

**Meeting Notice****Wednesday, May 22, Professional Video Supply Expo**

at the Arrowhead Pavilion, Arrowhead Stadium, Kansas City, MO  
 All-day event; lunch and meeting at 12:00 noon.

*DTV Expo.* A full day of exhibits and presentations have been scheduled beginning at 9 a.m. Featured presentations from Leitch, Apple Computer and Grass Valley will be held throughout the day. Tektronix will be the featured presentation during lunch, when SBE59 will hold its meeting. A happy hour will begin at the end of the day at 4:30 p.m., lasting as long as the attendees do.

An RSVP is required for lunch so appropriate plans can be made. Contact Kirk Chestnut if you plan to attend: (913) 677-6462 or e-mail [kchestnut@entercom.com](mailto:kchestnut@entercom.com). □



Certification Dates		
Exam Date	Location	App. Deadline
June 8-18	Local Chapter	April 27
August 17-27	Local Chapter	June 16
November 9-19	Local Chapter	September 29

**Last Month's Meeting**

The April meeting of SBE59 was held at Klemp Electric in Kansas City, KS. The program began with a demonstration of electric motor rebuilding. The process involves heating the motor in a gas-fired oven to burn away the insulation and other materials to reveal the windings. The wire gauge and turn count are documented and given to the technician responsible for winding the core. After sand-blasting, the housing is primed and painted. Wire cores are dipped in a hardening epoxy and oven cured before replacement in the housing. Klemp stocks a wide variety of motor types and can perform most rebuilds in less than 48 hours. As a general rule, is more economical to rebuild motors that are greater than 10hp. Smaller motors can be rebuilt, but this is only financially sensible when they are special or expensive OEM motors.

The business meeting followed. In the way of new business, chapter chairman Kirk Chestnut suggested the formation of a Resource Library Committee, whose job it will be to assemble training materials for certification and general education. Kirk also stated some of the goals he would like SBE59 to reach in the coming year including increased membership and attendance figures. Kirk hopes to emphasize the needs of DTV and television in general as the migration to digital begins.

The meeting schedule will vary over the next several months in order to accommodate a series of special events. May's meeting will be held on May 22 to coincide with Professional Video's DTV Expo at the Arrowhead

Pavilion. June will have one gathering at the combined KAB/MBA convention June 7 and 8 and the official June meeting on June 21 with Larry Bloomfield's *Taste of NAB* tour. We return to our traditional second Thursday in July for a presentation from Jack McKain, CPBE, of Thales, who will talk about PSIP.

**Chairman's Chat**

*By J. Kirk Chestnut, CSRE, chairman*

A number of years ago while returning from an SBE meeting, I asked the guys I rode with, "Why should I join the SBE?" It was a sincere question. I was new to the industry and making beginner's wages. "How can I justify spending all that money on dues when I could barely make my car payments?"

Fortunately, my chauffeur was patient with me and did not leave me on the side of the road. The response he gave was typical to anyone asking the question, and it was unforgettable.

"As engineers, we never stop learning. The moment we stop learning ... we're dead!" There are countless ways to train for your job, but nothing beats the education gained from the experience of others.

If you are new to broadcasting, remember: It's not so much what you know, but whom you know. SBE59 boasts some of the sharpest minds and patient teachers in the business. Tapping into this resource could be the best career move you could make. If you are a seasoned pro caught between balancing budgets and digital migration, your contribution of knowledge and experience in aiding younger engineers will be time well invested. Mentoring pays in dividends that can only appreciate. We desperately need your help.

It's been 13 years since that evening drive home. Now as chairman of SBE59 I'll ask you, "Why should anyone join

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or participate in SBE?" On the eve of the digital revolution in broadcasting, we need each other more than ever.

For the coming months, I have set some goals to strengthen SBE59's position as a professional organization. These goals are:

- 1.) To conduct shorter, more concise business meetings.
- 2.) To increase the presence of television-oriented material.
- 3.) To create a training resource library for the membership.
- 4.) To position SBE59 as a cost-effective training resource for your technical staff.
- 5.) To redefine the image of the SBE in the minds of corporate and management staff.

In time to come we'll elaborate on these goals. For now, I'll simply say that it's a joy to serve you as Chairman and I hope the SBE can play an indispensable and practical role in making your job a lot easier.

### SBE Membership Drive Has Sunny Outlook

The SBE Membership Committee began the 2002 Membership Drive with increased incentives for each member participating. The Drive began on March 1 and continues through May 31. The Grand Prize will be a trip for one to the SBE National Meeting in Phoenix this fall and a Panasonic TV, compliments of SBE and Panasonic. Other prizes will be awarded, and all recruiters will receive \$5 off their 2003 SBE membership renewal for each new member recruited with a \$25 maximum credit. Full details on the Membership Drive were mailed to each SBE member in February.

EAS Required Monthly Test  
May 30

The EAS RMT is sent on the  
last Tuesday of the month.

### New Address for Belden in Kansas City

Heather Stevens has relocated the Belden office. The new contact information is on her business card sponsorship on the next page.

### Book Proceeds Benefit Engineer Relief Fund

Bonus Books has released a book titled *Covering Catastrophe, Broadcast Journalists Review September 11*. Written by five New York City broadcast journalists, the book describes the events of September 11 through the eyes of reporters, news anchors, cameramen and others who covered the stories that day. All proceeds from the book will be donated to two charitable funds that benefit survivors and their families. The Broadcast Engineers Relief Fund, established by the SBE and the Ennes Trust on September 13, as one of the funds. The other is the CitiGroup Foundation Scholarship Fund. The epilogue of

the book is dedicated to the six broadcast engineers who lost their lives while working in the North Tower of the World Trade Center. The book is available through the SBE bookstore.

### National Awards Program Begins

The SBE Awards Committee is accepting nominations for the 2001 SBE National Awards. The Committee is chaired by board member Mark Humphrey, CPBE, of WPLY-FM/Radio One, Philadelphia. The SBE National Awards recognize achievement by both individual members and chapters. A nomination form was included in the March issue of the *SBE Signal*. You may also request a form from Angel Bates at the SBE National Office by calling (317) 846-9000 or e-mailing [abates@sbe.org](mailto:abates@sbe.org). The awards will be presented in October at the National Meeting in Phoenix.

### Situation Wanted

Multi-talented/multi-experienced radio guy looking for some work, either part time or full time. Experienced in all aspects of radio from engineering to sales. Strong talents in audio production, especially in the digital realm. Have setup and maintained numerous computer networks using Novell and Microsoft networks. Have worked with Audiovault, DCS, Maestro, BSI Wavestation, Smartcaster and some Enco automation systems. Certified in WWW concepts from Brainbench, have designed and maintained several websites, especially for radio stations. Experienced in remote vehicle setup/broadcasts. Will graduate from DeVry University at the end of June with a degree in Electronics and Computer Technology.

I also have two degrees from Southern Illinois University-Carbondale in Radio/Television Broadcasting and in Theatre. I'm currently at a point to make some decisions in my life as to what I want to do and where, so I am willing to relocate. You can't go wrong hiring me. View my resume and references online:

[www.toto.net/blues/Gil\\_T\\_s\\_Space/Resume/resume.html](http://www.toto.net/blues/Gil_T_s_Space/Resume/resume.html)

- Gil Wilson

### KAB/MBA Convention Set for June

The joint Kansas Association of Broadcasters/Missouri Broadcasters Association Convnetion will be held June 6 thru 8 at the Hyatt Regency in Kansas City. Sessions of interest to engineers will be held on Friday and Saturday.

Friday's session will be in the afternoon and is titled *Beyond Part 11: Making EAS Work*. The sessions on Saturday will have a joint radio/TV track in the morning, with breakout sessions in the afternoon. □



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## Upcoming Meetings

Mark the following dates on  
 your calendar so you don't  
 an upcoming meeting:

May 22  
 June 8  
 June 21  
 July 11