survival

We don't want to prematurely sound the death knell for the senior band since, after all, five of the 10 top-billing radio stations in America are still AM; but outside the largest markets, AM listening has been largely relegated to talk or oldies formats and shrinking, aging audiences, and consequently diminished billing. Digital radio transmission provides a potential long-term solution for AM radio's survival.

Its ability to improve reception in noisy conditions can help make the band viable again, and also allows for quality stereo music broadcasts that AM radio's early pioneers could only dream of. All-digital AM, thanks to its time-diverse encoded content, increases signal durability and robustness in many of today's challenging AM interference environments.

Can AM remain viable as electrical interference continues to increase, limiting reception possibilities and, by definition, potential audience? According to the FCC, until 1978, AM claimed more than half of all hours spent with radio. Right now, AM listening accounts for only 17 percent of radio listening, and continues to diminish every year.

The median age of listeners to the AM band is now 57 years old, a full generation older than the median age of FM listeners. We've already seen broadcasters giving AM stations away to charity, selling them for the real estate value of the land they sit on or just handing back their licenses to the FCC. At today's current rate of audience erosion, many AM operators can plot the day their station goes out of business, the day rising operating costs exceed shrinking revenues and another AM is forced to go dark.

An all-digital AM broadcast environment, where the broadcast is solely digital, would be vastly superior to analog or even hybrid digital AM, where digital and analog exist side by side. The more robust all-digital signal creates a better reception environment, as well as less potential for co-channel interference, which is also a source of noise.

We designed the hybrid approach as (continued on page 5)



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Warner/CC Revenue Deal Is Good News

Frameworks are being built for a longer-term, fruitful relationship

Four years ago or so, I suggested that leaders of U.S. commercial radio should face reality and work out a mutually satisfactory relationship with music labels in which the labels and artists felt fairly compensated for their work.

Then and subsequently, I heard back from performance royalty "hawks" who felt that radio should never compromise with artists and labels, who said the historic arrangements worked just fine, that artists got all the compensation they needed through on-air exposure, and that record companies were simply trying to rescue their own "failed business model" by pushing for revenue sharing through voluntary or legislated means.

The hawks maintained this posture in the face of relentless change in the entertainment landscape, the evolution of new platforms and the constant threat that Congress would step in and force a new solution on radio.

So I've been pleased as radio groups, led through the door by Clear Channel, started to explore new relationships with labels, setting up direct arrangements to the satisfaction of both sides. Slowly, the temperature of the dialogue has cooled.

To me, this change was not a concession by radio but rather a clear-eyed business decision. Radio, labels and artists need one another. Operating in a constant state of conflict benefits none of them.

BIG DEAL

Now comes the news that Warner Music Group — one of the biggest



Bob Pittman of Clear Channel, at right on screen, appears on a CNBC program discussing the deal.

labels, though not the biggest — has agreed to a strategic alliance with Clear Channel under which WMG will share in Clear Channel revenue from all platforms. (Warner Music Group is parent to a family of record labels with names like Atlantic, Big Beat, Elektra, Nonesuch, Reprise, Rhino, Rykodisc and Sire.)

The two companies described this as "the first wide-ranging strategic alliance between a major music company and Clear Channel." It certainly is that. I see it as even more. It likely will act as a model and a prompt. It provides further permission — even pressure — on other

radio companies and labels to come to the table. And no doubt other huge labels Universal Music Group and Sony Music Entertainment will be obliged to look closely at deals with Clear Channel.

At last, the smoke on this battlefield is settling.

As CC and Warner Music put it, this deal aligns their mutual interests "in driving digital growth, increasing radio listenership, breaking new music and creating new marketing opportunities for established artists." The pact includes provisions to help encourage and promote new music, as well as "targeted user interfaces in digital" that are



supposed to make it easier for consumers to buy music when they hear it.

Clear Channel of course has a lot to offer to a marketing partner: hundreds of stations, millions of radio users and digital consumers, thousands of events, outdoor billboards. Not all broadcasters can offer so much; but just as CC's deal with Big Machine Label Group opened the door a crack, this agreement surely will encourage more radio/label harmony. (Ironically, this news came in the same week that various big record companies, including Warner, sued SiriusXM Radio in a royalty dispute.)

Radio, labels and artists need one another. Operating in a constant state of conflict benefits none of them.

So these days, instead of having to endure carping Tweets from radio advocates and angry musicians accusing one another of ripping each other off and bashing each other's "declining business models," we get to hear CeeLo Green and Bob Pittman singing one another's praises, using words like "thrilled to be their partner" and "win for all parties."

Of course, only last September, Leslie Moonves of CBS was quoted as saying that paying artists for radio airplay is "absurd." And the Clear Channel/Warner announcement doesn't deal directly with the debate over performance royalty legislation. Further, what's good for Clear Channel isn't necessarily good for thousands of smaller broadcast owners, who must navigate their own paths in an evolving competitive landscape.

But just as clearly, this sort of agreement eventually will make such discussions irrelevant. Frameworks are being built under which our industry at large will enjoy a longer-term, fruitful relationship with content creators.

As Pittman put it, "Old formulas don't work as well as they must in the digital age ... Today, music companies and media and entertainment companies need to be more supportive of each other's needs." Hear, hear.

What do you think? Write me at radioworld@nbmedia.com and I'll share your thoughts with fellow readers.



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a transition technology, one that wisely didn't orphan today's receivers while waiting for digital receiver penetration to reach critical mass in the marketplace. All-digital AM holds the promise of a return to the pristine band that existed before electronic noise became an issue, a return to the full coverage of your service area your license entitles you to, with the added benefit of stereo and increased noise resistance. With AM's share of listening declining, the future viability of the AM band overall may well lie in owners taking advantage of the opportunity that the HD Radio AM all-digital system provides.

An all-digital transition won't happen overnight. It took TV 13 years and a government mandate to fully make the changeover. But TV station owners collectively spent some \$10 billion of their own funds switching from analog to digital, partly based upon the value the additional digital spectrum (multicast channels) would have for them. And with HDTV digital transmissions limited to 20 percent of analog power, the savings in electricity represented a significant savings going forward. With new digital TVs being sold everywhere, they finally acknowledged that all-digital media was the future, and they invested in that future.

CURRENT RECEIVERS

Right now there are over 12 million HD Radio-equipped cars throughout America, with a new car with factory-installed HD Radio technology being sold every six seconds, 24/7/365. Every

one of these radios already support HD Radio AM all-digital reception. More than 4.5 million cars will be sold this year alone with an HD Radio digital receiver on board — AM as well as FM.

With more and more people waking up to their cell phones and abandoning clock radios, and table radios and portables becoming a thing of the past, the automobile will be the place where analog AM radio makes its last stand,

all-digital mobile reception extended up to about 45 miles daytime / 13 miles nighttime, which corresponded to an average measured field intensity of 0.2 mV/m and 0.7 mV/m respectively. In layman's terms, all-digital coverage was superior to analog coverage.

No, it won't be easy, and it will come with some cost. This is a decision only the broadcasters involved can make. We've created a digital way forward,

We believe the industry needs to complete its ongoing evaluation of AM all-digital performance, assess the options and move forward quickly to revitalize the AM band.

or allows alternative technologies to render it irrelevant. To put that in a larger context, bear in mind that radio is now the only consumer medium that is not delivered to its users exclusively via digital technology.

The all-digital solution was always "baked into" HD Radio Technology, so existing transmitters and HD Radio receivers are capable of receiving an all-digital signal. A comprehensive, independently-run test program was initiated to evaluate the operational performance of all-digital AM broadcasts. Testing in Charlotte, N.C., with CBS yielded test results showing digital coverage beyond the 0.5 mV/m (field strength) coverage contour with no reduction in stereo audio quality. Solid

worked out the kinks and shown how it addresses the noise problem threatening AM's future. We believe the industry needs to complete its ongoing evaluation of AM all-digital performance, assess the options and move forward quickly to revitalize the AM band and ensure that this vital national asset can continue to serve the listening public for many years to come.

IBiquity remains committed to serve the broadcast industry and do all we can to help ensure a strong vibrant digital future for broadcast radio.

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early September.

"We can see what they're listening to, for how long and on which stations. User data shows about 15 percent of Sprint customers who buy the new HTC phone are launching the NextRadio app."

With its Web-based interface, stations can use Emmis' TagStation to provide data services for radio broadcasting, and deliver interactive elements to the NextRadio app. With the basic, free level of integration, stations can upload branding images to display default artwork in the NextRadio app, as well as call letters, format, station name and slogan.

More than 2,000 stations had signed up for the free level as of early September; and radio groups like Beasley, CBS Radio, Entercom, Greater Media and Hubbard had registered for the additional services like album art and artist information, listener feedback, song tagging capabilities, enhanced advertising options and social integration through TagStation. If stations don't participate, their audio will still be heard via the app, with no enhancements.

While Brenner has handled the station infrastructure and development part of the Emmis agreement with Sprint to enable FM chips, Smulyan managed its legislative and business facets. Smulyan championed radio capability in cellphones for five years before the Sprint deal was announced in January. He calls the project "the ultimate labor of love."

Jeff Smulyan spoke to Radio World News Editor/ Washington Bureau Chief Leslie Stimson about the effort.

RW: What have the stations committed to?

Smulyan: There's been unprecedented support; just about everybody in the industry has chipped in to contribute to the \$15 million [in ad inventory] to Sprint.

That was step one, raising the money for Sprint on an annual basis. That level of support, frankly, blew me away. I think, of the top 75 groups we have 70 of them. A couple are still considering, and thousands of small stations, all saying, "I want to do my fair share." I think that's probably the most unusual...given, at least in the 40 years I've been in this in business. So, that's number one.

The second part, and this is really the most interesting part, is now we want to ... roll this out. It's going to take awhile, because, while we have 2,500 stations with either their logos on the phones or [using] TagStation, we would love every station in America to use either TagStation or build their own interactive system, but make radio truly interactive on smartphones. So that people can see album art. They can get liner notes on albums. They can buy music. They can share information with their friends. They can call into talk shows. They can enter text to win contests. They can rate records. They can download coupons and use location-based services and calendaring.

There's so many things that our audiences can do to interact with us on a local basis that we think will make their experience with radio much better. But it's up to all of us to build an ecosystem that does that.

Now, of the 12-to-13,000 radio stations, we want to get a lot of them really involved. We hope every radio station in America, public or private, will find new ways to engage with their audiences because we think it's a game-changer for our industry.

RW: Public or private meaning you want noncommercial stations involved as well?

Smulyan: We've had wonderful discussions with NPR



A New York Market Radio Association networking event was set for late September, featuring on-air talent as well as tech columnist David Pogue. The text reads in part: 'Sprint and America's radio broadcasters lead a groundbreaking tech innovation to make local radio more visual, engaging and interactive.'

and MPR [Minnesota Public Radio]. Everybody's looking at this as a new way to relate to our listeners in a device where we don't go through the data networks, which cost all of us money; it makes it free for our audiences through the terrestrial system and in the device that 300 million Americans carry with them every day.

That's the goal. We want people to know they can get radio when they're carrying their cellphone, as they all do every day.

RW: How will the stations promote this?

Smulyan: It's up to each individual station. We hope everybody will do contests with listeners. ... We want to capture the imagination of every individual station in America to promote it.

RW: So it was a monetary and on-air commitment. Smulyan: We want people to engage their audiences with this device. Leslie, 20 years ago we sold 40 million Walkmen a year. We don't sell them anymore. This is the Walkman of the future. This is the one device that every American carries with them every day.

RW: As stations sign up for NextRadio, how does that work for the consumer?

Smulyan: If you walk into a Sprint store [and] you buy an HTC, this is the first phone it's being introduced on. But it will be introduced to their whole product line — if you do that, the NextRadio app will be there. So when you turn your phone on, you look for it and you hit it and the radio comes on. Wherever you live, it will populate with radio.

Also, if you own an HTC phone from Sprint that you

bought in the last few years, you can also download that app at the Google Play store. The great majority of this process will be in phones that people are buying now.

RW: They've also introduced a special red HTC.

Smulyan: Yes, and you'll see some fun things, but, I think it's really up to us now. We've been in industry that people have kicked around for a long time. This is our chance for this industry to really fight back. There's a *reason* we reach 275 million people a week. It's because people do care about what we do, and we've got to drive that point home.

RW: You mentioned this is the introduction to Sprint product line. Have you and Sprint been talking about starting with these models and then moving onto others? Smulyan: Yes, this is just the first phone. I'll leave that to Sprint to announce the others.

RW: And you're talking to other carriers as well? Smulyan: We will continue dialogue with every carrier. My goal, and I've said this for years: We want to be in 300 million phones in the United States. Sprint has been a wonderful first partner. It's a major, major breakthrough to have a partner like Sprint.

RW: On the station side, we've talked about the app, but there's also the back-end infrastructure, the TagStation system to insert and track ads and associated data all the way from the automation system to broadcast.

Smulyan: TagStation is sort of the first provider of interactivity. When we started this process, other people were doing that interactivity. They've sort of dropped out of the business so we're the only one. But, I want to stress to people they don't have to go through TagStation. They can build their own. I'm sure other vendors will crop up. But we I hope they'll do it. I hope they'll go to TagStation or build their own, so that every broadcaster can have their own interactivity with their listeners. We think it's critical.

[Ed. note: Non-Emmis stations that want enhanced content to appear on the NextRadio app need a licensing agreement with Emmis plus its TagStation software, or must build their own source content solution that complies with the mobile app capability and obligations for inventory, reporting and processing mandated by Sprint. With TagStation software, the audio is synchronized with visual elements.]

RW: Is the station infrastructure built out for that? **Smulyan:** Yes, we have hundreds of stations on TagStation now and many more online. The ramp-up takes a little time.

RW: You've had much work going on. Now, additional things need to happen.

Smulyan: Exactly right and I think we listed the companies [see the story introduction], some of them have already set up their enhanced functions. So if you buy a smartphone from Sprint, and there's a CBS Radio station or a Beasley station, or Hubbard station, or Greater Media station or Emmis station, all the interactivity will pop up on day one.

RW: About the interactivity on the display. Those stations are poised to make money off enhanced ads, right? Smulyan: Right, and that will be starting. We know it's going to take a little while to ramp that up. But the capability's there now. If you're WTOP in Washington

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and you sell McDonald's an interactive ad, people can download the coupon when they buy the phone.

RW: That's cool.

Smulyan: That's my motto for this — "cool and free." ... When people see this app, they say, "That's cool. That shows me radio in whole new way." The second part is, it's free. Not only does it consume a third of the power consumption of streaming, we have no data charges. Every time I stream audio, I pay money to buy bandwidth. And my audience pays money to buy bandwidth. They're starting to understand that bandwidth has caps. And when they go over caps, it costs them more money. That's why we think this is so important.

RW: As cars come on the lots with bigscreen infotainment systems, how will this look on the display? Will it look like what Pandora and other streamers are doing?

Smulyan: Absolutely. Even cooler. And remember, all of this was done with the suggestion of Kevin Gage [NAB executive vice president and chief technology officer] several years ago, who said we have got to compete in the auto of the future and the smartphone of the future with an interactive display. Now, we were the ones who happened to build it. We put our hand up and said, "We'll build that." That's really key.

RW: So radio's going to look better in the dash or in your handheld smartphone. You're going to bring back the cool factor. And now you're charged with getting as many stations as possible on board?

Smulyan: Right. We want to get every radio broadcaster in America. Remember, the key to the NextRadio system is it is agnostic. It favors no station. Every station in America is displayed. And how they're displayed is up to them.

We're making sure that their logo, their station graphics are totally free. All they have to do is download their logo.

We hope they'll do interactivity as well. When people turn on the radio, we want them to see all the stations, all their logos, all their slogans, all their



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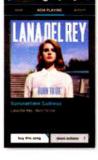
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Examples of a station's presence in the NextRadio app depending on their level of integration with TagStation or similar service:









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formats. That requires no expense by a broadcaster. We hope every broadcaster will want to do interactivity, but even ... if you don't do anything, your frequency and your call letters will show up; but the screen will be blank. We're saying, "Let's not leave a blank screen for our listeners."

RW: Are you talking with Sprint about special promotions for the fourth quarter?

Smulyan: We're working on all sorts of things. The answer is "yes" to any question you ask about talking to Sprint.

RW: Circling back to the money, how much has each station pledged?

Smulyan: We did a formula based on everybody's revenue and what was a fair share. Without getting into each company, of the 70 radio groups participating, they're participating as to their fair share based on their industry revenues. Of the largest 75 radio groups, I believe we have 70 committed to this project.

RW: And the Sprint deal was \$15 million in advertising inventory a year for three years in exchange for Sprint putting the FM app in at least 30 million phones?

Smulyan: Yes, and we believe that after three years - we don't plan to pay anymore. We believe that this will be such an important part of the ecosystem that everybody will be clamoring to have this.

RW: You're thinking the feature will become so popular that Sprint will put FM in more models and other carriers will want to do this, too.

Smulyan: Right.

RW: Is that because Sprint shares in the revenue along with the station when someone downloads a coupon or takes some other type of action?

Smulyan: Right. They're 30 percent of the enhanced ads. That's because we've got to go back through their architecture. To download a coupon, you've go through their architecture.

RW: Emmis gets some of that too, right? **Smulyan:** Emmis is managing — we get a fee for managing all the traffic of all of the enhanced ads - just the enhanced ads.

RW: As opposed to the plain ads.

Smulyan: If you run just your regular ad, that's 100 percent the station's money... Sprint doesn't get anything. Emmis doesn't get anything.

Let's assume you sell an ad campaign to McDonald's for Egg McMuffins, [the] same campaign you've been selling to McDonald's for 50 years. That just stays

on the station, we just hope more people see it and listen to it because they have a cellphone in their hand.

But if you sell an additional coupon to McDonald's that downloads when people hear the ad and see the ad, that goes through Sprint backchannel. And by the way, you ought to be able to charge a lot more for that enhanced ad than you would for a normal audio ad. That is where Sprint gets 30 percent and we will manage it.

RW: The backchannel is when Sprint sends the listener something in response to an action the listener has taken, like downloading a coupon.

Smulyan: Yes. On that phone when it downloads to the listener, and that coupon comes up and you take that coupon to McDonald's and redeem it. The backchannel gives our one-way medium two-way capability.

RW: So you're doing FM analog. What about HD Radio?

Smulyan: We're hopeful that's coming - one step at a time. [IBiquity President/CEO| Bob Struble and I are brothers in arms on this whole process. We think that, ultimately we can do more with data and rich audio and video through HD, but we have to take the first step with analog.

RW: Are you talking to Sprint about that?

Smulyan: Just peripherally.

RW: Is there anything else I should know?

Smulyan: Just remember: Free and cool.

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NEWSROUNDUP

APPLE: The anticipated Apple iTunes Radio was to launch Sept. 18 as part of the new, updated iOS7, as part of a revision to iTunes and on two new iPhone5 models. iOS7 comes on the iPhone 5c and iPhone 5s, and it is a free software update for iPhone 4 and higher, iPad 2 and later, and iPad mini and iPod touch (fifth generation).

NAB HQ: Citing the need to be closer to Capitol Hill and the FCC, NAB wants to move its headquarters to Southwest Washington. Moving to the Capitol Hill/ Capitol Riverfront area would make it easier for policymakers and regulators to get to NAB, and will allow organization to better showcase broadcast innovation, according to NAB President/CEO Gordon Smith, who pressed for the move. NAB has been in its current location in Northwest Washington since 1947.

FCC REFORM: By a 415-0 vote, the House passed and sent to the Senate the first of two FCC reform bills. The FCC Consolidated Reporting Act is sponsored by Louisiana Democrat Rep. Steve Scalise, Oregon Republican and Communications and Technology Subcommittee Chairman Greg Walden and California Democrat and Ranking Member Anna Eshoo. The measure consolidates eight reports required by Congress on the industries regulated by the commission into one biennial report.









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REVENUE/ROYALTIES: Clear Channel Media & Entertainment and Warner Music Group came to an agreement about music royalties and revenues. WMG is one of the top three music labels. The companies say their partnership will allow WMG to share in revenue from all Clear Channel platforms while gaining promotional opportunities across its multi-platform assets. Entercom President/CEO David Field called it "an important step forward in establishing a new business model that aligns the interests of artists, labels, consumers and broadcast radio." MusicFirst Coalition, a group backed by major labels, said that while it applauded an arrangement that allows more artists to share revenue, "these deals are no substitute for a real, industry-wide AM/FM performance right."

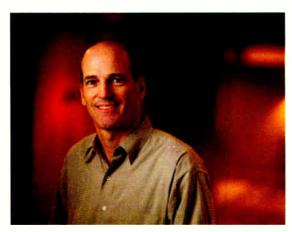
REVENUE/ROYALTIES II: Greater Media signed a revenue/royalty deal with Big Machine Label Group, the broadcaster's first such agreement with a label. In the multi-year arrangement, Big Machine agreed to allow digital simulcasts of the over-theair signals by Greater Media to scale affordably to support growth of the company's digital platform. Greater Media will share a percentage of its on-air revenues from the airplay of Big Machine's recorded music on terrestrial platforms.

AES67: The Audio Engineering Society published AES67, an effort that has been watched closely

by participants in the audio over IP and broadcast networking worlds. Work has been ongoing under the name "AES-X192." The document aims to provide "comprehensive interoperability recommendations in the areas of synchronization, media clock identification, network transport, encoding and streaming, session description and connection management," according to the abstract.

PANDORA: The Pandora board named Brian McAndrews as its chief executive officer, president and chairman. He replaced Joe Kennedy, who'd said in March he wanted to retire. The board wanted a candidate who could build on Pandora's position in Internet audio and accelerate its growing advertising business. McAndrews in 1999 took over Avenue A, a small digital agency in Seattle, and built it into digital marketing company aQuantive, subsequently acquired by Microsoft. He joined Madrona as an investing partner in 2009, focusing on early-stage technology companies.

TRAFFIC: Livio developed an "FM Traffic Button" for new cars that founder and CEO Jake Sigal predicts could be in vehicles next year. The button provides traffic reports from Clear Channel's Total Traffic Network every few minutes. The system is enabled by software code added to an embedded app on the in-dash infotainment system and accessed by a touch-screen button on the display. No smartphone is required. Livio would write software tailored for a specific automaker to implement and has applied for a patent for its system.



Brian McAndrews

FM TRANSLATORS: The FCC opened a filing window for some "singleton" FM translator applications pending from Auction 83. The window for construction permit applications for 104 applications closes Oct. 9. The move is another attempt by the Media Bureau to process pending translator applications from Auction 83 before the FCC opens a window for low-power FM applications in October.

WESTWOODONE: Dial Global has become WestwoodOne. The program syndicator was expected to revive its former, iconic name. Dial Global's acquisition by Cumulus Media is expected to close by year-end.



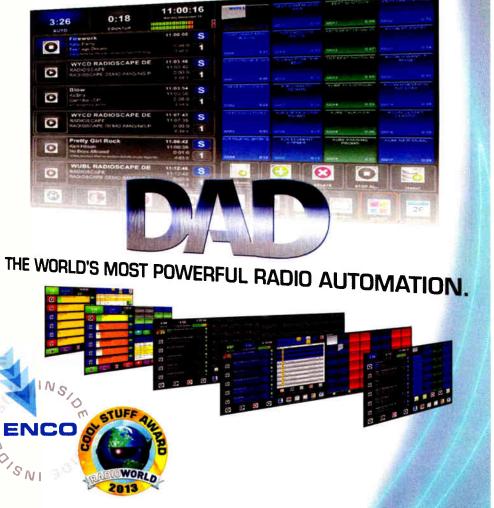
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Your Tower May Be in the Crosshairs

Autumn brings hunting season, rust and other problems for your stick

WORKBENCH

by John Bisset

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Our broadcast towers often are built in remote places, and autumn brings a special kind of vandal to such sites, one who is armed and thinks your tower, tower light and coax line are fair game.

Shooting damage can be a nuisance or it can be catastrophic. Such incidents also pose a threat to an engineer.

"No Hunting" signs are respected by responsible hunters, and you should use them. But what about after damage has occurred? Unless a bullet pierced your transmission line or antenna and caused an immediate, dramatic leak in air pressure (or worse), you may not even know your facility has been hit.

That's why a quarterly, even yearly, inspection by a rigger is so important. Yes, it's expensive. Treat it like insurance: What problems will the rigger find that could have escalated into a terrible disaster?

Fig. I gives us an example. This "guy with a rifle" (I won't honor him with the title of hunter) had amazing aim. But pity the tower rigger whose line is clamped to the tower and who snapped the photo. This kind of damage is scary!

In addition to the hole through the tower leg, your tower inspector can find



coax nicks or holes, broken support straps or hangers, and cracked or broken tower light lenses. As this engineer did, make sure the climber brings along a camera. Documentation of this sort opens the door for a great discussion

with your GM (not to mention giving

you great visuals to share with fellow engineers in a future *Workbench* column — anonymity is assured).

The tower climber may also find things that need attention, such as the rusted line clamps seen in Fig. 2. It's easy to see from the pictures that this tower needs some help. But help costs money, and as long as the station is on the air, such problems may be set aside by upper management.

Pictures also serve to protect you, the engineer, against false claims that you're "not doing your job." In today's climate of lawsuits, take the time to type up the findings, submit them to the GM or owner, and keep a copy.

Your tower inspection should not only include the tower but the guys and anchor points. Visit the anchor points, walking the site with the rigger, asking for his professional opinion of things that could be improved or upgraded. With many stations preparing budgets this time of year, a new coat of paint on the tower may trump new sales computers!



Fig. 2: Tower inspections can also uncover things like rusted cable clamps.

Paul Sagi, an engineer in Malaysia and longtime Workbench contributor, wonders how many engineers are still using Ampex open-reel tape machines. In today's digital age, my guess is not many. However, I have visited stations where the production room holds at least one vintage reel-to-reel, just in case.

Paul has some experience repairing these machines, and offers a tip to readers. Remember the venerable Ampex 600B reel-to-reel? Great machines, but after years of use, the clutches sometimes seize up. The cause is the clutchbearing grease hardening.

Ampex used eddy current clutches in these machines; the service manual warns that the machines need special jigs/fixtures, and can't be repaired in the field. At issue is a 1/10,000-to-1/20,000-inch clearance rotor-to-stator.

Paul dismantled the clutches any-(continued on page 14)



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way, including the bearing dust covers, used solvent to remove the old grease from the bearings, added fresh lithium grease and reassembled. Sure enough, there was no clearance. The rotors were frozen.

As he thought about the problem, Paul realized the magnetic field inside the clutch would be symmetric and centered. The small gap inside the clutch would present an intense field, and thus the field would exert a strong force on the rotor to self-center it.

Paul's procedure is to assemble the clutch but leave the screws a bit loose, so the clutch parts have a little freedom to move. Then apply the usual 110 VDC supply to the clutch coil, which will align the clutch. You may prod the sections a bit with your fingers, in case you have the screws a little too tight. Now, confirm free rotation, and gradually tighten the screws, all the time confirming free rotation. Remove the voltage source, and confirm free rotation; and you're done.

No jigs or fixtures; and the process does not take long. You can figure five minutes alignment per clutch.

It's odd that the engineers at Ampex never thought of using the magnetic field of the clutch coil to self-align

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PEOPLENEWS

Barry Thomas is now director of engineering for the Wilks Broadcast Group.

Greg Coons, an agent in the FCC's Denver field office, has been promoted to resident agent to be based in Norfolk, Va.

Josh Jackson has been named to the newly-created position of vice president of content for WBGO Jazz 88.3 FM in Newark, N.J.

Christopher Thomas has joined Pesa as executive vice president of engineering and chief technical officer.



Dan Halyburton

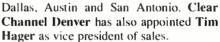
Tim Hager

NPR President and CEO Gary E. Knell left this fall to become president and CEO of the National Geographic Society. Paul G. Haaga Jr. was named acting president/CEO; he is former vice chair and chair of the Finance Committee.

Dan Halyburton has made an investment in Falls Media LLC. The former president of RadioTime (now TuneIn) joins

the company as vice president. Greg Strassell has been named Clear Channel Media and Entertainment's senior vice president of programming. In other Clear Channel news, Mar-





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Greg Strassel



The AES Educational Foundation has announced the recipients of the 2013 AES Educational Grants for Graduate Studies in Audio Engineering. Harman International is providing two new grants to support graduate education in audio. These have been awarded to Brecht De Man and Kai Siedenburg. Kathleen Gray has been named the recipient of the Emil Torick Scholar distinction. The John

had hired Kevin Klose as acting

director of Radio Free Europe/

Radio Liberty in January, He's

now been appointed its presi-

dent and CEO. The BBG offered Klose a multiyear contract, to be

reviewed annually.

Eargle Award is presented to Elizabeth Marston. Repeat awards were granted to Areti Andreopoulou and Ross Penniman. Other awards were offered to Javed Hamza and Rebecca Vos. Kevin Fallis. Charles Holbrow and Marlene Mathews have also been offered awards.

Media rep firm Katz Radio Group has a new chief executive officer, Mark Rosenthal.

"The Financial Exchange



Kim Carrigan and Barry Armstrong

With Barry Armstrong," Boston's only daily business news show, on WRKO(AM) 680, has added Kim Carrigan, a Bostonian television news anchor, as co-host. The show has been renamed "The Financial Exchange with Barry Armstrong and Kim Carrigan."

NABEF and Sutter have tapped industry experts to serve as associate deans of the program. They are Trila Bumstead, owner, Ohana Media Group; Anita Stephens-Graham, co-founder and managing director, Graham and Associates; Marc Jaromin, president, Mojo Brands Media; DuJuan McCoy, president and CEO, Bayou City Broadcasting; and Jeanette Tully, CEO, Aloha Station Trust.



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AES Swings Back East: New Tech, New Talks



BY ALAN PETERSON

East Coast broadcasters and audio professionals, take note: The AES is making its biennial visit back to New York next month.

The 135th Audio Engineering Society Convention, Oct. 17-20, marks a return to the Jacob K. Javits Center in New York City. It's a gathering for audio pros in all disciplines — motion picture production, music recording. live sound, audio research and engineering - in one of America's great cities. And there will be plenty for radio broadcasters to get interested and excited about.

Familiar and notable figures from the radio industry will address concerns relevant to the modern broadcaster, including disaster preparation, the future of remote broadcasting and the unexpected and perhaps unsettling question, "Is the MP3 obsolete?"

And of course, there's that convention hall full of all the cool new equip-

NEW PRODUCTS

The roster of manufacturers and exhibitors will no doubt change between now and October, but an early peek reveals some amazing new products.

Izotope first hit the streets more than a decade ago, with a free vinvl simulator. This year, the company is rolling out RX 3 Advanced, described by Jay LeBoeuf,



The RX 2 Audio Repair Kit. Izotope will be rolling out its successor, the RX 3,



Processing power found in a small stomp box: The Eventide H9.

Tascam DR-60D Solid-State Recorder

strategic technical director of Izotope, as a "Complete Audio Repair" kit.

"The DeReverb module reduces room echo," he told RW, "and it works as a plug-in or as a standalone audio editor. You can do all your cleanup right inside the program." LeBoeuf says the product is suitable for audio engineers, podcasters and broadcasters.

Tascam cassette and DAT decks have been inside radio studios for years. This fall, the company is helping get people out of the studio, with the debut of the DR60D, a solid-state four-track linear field recorder, primarily meant to pair with a DSLR video camera. But with an internal mixer, limiter and phantom power, the DR60D can well be used for radio press conference recording and roundtable discussions with up to four

No one can deny the versatility of using smartphone devices as audio recorders. Tascam addressed that as well with the debut of the iM2X stereo mic for the iPhone 4S. According to Marketing Manager Garyn Jones, "It uses the same high-quality condenser mics as on our DR-40 recorder, and it has its own A/D converter, bypassing the mic electronics of the iPhone."

Eventide, maker of the legendary Harmonizer line, is preparing for the release of the H9 "stomp box" processor. While rackmount gear is more

familiar to radio production people, the H9 packs the punch of five other Eventide processors into one box, and can be controlled remotely via MIDI or iOS Bluetooth. And of course, it features the big Eventide Knob we all like to spin.

For broadcasters, much of the equipment on display is too studio-oriented but not all of it. Microphones will be well-represented by Audio-Technica, AEA, Cloud, Earthworks, MXL and Neumann, among others; and radio favorite Sound Ideas is on the list, bringing in its huge collection of sound effects and the Mix Music Library.

SESSIDNS

Workshops, panel presentations and white papers are for when it's time to step back from the toys and actually get some work done. This year, many scheduled sessions are well worth your attention, some with familiar hosts.

The disaster known as Superstorm Sandy left behind a lot of damaged property and, as many readers will attest, a lot of stations were knocked off the air in New York and New Jersey. If that happened where you were located, would you know how to stay on the air and survive the ordeal? If not, you need to be in session B7: "Broadcasting During a Disaster." Friday, Oct. 18, 12:30-2 p.m.

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This session will be chaired by Glynn Walden, senior vice president of engineering for CBS Radio. He'll be joined by Thomas R. Ray III, now president of Tom Ray Broadcast Consulting, who can provide commentary and describe his own experiences with Sandy. He was director of engineering for Buckley Broadcasting in New York at the time Sandy struck, and recounted his adventures in the article "Riding Out Hurricane Sandy," Radio World, Dec. 5, 2012.

"Stations in New Jersey were underwater," he told Radio World. "At WOR(AM), we were off the air because we had no phones, no Internet, no cable TV."

The best way to stay on the air is to anticipate what can go wrong, with experience as one's guide.

"Take a look and see what your vulnerabilities are. You have to think things through, and fast," Ray said. "You have to determine the best and fastest method to get back on the air.

"For personnel at the transmitter site, you need to have food, water and a cot or a sleeping bag. You need more than one day of fuel for the generator. And if you don't have a generator, maybe it's time to get one."



Tom Ray here looks ready for anything, and he's a panelist for 'Broadcasting During a Disaster.'

Walden and Ray will be joined by Rob Bertrand of CBS, Howard Price of ABC/Disney and Richard Ross from WADO/Univision.

Big names from big companies like Orban, NPR, Fraunhofer and CBS New York are coming together to discuss the question, "Is it Time to Retire the

FEATURES MP3 Protocol for Streaming?" — a late

afternoon session on Thursday, Oct. 17, starting at 5:30 pm. Among presenters is Greg Shay, chief science officer of the Telos Alliance.

"I don't think it's time that it goes away," Shay stressed, "but there are additional possibilities opening up. When ISDN was the only thing we had, then



Greg Shay of the Telos Alliance will participate in the session 'Is it Time to Retire the MP3 Protocol for Streaming?'



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[MP3] was the only thing you could do. Higher speed networks are becoming available, and you have more options."

Numerous factors are at play today, prime among them the cost of hardware vs. cost of bandwidth, and listener expectation as to what is acceptable audio. "Network bandwidth is not a limiting factor anymore," he said. "You can do things all the way out to linear."

Up-to-date listings of exhibitors and presenters can be found at the Audio Engineering Society web page www. aes.org along with registration details.

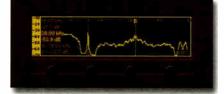
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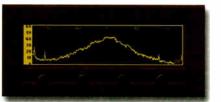






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WKMH(FM)'S NEW ANTENNA IS A TEAM EFFORT

WKMH(FM), owned by Spirit Broadcasting Group, recently installed a Shively Log Periodic Directional FM Antenna as part of an RF improvement project managed by dealer/integrator SCMS.

SCMS supplied the antenna, Harris 5 kW transmitter and Valmont 450foot tower. The company's construction division, which has licensed contractor credentials, obtained local zoning, building permits and approvals for the installation of the tower. Tower Guys of Matthews, N.C., was the subcontractor handling erection of the tower.

The station airs at 88.7 MHz. Its licensed transmitter power of 4 kW produces a vertical effective radiated power of 51 kW; it serves Saluda, North Augusta and Aiken, S.C., as well as Augusta, Ga. Jeff Sigmon is chief operator.

Bob Cauthen, president of SCMS, told Radio World that Spirit Broadcasting

More Who's Buying What:

KTWN(FM) in Minneapolis deployed Wheatstone's baseband192 interface, creating a digital link between processing and transmission: an "alldigital" air chain. The station, owned by Northern Lights Broadcasting, went on the air with an AirAura X3 audio processor in July. The engineering manager is Rob Goldberg, who worked with colleague Mike Oberg on the installation. The interface is available in certain Wheatstone audio processing models; it offers AES-EBU output to feed FM transmitters equipped with digital baseband input. The idea behind such systems is to eliminate the need for an analog composite interface between processing and transmission.

Indiana Public Broadcasting Stations is installing a new networking system made by Harris Broadcast. Harris Broadcast said the new system, based on a high-bandwidth fiber and IP video network, will allow the consortium of eight PBS television stations and nine NPR radio stations to share and manage content more efficiently. It quoted Roger Rhodes, executive director of IPBS, describing the project as a "Statewide HD/SD Educational Network for Hoosiers."

Harris Broadcast noted the use of baseband video and audio processing, compression and IP multicasting. Products include a Selenio media convergence platform, Intraplex IP Link 100 and 200 codecs, and Magellan NMS system.

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Group obtained four construction permits via the most recent non-com FCC window and will have a network of stations in South Carolina that will include Ft. Mill, Greenwood, Saluda and Summerville. These four stations are expected to reach a significant percentage of the state's population.

Cauthen made particular note of the



Aerial view of the WKMH(FM) Shively Log Periodic Directional FM Antenna in service.

use of a log periodic antenna. "The footprint that these stations can fit in is so small, that the antennas have to be very, very directional, and the patterns have to be designed in a manner that traditional FM antennas often cannot achieve the correct coverage. This is of course because of the crowded spectrum." For that reason, he said, log periodic antennas are being used more frequently.

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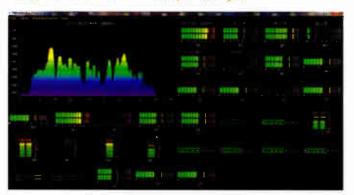
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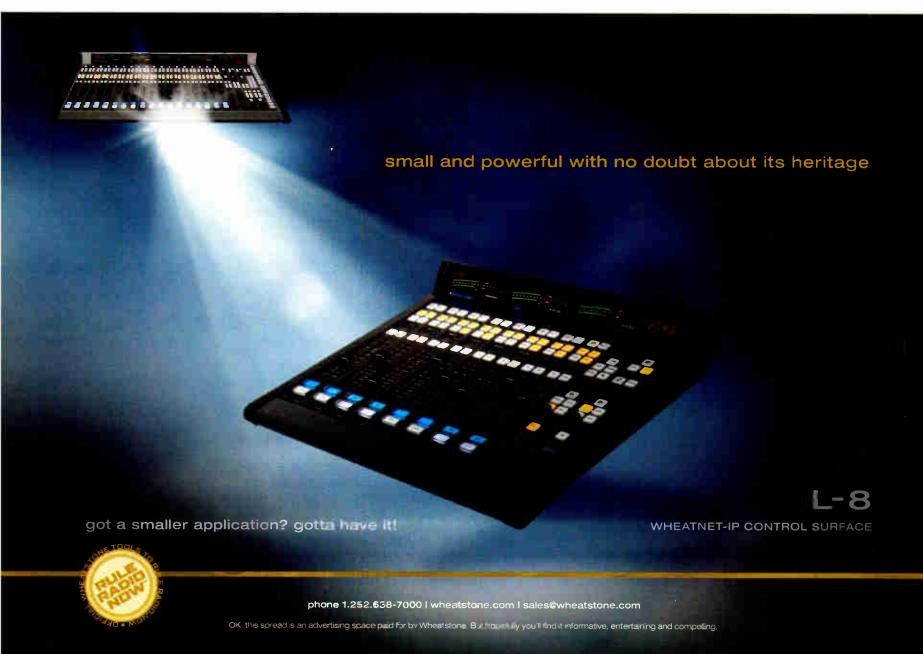
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Digital, like certain politicians, needs a reality check every now and then. As an industry, we tend to expect more out of digital than it can possibly deliver. It's easy to do because digital signal processing has been a good friend to us.

But let's be clear here. The all-digital air chain can't solve all our problems any more than our politicians can. It can't add frequencies where there aren't any and nor can it make up for crummy source material.

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M-4IP: Four Channels of Famous Wheatstone Mic Processing

Wheatstone's M-1 Mic Processor is a broadcast standard, making more voices sound the best they can, day in and day out. The new M-4IP gives you four channels of that famous processing, controllable on the WheatNet-IP Intelligent Network.

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Seven Clear Channel San Diego studios get LX-24 Consoles

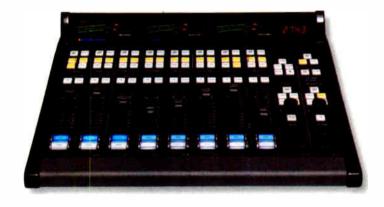
It's hard to find a broadcast engineer these days who isn't on the move.

The closest candidate is John Rigg, director of engineering

for Clear Channel in San Diego. And by move, we mean actual address move – as in, moving the studios to a new location. Otherwise, we're sure that Rigg is constantly on the move with seven stations and 40 studios under his care in one of the nation's top rated markets.

What we find unique about Rigg, besides his acute sense of humor, is that he's updating Clear Channel's broadcast facility on Granite Ridge Drive one studio at a time. More often, we find that broadcasters make sweeping routing and console changes only when they build out an entirely new facility in a new location. But not Rigg.

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Compact control surface descended from flagship LX-24...

Meet the all new L-8

There's always a small space that can benefit from having a top-of-the-line piece of gear. The L-8 is exactly that - not dumbed down in any way.

This cousin to the popular LX-24 is big in capability but scaled for news production. voiceover work and all those applications requiring a solid control surface that will deliver under deadline. The L-8 is based on all the same oesign principles as the LX-24 – a precision-built, low-profile, tabletop IP control surface that offers assignable sources to any fader and with hot-swappable individual fader modules.

Each fader provides access to four stereo busses, a stereo cue bus, and its own individual Bus-Minus. An LED source name display, an A/B source selector, and one programmable soft button are also available, and a SET button provides access to assignable controls in the master section. Snapshots of the L-8's configuration can be saved and recalled at the touch of a button, making setup for different working sessions a snap.

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Media Asset Management: Automation, Scheduling, Traffic & Billing

BSI Simian Proves Reliable for All

Feature-packed yet easy-to-use system scales for any size of station

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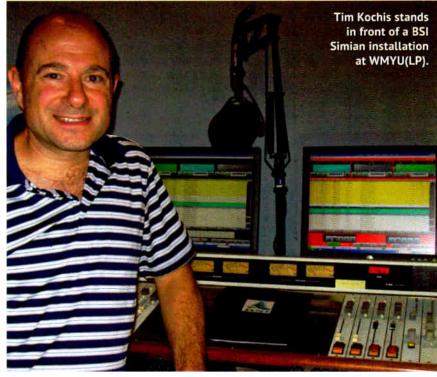
BY TIM KOCHIS Engineer and President Tim Joseph & Co.

OOLTEWAH, TENN. - When you think about the equipment we have used at radio stations over the past many years, computers have become one of the most reliable. When it comes to the radio automation software, however, that could be a challenge.

I have used a number of automation systems, and none have been as reliable and feature-packed as BSI Simian Pro. BSI designed Simian as easy-touse (and easy-to-learn). This approach designed Simian to be used for Webcast stations, small radio stations and all the way to a network operation.

COMPATIBILITY

I have had the opportunity to work with Simian on many levels, from small



mom-and-pop stations to major-market stations including radio networks with 80+ affiliates, all using Simian Pro.

On the radio network level, I have Simian Pro in either live-assist or fully automated mode doing two background records while sending metadata to the Webcast, sensing network relay closures for news and sending relay closures through the satellite uplink system. Simian can handle the most arduous tasks with ease.

As with any computer, a properly maintained and up-to-date file system keeps everybody happy. In today's broadcast studio operation, automation is the center of the operation, a key element within the system ... without a good automation system your operation will be inefficient.

Operating and programming can be done directly through Simian's onboard tools or by radio music programming and commercial log software. Simian is compatible with many radio programming and commercial log software systems on the market. Again, versatility in real-world situations is important in the ever-changing broadcast environment.

I don't just talk about Simian - I actually have two Simian systems at my radio station and both systems work reliably, giving me walk-away time without worry. When clients ask me about the reliability, I let them know I program my station using Simian, and that the system itself has been running continuously for more than three months.

Simian Pro is packed with features and programming options that are standard and practical. These include auto and live assist modes with a replace function for missing data and files, crash recovery that automatically reloads the last log and starts playing at the position in the log that it left off at, voice tracking, two record decks for live or background recording, hotkeys for the live performance, and configurable audio device pass-through volume mixing that works directly with our AudioScience card I/0.

Simian can back-time and flex-time audio to fit an exact period of time. For the webcasters, streaming metadata is easy with Simian. It will output song and title data directly to your streaming application via HTTP. Simian also has built-in metadata formats for popular streaming encoders - including Windows Media Encoder, Icecast, Shoutcast SimpleCast, Live365 and Optimod PC.

Another great addition, the Simian Gateway system allows users to log into Simian Pro utilizing a TCP/IP portal, giving you the ability to create and insert voice tracks remotely using Simian's voice track utility. The voice track editor can download intro and segue cuts that the Simian Gateway creates for the songs surrounding your voice track. Users can then carefully preview and set cross points for the voice track. The Simian remote clients are free; all that is required for them to connect to the studio is to purchase is the Gateway software.

OPERATION

The majority of the features found in Simian either matches or exceeds those of many more expensive systems on the market; those systems may not be as easy to use. I have built a number of radio stations, and work with my clients directly. If you have any knowledge of a computer system, you can operate Simian. I have learned this first-hand from some clients who have not spent much time behind a keyboard (let alone a radio station automation system), and with some basic training, they understand Simian within a short time.

Even though Simian can do complex operations, when programmed properly, it surprises a lot of my clients that they can walk away and let Simian run the whole operation reliably when needed.

From a cost standpoint, Simian is easy on the budget. Today, most of my clients want a system that can be amortized over a short time,

As for Simian technical support, BSI (continued on page 23)



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DIGITAL JUKEBOX DJB-II UPGRADES

Recently, the Digital JukeBox DJB-II radio automation system was updated to operate on the latest Microsoft operating systems, with a new user feature set to provide more user operational efficiency, the company says.

The DJB-II product has new onscreen graphics, split workstation operations and dual monitor multitasking operation; overall, 25 new features. Since its debut at the 2013 NAB Show, more features have been added to the operational software, such as a new production wave editor, new Vox Phone Bit editor, new bidirectional on-air to PD/MD desktop active log editor, batch importing of TM format libraries, MP2 and WAV audio file Cart Chunk metadata recognition for import and export.

In addition to the upgraded DJB-II, also new from Digital JukeBox is Button Broadcaster Pro, a software product for volunteer-based radio

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has always been responsive whenever there's a question. The tech support team is knowledgeable and helpful solving all system issues, even when they're due to operator

I recommend purchasing a turnkey system by BSI; this makes sure you are getting a system optimized for broadcast use. This also gives you a tech support package for one year.

The system comes with other great BSI products that are useful tools in the studio - WaveCart virtual cart machine, Stinger clip player and Speedy CD ripper.

Simian comes in two flavors. Simian Pro is feature-packed while Simian lite is more for a Webcaster or very small radio station. Simian Gateway is sold separately as an optional add-on while the remote client for Simian is free.

From Internet radio to a broadcast radio station to a network, I have used Simian every time and Simian performance exceeds my expectations. If this makes my clients happy, that makes my job so much easier.

For information, contact Marie Summers at BSI in Oregon at (888) 274-8721 or visit www.bsiusa.com. facilities. It provides a free-form style for live assist air studio talent; for automated segments, a built-in music scheduler is included. The product is aimed at Internet radio, noncom-

mercial, Christian, college, university, LPFM, high school and indie stations.

The company says that **Button Broadcaster Pro** can be teamed with DJB-II for a solution where the combo gives daily log structure (timed log, EAS, legal ID, ads) and also "free-form" for volun-



Button Broadcaster PRO

teer jocks. According to the company, test projects showed station managers were pleased with operations while giving personnel unprecedented freedom to play "their own

thing" (all in good taste, of course). This also allows the DJB-II audio library to remain admin protected while the **Button Broadcaster Pro** library is volunteer-managed.

For information, contact Digital JukeBox in Nevada at (702) 487-3336 ext. 1 for Sales, or visit www. digitaljukebox.com.



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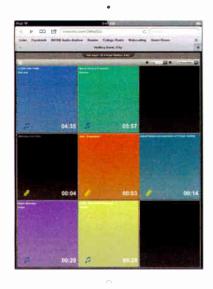
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RCS GOES MOBILE

RCS says its next generation of software applications focuses on mobile devices and tablet computing. With the mobile initiative, RCS says it puts the power of its programs in the hands of

The new mobile platforms enhance the company's multistation scheduling system, GSelector4 and the digital radio playout/automation system, Zetta.

RCS recently added Selector2Go to its mobile product line. This web-based mobile platform lets users schedule, work on logs and much more, from a smartphone or tablet.

RCS' Zetta2Go (shown) gives users hotkeys on a smartphone or a tablet, giving anyone with a device and an Internet connection a way to do a better show — from anywhere, the company says.

From programming to sales, to traffic to news to automation, RCS says it offers everything needed to build a radio station, a cluster or a network of stations.

For information, contact RCS in New York at (914) 428-4600 or visit www.rcsworks.com.

NETIA ADDS FEATURES IN 8.2

Netia unveiled version 8.2 of the Radio-Assist digital audio software suite at the IBC2013 show. The company says that this release of its flagship software features powerful enhancements.

Among them is the availability of the software suite's editing tools on iOS devices. Sharing the look and ergonomic principles characterizing the Snippet desktop interface, the new iPhoneand iPad-compatible iSnippet tool allows field reporters and other remote users to use Radio-Assist's audio edit-



ing capabilities — familiar from the desktop — on their portable devices.

In a second enhancement to Radio-Assist, Netia has added a teleprompter module (shown) that gives presenters and journalists visual access to news scripts, which scroll continuously down the presenter's screen and are linked to the playout system in the studio. Customizable features such as text size, color selection, automatic speed control that adapts to reading speed and read length may be configured in user profiles that are tailored to presenter preferences.

Netia says tools such as the iSnippet and the teleprompter module demonstrate its commitment to supporting efficient, intuitive broadcast workflows.

For information, contact Netia in New Jersey at (888) 207-2480 or visit www. netia.com.



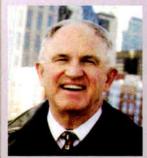
"We've been utilizing Smarts automation since 1991 and now we are on our third generation. I'm still like a kid in a candy store with all your digital automation system can do."

Joe Jindra, KNCK-AM & FM, Concordia, KS

"We run multiple pro and college games. We have closure on top of closure on top of closure. I walk away on a Friday, and I know when I come back on Monday, it will all have played perfectly."

- Kathy Lepak, KMFY FM & KOZY AM, Grand Rapids, MN





"John Schad and I have worked together for 25 years. Smarts has grown and kept up with the technologies as it was important to our size markets. We've gotten excellent service and support, and I appreciate that."

- Bud Walters, The Cromwell Group, Nashville, TN

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MARKETRON DEVELOPS NEW **PAYMENT OPTIONS**

Broadcast business software developer Marketron says that nontraditional revenue historically has been difficult to maintain and

record via electronic invoices, due to archaic agency software, systematic change across the radio industry and today's workflow.

To help broadcasters avoid these difficulties and save time and money, Marketron is partnering with large agencies such as STRATA to provide compatibility for 4A+NTR invoices. Those invoices include

complete NTR detail such as direct advertiser workflow and agency options available in multiple

formats.

Through the Marketron Advertiser Portal, users can obtain a Advertiser Portal, universal view of all invoices across

groups so agencies and direct advertisers may view invoices. The portal is self-managed by its users, and gives them access to account history, previous invoices and current balance on an on-demand basis.

Marketron has enhanced its Advertiser Portal and payment system with its newest service, PayNow, a paperless solution that accepts credit cards,

e-checks/ACH and GSA Smart Pay.

The company says that benefits of this system include reduced workload for collection efforts on sales staff and station resources, convenience for advertisers during the payment process and reduced days sales outstanding.

It adds that PayNow features a preferred partnership with Chase Paymentech that includes month-tomonth contracts, complimentary statement analysis, no-hassle integration and setup and award winning reporting and fraud tools. The free virtual terminal features recurring billing and profile management to store customer data.

For information, contact Marketron at (800) 476-7226 or visit www.marketron.com.

MUSIC 1 ADDS **AUDITION MODULE**

The Music 1 Windows-native music scheduling software has added an audition play to allow users to hear any song within Music 1.

The company says that Music 1 can schedule everything: including jingles, liners, links, voice tracks, long-form programs and automation system commands. The non-music scheduling functions are incorporated into M1. The traffic and billing module Traffecta is included.



Music 1 is networkable and portable. Music and program directors can install it on their laptops (no additional fee) and can take it with them on the road, do their scheduling from anywhere and then email or FTP the automation playlists back to the station.

A single install of M1 is capable of scheduling any number of stations, channels or streams from the one computer, the company says and it has built-in interfaces for most widely used automation systems.

Music 1 says it also sells and support Music 1 SE, a lower-cost scheduling software for Internet radio. SE is based on the source code of the full Version 7 with some scaled-down functionality; the company says this provides webcasters with an advanced and efficient scheduling tool that meets their needs at an affordable, buyout price.

SE is an option for broadcasters' HD channels or standalone webstreaming stations.

For information, contact Music 1 in Texas at (512) 392-2415 or visit www.music1.pro.





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WIOE Likes Its Digilink-HD Experience

LPFM that teaches broadcast students needs a system that is easy to operate

USERREPORT

BY BRIAN WALSH President/Manager WIOE(FM)

WARSAW, IND. — I purchased my first Arrakis Systems Digilink automation system back in 1995.

I've installed other automation systems over the years, but I always remembered how reliable and user-friendly Digilink was, so in 2002 I decided that for the students broadcasting on WIOE(FM), Digilink Extreme was the way to go. In 2013 WIOE upgraded to Digilink-HD.

WIOE, Oldies 98.3FM is a nonprofit LPFM run by Blessed Beginnings Broadcasting of Warsaw, Ind. We work with the mass communications program of Warsaw Community Schools, so, as you can imagine, WIOE needs a system that is easy to learn, easy-to-operate and reliable.

The reliability and ease of Digilink-HD make broadcasting as much fun as the oldies music we play. When I learned of the Digilink-HD they were developing, I contacted Ben Palmer at Arrakis to learn more. The new system features remind me of other automation systems I worked with, but not as expensive.

Installation was simple. Transition from Extreme to DHD was easy since all of WIOE's files were in the correct Arrakis format already. The Digilink Extreme audio and control bridge was removed and the new replacement DHD audio and control bridge installed easily. It was a simple as unplugging the Molex



Arrakis Digilink-HD in WOIE's Studio A

connectors from one Arrakis bridge and plugging into another.

The first thing all of us at WIOE noticed was the sound - unbelievable audio quality. I have had staff and peers in the industry comment favorably about how the "new" Oldies 98.3FM, WIOE sounds.

WIOE has a large programming staff. DHD provides each member with their own customized "Hot Key" page. Everybody on air loves this new DHD feature. Our studio computer monitors are touchscreens and navigating Digilink-HD has proven simple and touchscreen-friendly.

DHD features a new program called DHD Tools. This can be operated on the main Digilink-HD automation computer

studio time to complete needed tasks. Now we can do everything from our office or another WIOE studio, networked together and not having to share studio time.

Remotes such as high school sports broadcasts are a breeze with Digilink-HD. The Game Player feature on Digilink-HD is improved over Extreme. Our high school student sports broadcasters learned the DHD Game Player quickly and without any mistakes on the air, where it counts.

Customer support with Arrakis has been outstanding. Support often consisted of a few emails between the Digilink-HD support team and me. Not even a phone call has been needed six months later.

As with any new automation system or equipment, the WIOE staff had to adjust with DHD. Staff issues are the small font in the Digilink-HD Library area and the removal of the software channel level audio faders. Ben tells me those soft faders will return soon in a software revision. Thank you, Ben!

But overall, I have to say that for the investment you can't go wrong with Digilink-HD. This is a powerful, feature-packed software and computer package for the money.

For information, contact Ben Palmer at Arrakis Systems in Colorado at (970) 461-0730 or visit www. arrakis-systems.com.

Before DHD Tools we had to all "share" **PTECHUPDATE**

or on a separate computer inside anoth-

er WIOE studio. DHD Tools is where

the daily schedule is edited, production,

including voice tracking is done and

WIOE library maintenance performed.

BE AUDIOVAULT FLEX UPDATES TO 10.30

Broadcast Electronics' AudioVault FleX has been updated to version 10.30. With this update comes a significant new set of features, according to the company.

These include new Squeeze and Stretch controls to keep broadcasters on schedule. In addition there are new pitch controls allowing stations to change pitch nondestructively on single tracks or entire categories.

AV FleX comes with a new set of productions tools. Users familiar with AudioVault's AVRPS screen can now find these tools enhanced and available as a widget in the FleX interface and with a modern look and feel. New production tools also include Quick Prod Editor, for quickly modifying cuts before air, a new CD Ripper, Cart Builder, and an Inventory Editor that allows the user to modify any bit of metadata directly in the interface.

In addition, AV FleX has internationalized its user interfaces, adding immediate support for more languages and making it easier to support additional languages in the future.

A new version of AudioVault's AV Import utility allows for automated importing of audio from external sources on the Web, FTP and elsewhere.

Finally, BE says AV FleX provides a full-service customizable studio tool with new gadgets and color options.

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LATEST IDC STAR PRO AUDIO PROVIDES LOCALIZED AD INSERTION

According to International Datacasting, the second generation of the Star Pro Audio satellite receiver solution opens up new revenuegenerating opportunities for radio networks with localized ad insertion. The new platform also enables time-shifting functionality, allowing broadcasters to play the right content at the



desired time. Broadcasters can adjust for time zones and rapidly adapt to conflicting live programming schedules, the company says.

In addition to increasing ad revenues and improving flexibility, the Star Pro Audio Solution significantly lowers per-channel costs through shared hub support. Additionally, it uses up to 70 percent less bandwidth when compared to competitive solutions.

The Star Pro Audio Solution includes a copy split capability that allows operators to send select ads to specific regions or specific receivers. Stored audio files can be inserted into live or recorded programming. Cost savings are realized through shared hub support, which enables multiple radio networks to share one four-channel receiver instead of having each network deploy its own standalone, single-channel receiver. Additionally, the Star Pro Audio Solution requires just 120 kHz space segment for stereo, as opposed to 440 kHz for competitive systems, resulting in further cost savings.

For information, contact International Datacasting Corp. in Ontario at (613) 596-4120 or visit www.datacast.com.

DRS 2006 DEBUTS VERSION 4

DRS Systemtechnik has released Version 4 of its software.

The company says the DRS 2006 Software Package is a complete radio automation system that lets users turn a PC into a radio station without expensive hardware.

It says that there is no need to buy two or more sound cards or hardware mixers to get the mixing and production tools needed to create a professional radio program. The company says the system was developed by radio people for radio people; but because the automation software is economical and has only a few system requirements, it has also found use in nightclubs, restaurants, bars and supermarkets; and webcasters use the software to entertain audiences via streaming across the Internet.

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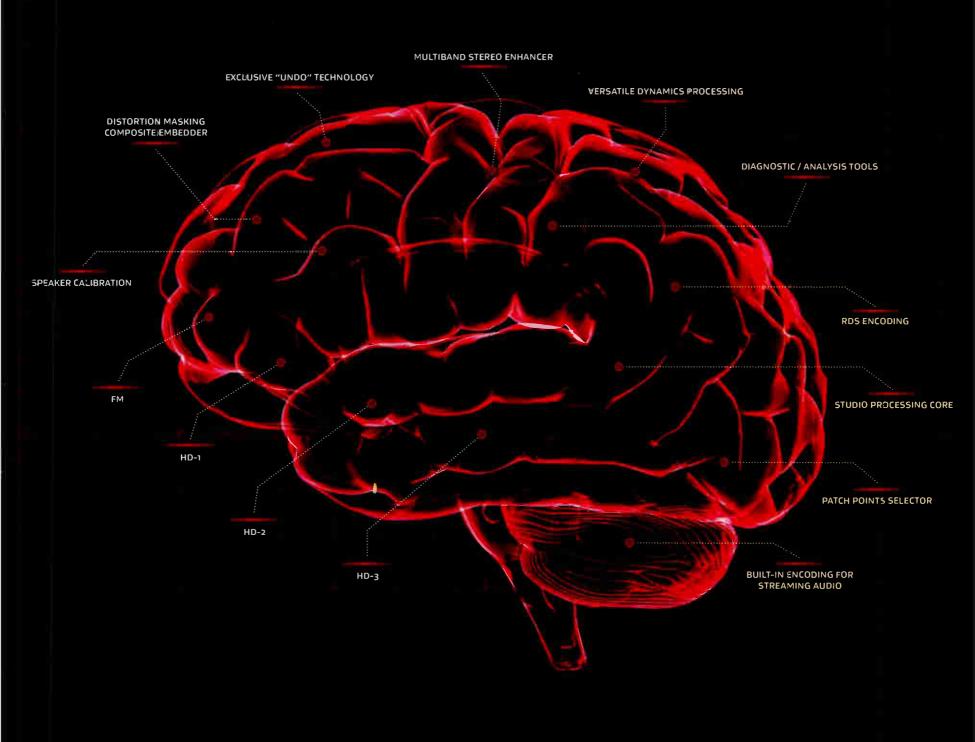
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Capitol Gains Efficiency With Efficio

Radio and TV sales teams, multiple traffic systems, different locations united

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BY NIEL SOLLOD
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WRAZ(TV)
Capitol Broadcasting Co.

RALEIGH, N.C. — Capitol Broadcasting Co. is a forward-thinking, technology-driven, locally-owned and operated television and radio broadcaster in North Carolina. CBC is well-respected in the industry as a technology leader, with many firsts and numerous national awards

When it came to providing CBC's radio and TV sales teams with technology to manage accounts and maximize client relationships, we determined that Efficio Solutions would be the best fit because they, too, were an industry leader and well-respected for their technology and forward-thinking systems for media sales.

Efficio is a Web-based media sales solution utilizing a centralized dash-board and integrated sales modules. This centralization enables stations to manage advertising clients and all sales processes, from account management, CRM and budgeting to sales activity, yield management and collections.

Each business unit within CBC works collaboratively but independently of other divisions. We wanted a way to share information, but at the same time preserve autonomy. Adding to the complexity was our utilization of different traffic systems in our radio and TV stations, and a Web product that was sold by all the divisions. The goal was to help integrate sales analytics, provide salespeople with relevant data, and provide reporting up the chain for a global view of how we were doing with key accounts as a whole across all business units. I was on the committee to select the vendor for this task.

After doing our research, it became apparent to our team that there were few, if any, products that offered the ability to bring this data together in one centralized location and link our sales



teams with reports in one analytics tool. We interviewed several companies and ultimately Capitol Broadcasting decided to hire Efficio solutions. Efficio was tasked with bringing together everything in one database to help leverage our sales data to outperform the competition. With Efficio's Customer Relationship Management tool, we were able to use an all-inone solution with our multiple traffic systems across multiple platforms.

Among its many useful features, Efficio's Corporate Rollup view allows senior management to see data from a top-down view. This saves time

for managers, by eliminating the need to pull multiple reports. Efficio helps account executives be more effective, capturing their activities and tracking opportunities which gives them a desktop snapshot of their daily priorities. Via weekly one-on-one meetings, managers are able to provide better support to account executives, by going



Fox50's Local Sales Director Niel Sollod, right, conducts a one-on-one Efficio meeting with Account Executive Melissa Carney.

over their individual sales efforts in a guided fashion using Efficio as a platform for discussion and coaching. In turn, account executives are able to maximize their busy day by having all the pressing information in one place for the manager at all times. In the case of CBC, Efficio worked collaboratively with Colearn, a sales training firm, to integrate the company's sales methodology so that the sales processes were uniform and recognizable for all users.

As CBC's needs evolved, Efficio provided software and a service, by

making enhancements in the system which were tailored to changing business practices. For example, as opposed to manual importing of revenue data, Efficio was able to provide close-to-real-time auto upload synchronization with our different traffic systems at different stations. This provides more reliable information and serves to reduce wrong data from human error.

By utilizing Efficio across the company, Capitol Broadcasting has been able to find ways to collaborate internally that did not happen routinely before. For this one aspect alone, Efficio has made a profound impact on giving our sales teams a common plat-

form to work together and at the same time maximize the individual potential of our business units, managers and account executives.

For information, contact Chris Crawford, general sales manager, at Efficio Office Solutions at (877) 333-4264 ext. 2 or visit http://efficiosolutions.com.

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ENCO RELEASES LISTGEN

ENCO Systems says a new tool in the DAD automation arsenal allows users more flexibility and control when creating daily playlists from music scheduling and/or traffic and billing file outputs.

As of ENCO's 13.0c software release, ListGen will be available to all new ENCO clients who purchase a DAD package; it is available as an upgrade for existing ENCO clients.

ListGen supports creating playlists from most music scheduling

suites and/or traffic and billing suites, as long as the suite can output a flat text ASCII file, the company explains. The user chooses how they'd like the playlist creation workflow to operate at their facility, puts various log notes into their output files that are translated into DAD playlist elements and ListGen takes care of the rest. A station can import a music log days, weeks or months in advance, voice track within the log, make changes, then import traffic when it's ready. ListGen handles these tasks automatically with no operator intervention, inserting and merging the new content into the existing playlist.

ListGen also works in combination with ENCO's LiveList platform, and this allows for changes to be made to a playlist in near real time even if it's loaded and in use in



an on-air studio. A user can re-export the day's music log and ListGen will scan that file, compare it to the original and change only the segments that have been updated and not touch the rest of the playlist. The same holds true for updated traffic and billing updates — a user reexports the day's log and ListGen takes care of the rest.

Additional features include automatic email notifications with error reports when a playlist is created or updated, multistation support, integration with ENCO's Gateway file distribution system for multisite scheduling and collaboration with DAD to create a complete log of the day's playout activity for reconciliation purposes.

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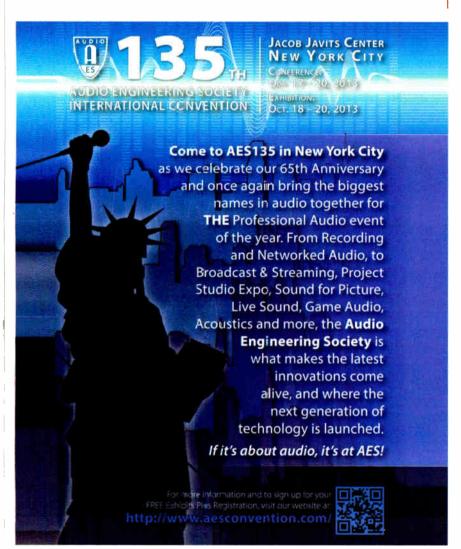
OMT Technologies says that iMediaTouch's integration to the MusicMaster Nexus Server provides radio stations with enhanced workflow automation for music scheduling and content management.

The interface features real-time interactivity between MusicMaster and iMediaTouch content

management and scheduling systems. Music scheduling changes made in MusicMaster are updated automatically in the current automation schedule; the interface also provides talent the ability to choose a perfect song match to the music rules created in MusicMaster, OMT says. Schedule reconciliation is automatic and in real-time.

Additionally, the interface provides the ability to add tracks into iMedia-Touch and automatically update these track additions in MusicMaster. Tracks can also be added into MusicMaster and a production order with metadata is automatically created in the iMediaTouch production system. The company says this interface is an important part of its vision for an integrated and interactive broadcast infrastructure.

For information, contact OMT Technologies in Manitoba at (888) 665-0501 or visit www.iMediaTouch.com.



WIDEORBIT DEBUTS FEATURES FOR INTERNET ORDERS, MOBILE AND AUTOMATION

Broadcast automation and business software developer WideOrbit says that its WO Traffic v6.8 sales, traffic and billing platform (right) has new features.

It has added mobile device support with the WO View Order Entry app for iPad and Android. This app allows sales execs to book new orders or submit order changes quickly from a mobile tablet device.

There's also a new Internet Orders Module that allows spot and digital advertising to be managed on a single system. A twoway integration with Google's



DFP platform allows Internet campaigns in WO Traffic to flow to Google's DFP Premium Internet ad server platforms, and the actual impression delivery from DFP to flow back to WO Traffic for detailed invoicing of Internet campaigns.

The latest version of WO Automation for Radio, v6.8, adds several features. Audio files can be normalized automatically with one of five algorithms during import or record; the cue-in and EOM markers can automatically be set when a new audio file is imported or recorded; voice tracks can be manually inserted into the log and the cart number is generated automatically.

In addition enhancements to the waveform editor include the ability to set begin and segue marker or make a new file from a selection of a waveform. A separate traffic log can be merged with a sports log to allow unique commercials to run during sporting events.

For the WO Mobile mobile campaign solution for sending SMS alerts, MMS videos, sweepstakes, mobile coupons has added an integration of metric-driven SMS messages with the and WO Traffic core billing system. It also now allows a station's clients to sign up for weather alerts and closing alerts (schools, businesses, etc.) that may be sponsored by advertisers, providing new opportunities for advertisers and a new revenue stream for the station, the company says.

For information, contact WideOrbit in North Carolina at (828) 252-8891 or visit www.wideorbit.com.

NEWSBOSS PLANS TWITTER CAPABILITY

NewsBoss is a newsroom system designed specifically for radio. The company says that specialized tools for newsgathering, content creation, newscast management and on-air

presentation enable the efficient and accurate delivery of the highest quality radio news content possible.

It adds that strengths of NewsBoss are its extensive features and flexible configuration, enabling it to be customized to the individual workflows of any type, including small, large, commercial and public broadcasters.

The NewsBoss Prompter on-air presentation application is designed for live newscasts.

NewsBoss is under constant development to meet the changing and challenging needs of radio news operations. Recently added features include: automatic archiving of linked audio clips, sophisticated dynamic level control adjustment in the single track audio editor, automatic drag-and-drop cut creation from the audio editor to a script, and a new "scratchpad" window, according to the company.

Currently under development and expected before the end of the year is an integrated Twitter capability, which will eliminate the need for third-party Twitter tools. NewsBoss users will have the inbuilt capabilities for the subscribing, aggregating, managing and searching of Tweets. Tweets also can be originated and retweeted totally within NewsBoss.

For information, contact NewsBoss at sales@newsboss.com or visit www.newsboss.com.

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USERREPORT

BY HOWARD JOHNSON Group Manager The Starcom Group

RAMSEY, MINN. — They laughed when I said I loved our radio traffic system from Radiotraffic.com.

I hate to admit it, but I was around in those ancient days when dialing up on your phone to AOL meant waiting forever just to check an email. They say that any technology, sufficiently advanced, appears to be indistinguishable from magic. Everybody tells you they've got the latest and greatest ... but try RadioTraffic.com side-by-side with what you're using now, and you'll see.

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Unless you're living it every day, like we are, with multiple stations in a wide range of stations from here to Africa, this could seem boring.

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Howard Johnson works with RadioTraffic.com.

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Yes, I know it worked fine in 1997,

but are you really up to speed? In a world where the competition stays up late at night thinking about how to take your money, can you afford to stand still?

It's costing you money every day you don't improve (in hours for your traffic director, and actionable information to run your company). Your traffic director will thank you when it's done.

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reports, everything at your fingertips. Anytime, anywhere and quickly.

They have fast and responsive customer service/tech support. Quick to connect and quick with answers.

I see RadioTraffic.com touts their win in 13 of 17 categories by radio traffic directors around the world. I can tell you from personal experience, their people know, not just the product, but the process of performing the traffic position. Some of the support people are former radio traffic directors. These are experienced broadcast pros who respond to your input.

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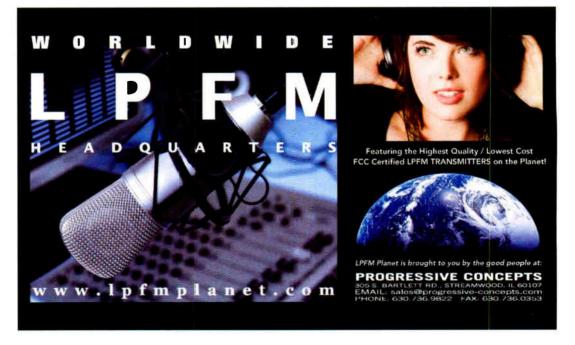
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PRODUCTS & SERVICES SHOWCASE





Multichannel Internet broadcaster benefits from extreme customization

USERREPORT

BY RUSTY HODGE General Manager SomaFM

SAN FRANCISCO — SomaFM is a multichannel Internet broadcaster, and we use OtsAV for most of our channels. A few of our music directors are Mac OSX-based and use a Mac-based playout system, but our most popular channels and the majority of our listeners are listening to OtsAV-powered broadcasts.

We've developed a workflow where we choose music from all the incoming tracks from either iTunes or Winamp, and build playlists of music there for the various music categories (e.g. high/low rotation, oldies, hot and new, etc.). Perl scripts take these playlists of MP3 files, and using the ID3v2 or vl tags, will rename the files using the Ots file name encoding format to load the metadata for the songs, copying them from the local workstation to the OtsAV playout system running in our leased datacenter space.

SCHEDULING

These basic categories are then used within the OtsAV scheduler, which is pretty amazing. This is one of the killer features of Ots. It's more of a scheduling tool set than a GUI-based scheduler, but because of this it is extremely flexible. It's a simple programming language, but is versatile. You can fit playlists into a specific time-block, and Ots is smart enough to recursively go through your music database and based on your rules, find a way to assemble a playlist that will perfectly fit a block of time.

Alternatively, you can run it in a mode where it's not time-based, but rather based on iterations of groups of songs and other audio assets. For some

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of our channels that don't run an hourly clock, we use this mode. I like that OtsAV doesn't "sound" like any of the more popular broadcast schedulers. I'm not sure what it is, but I attribute it to the flexibility of the scheduling tool and the great-sounding segues.

The other thing we love about OtsAV is the overall sound. Out of the box with no customization it sounds better than most other auto-

mation/playout systems. The process for auto-generating segue data is great and only rarely needs manual intervention (typically only when using tracks that are from continuous-mix CDs does one have to manually adjust the segues).

One "secret" of OtsAV is that it can be run easily over Remote Desktop. This works out great for remote broadcasts where we can control the system from a laptop from anywhere. In fact, many of our DJs/channel directors run their entire broadcasts remotely by connecting their laptops to our Ots systems living in a datacenter in downtown San

For doing Internet-only or terrestrial side channels, you can actual-



ly run OtsAV playout and the stream encoding software on a single box. The hardware setup we have standardized on is a Supermicro 5015A-EHF-D525 base system with 2 GB RAM, running Windows XP or Windows 7, an Orban 1101e audio processor board, Orban's OptiCodec-1010 stream encoding software (although you can optionally use the Shoutcast stream encoder). The playout, processing and encoding run on a single machine and the CPU load is rarely over 25 percent. The Supermicro systems are also very power efficient

which can add up over time in power savings.

If you're on a budget and can't afford a \$2,000 Orban audio processor board

and encoder, you can use the built-in OtsAV audio processing system, which is surprisingly good. The wideband AGC excels in the fact that the attack and release times can be set to really long times (over 100 seconds!). I've yet to run across an AGC — hardware or software — that can be that set to those slow of times. It's really brilliant at gain riding.

On some of our channels we run just the Ots internal processor with really slow attack and release on the AGC and just a little bit of compression; mostly to correct for the occasional audio that changes too fast for the AGC to react to.

It also has a graphic EQ though we don't often use it. However, in the rare case it's super handy to have it there.

There are a lot of features of OtsAV we don't use (such as the virtual "scratching," the video features), but it's nice to know that the system has that versatility.

OtsAV offers a free trial for download at its website.

For information, contact OtsAV at www.otslabs.com/email or visit www.otsav.com.

TECHUPDATE

PRISTINE KEEPS CONTROL ROOM-7 CURRENT

Pristine Systems says its Control Room-7 automation system takes advantage of advancements in multicore computer processing, the Internet and modern operating systems.

The company describes Control Room-7 as not only feature-rich, but also robust, fault-tolerant and easy to use.

For music on hard drive, the system promises flexibility in a live assist environment as well as walk-away capability at any time, Pristine says.

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ture announcement. There are 42 hotkey players with multiple groups, current temperature and conditions display, quick copy Card Viewer, continuous "Now Playing" website and RDS text.

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Why LPFM Is Good for Radio

A few reasons to celebrate as FCC filing window draws near

COMMENTARY

BY SANJAY JOLLY

This October, just a few days away, the FCC will open a filing window for non-commercial, low-power FM stations that could result in an unprecedented expansion of community radio. Since LPFM reemerged more than a decade ago, some 800 lowpower FM stations have sprung up across the coun- Sanjay Jolly at the Allied try, and that number could Media Conference in double or triple over the Detroit in June. next few years.

LPFM is good for radio. The opportunities that it presents, especially now that restrictions keeping LPFM out of large and medium cities have been lifted, should inspire radio professionals and enthusiasts to actively support its expansion.

HYPER-LOCAL

Since 1996, consolidation has transformed the radio industry. Commercial conglomerates have replaced local programming with a few formats that are identical from New York to Wichita. While current radio formats have their strengths, the sense of local identity and culture has largely been lost.

LPFM returns hyper-local radio to

the airwaves. In a rebuke to the overwhelming effect of consolidation in FM, LPFM stations are licensed only to local nonprofit organizations, and each group may apply for only one license. With a small transmitting area and relatively low barriers to startup, LPFM is a way to return the power of radio back to ordinary people. It is radio by the community and for the community.

Consider KOCZ(LP) in the Louisiana city of Opelousas.

Opelousas is home to Zydeco music, Cajun-Creole tradition beloved in southwest Louisiana for centuries. Despite being well-loved and central to Opelousas's identity, Zydeco was absent from the city's airwaves for years. Then, in 2003, a local group started KOCZ(LP), playing Zydeco along with local news, jazz, R&B and Sunday gospel.

Ten years later, the other stations in Opelousas haven taken a cue from KOCZ, and the region's musical heritage is kept alive through radio.

The low cost and relatively

ple technical requirements mean that LPFM brings radio to people who could otherwise never get involved, including churches, youth, local governments,

ing populations, LPFM stations often offer programming in Spanish and other languages not served by other local stations. Bringing new voices on the air is not just good for communities, it's good for radio and its relevance as a medium.

LPFM stations may also bring new talent to the radio industry in general. As many stations are staffed primarily

To meet the needs of rapidly chang-



Prometheus's Pete Tridish, far left, working during a barn-raising in Petén, Guatemala, in 2004.

civic organizations, arts and culture advocates, and others. And by lowering financial barriers and establishing ownership limits, LPFM encourages the participation of women and people of color, both of whom have been historically shut out of media ownership.

by volunteers, LPFM stations serve as training grounds for aspiring deejays, producers and engineers, laying a valuable groundwork for the future of radio leadership.

Finally, LPFM expansion makes (continued on page 38)

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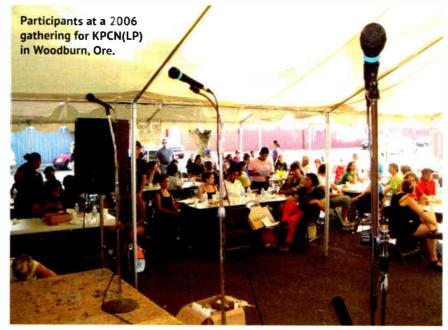
efficient and effective use of the remaining FM spectrum. Across the country, LPFM will serve communities in the spaces on the dial where full-power stations will not fit. Concerns over LPFM interference on the third adjacent frequency have long ago been debunked, and on the second adjacent frequency, LPFM stations can now operate just as translators do, with the same robust interference protections and mitigation for full-power stations.

For communities with no room for new full-power radio, LPFM is the best use of the FM band.

ONCE IN A LIFETIME

For 15 years, the Prometheus Radio Project has worked to advance the cause of community radio. We helped push the FCC to create a new low-power service, worked with dozens of organizations to start stations and advocated for fair LPFM regulations.

Prometheus led the fight to win passage of the Local Community Radio Act, which directed the FCC to expand LPFM licensing and eliminated restrictions that kept LPFM off the air in major cities. Over the course of a decade, we built a grassroots network of LPFM advocates



who lobbied Congress for community media access. And in 2011, the bill was signed into law by President Obama.

OPINION

Now, on the cusp of October's LPFM filing window, Prometheus is helping local community organizations to take advantage of this once-in-a-generation opportunity. We are promoting public awareness through press and outreach, and we are directly supporting LPFM hopefuls to apply for station licenses. Prometheus offers free online training and educational

materials; the open source channel allocations software RFree; and a phone help desk for LFPM applicants.

Radio engineers, producers and other professionals have an important role to play in the success of LPFM. They can encourage organizations to apply, volunteer to support local applicants or apply for licenses directly. Many of those applying for stations are local groups with great things to offer their communities, yet are new to radio. The expertise of a local volunteer can go a long way in helping a new radio project to get off the ground.

If you are considering how you can support LPFM, a good place to start is Radio Spark (www.radiospark.org), an online community for groups applying for LPFM licenses and for those who want to help them. By connecting allies, Radio Spark allows experts and novices alike to ask questions, share resources, recruit volunteers and build networks.

If you're an engineer or other professional offering services to new LPFM stations, you can list yourself as a resource. You can also visit Prometheus's website (www.prometheusradio.org). where you can find training, handouts and more background on LPFM.

While the current radio landscape serves audiences in many important ways, LPFM will make radio better. It will promote local production, create creative new programming and expand the role of radio in people's lives. But for LPFM to achieve its full promise, people like you must actively support and participate in its success. Be a part of radio's future.

Sanjay Jolly is the policy director for the Prometheus Radio Project. Founded in 1998, Prometheus builds, supports and advocates for low-power radio stations. Learn more at www.prometheusradio.org.

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PREADER'SFORUM

RADIO NEVER LEAVES YOUR BLOOD

My eyes nearly popped out of my head when I saw the picture of "A Western Electric 25B Console" in the June 5 edition of Radio World. I was at KXXO(FM), thumbing through magazines while waiting for an appointment, when I came across your article.

That's the very console I used for many of my years at KGY. I can still hear the "thud" of the two lower switches on the RCA transmitter in the background as I went through the sign-on procedure at 5:30 in the morning. I'd take the transmitter readings and then play the national anthem before starting my program.



I worked at KGY from 1959 until 2011. I started as the receptionist and was there when they opened their brand new state of the art studio in 1960. I managed to get an air shift. I finally got the morning show in 1965 and stayed there - same time, same station - for nearly 46-years. When I left, I was general manager as well as morning DJ.

My proudest moment was being named Washington State Broadcaster of the Year in 2001. I will always be grateful to radio pioneer Tom Olsen

and his family for the many wonderful years I had at that station. As radio never leaves your blood, I'm still on the air part-time, doing special programs for KXXO(FM), another great radio station in Olympia, Wash.

> Dick Pust Sunday morning host KXXO(FM) Olympia, Wash.

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