

Meeting Notice**Thursday, September 12, *Don Chilito's Restaurant***

7017 Johnson Drive, Mission, KS, (913) 432-4615

Gather at 11:30 am, Lunch and Meeting at 12:00 noon.

While will not have a formal presentation, we will meet to plan for upcoming meetings and chapter projects. Everyone attending will be entered to win his lunch for free. One lucky person will win. When you arrive at the restaurant, go through the cafeteria line and order lunch. Save your receipt. Bring your lunch to the banquet room. The drawing will be held during the meeting.



Certification Dates		
Exam Date	Location	App. Deadline
November 8-18	Local Chapter	September 29
February 7-17	Local Chapter	December 31
April 8	NAB, Las Vegas	March 1
June 6-16	Local Chapter	April 25
August 15-25	Local Chapter	June 13
November 7-17	Local Chapter	September 26

not the first time that the daring duo have been in trouble with the law. Incidents of FCC enforcement of "indecent or obscene" material have been increasing.

Recently, I discovered the Society of Broadcast Engineers' "Canon of Ethics" on the SBE National website. The Forward reads:

Honesty, justice and courtesy form a moral philosophy when associated with mutual interest between human beings. This constitutes the foundation of ethics. Broadcast engineers should recognize such a standard of behavior not in passive observance, but as dynamic principles guiding their conduct and way of life. It is the duty of all broadcast engineers to practice their profession according to this Canon of Ethics.

The Keystone of professional conduct is integrity. Broadcast engineers will discharge their duties with fidelity to the public and to their employers, and with impartiality to all. Broadcast engineers must uphold the dignity of their profession and avoid association with an enterprise of questionable character. Broadcast engineers will strive to be fair, tolerant, and open-minded.

(I can hear the wheels turning!)

What does the Society of Broadcast Engineers mean to you? To some, SBE is a professional organization where ideas are sparked, honed and turned into practical solutions. For others, SBE may be a means to a better paying job. The Society is many things, but most importantly, it is an organization where we hold each other accountable to a high standard of conduct and technical practice.

Programming is not our job. Corporate decisions may not be our responsibility. Technically, we do not give legal counsel to our bosses, but you better believe we should say something if we see the law being broken. It's only right.

Integrity is not a cliché and it is only unpopular to the lazy and the cheater. Let's be guiding lights to those

Last Month's Meeting

Annual Picnic. We did not have a formal meeting last month, but we did hold our annual picnic. We met at Shawnee Mission Park this year. While the turnout was limited, the food was great. Thanks to Kirk Chestnut for playing the (Iron Chef) grillmaster.

Chairman's Chat

By Kirk Chestnut, CSRE

What would you do if you saw someone break into your neighbor's home? Or a drunk driver recklessly speed his car through a school zone? You'd do the right thing and call the police, wouldn't you?

A letter from retired radio veteran Jack Ellery has been circulating in Internet chat rooms and remailers. You might remember Ellery as a former music DJ for WNBC, NY, and WCTC, NJ, who became a talk show host on NBC's *Radio Monitor* with Joe Garagiola. He worked at WOR, WFLA, WIP and WWDB. In short, his letter decries the decline of quality programming and the lack of integrity in broadcasting. Corporate fraud and economic hard times are driving companies into bankruptcy all around us. Certainly, broadcasting is not immune to this epidemic spreading across America.

Last week, NYC's WNEW shock jocks Opie and Anthony allegedly aired a description of a sex act in the vestibule of St. Patrick's Cathedral. FCC Commissioner Copps has asked for an immediate inquiry into the incident. This is

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who work around us and not fall prey to the mantra, "Everyone else is doing it." Be brave and do right. Your future depends on it.

National Election Ballots Due

The SBE annual election of officers and members of the Board of Directors will take place on Thursday, September 12. Ballots were mailed to all voting members in August. Voting members are urged to participate in the election process and complete and return their ballot, which must be received by September 12 to be counted. Allow at least seven days for U.S. Post Office delivery. See the June issue of the *SBE Signal* for a list of the candidates. If you have not already done so, send your completed ballot immediately.

Donnellan to Keynote Awards Dinner

Joann Donnellan, media relations manager for the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children, will be the keynote speaker at the SBE National Awards Dinner on October 17 in Phoenix. The Awards Dinner is the final event of the SBE National Meeting, which runs October 16 and 17 at the Phoenix Civic Plaza convention center and the adjacent Hyatt Regency Hotel.

Donnellan will speak about the AMBER program, which is gaining widespread acceptance across the country as an effective method of disseminating information quickly to the public about missing children.

The National Meeting is being held in conjunction with the SBE Chapter 9 Regional Convention and in cooperation with the Arizona Broadcasters Association. The combined events will include the fall SBE Board of Directors Meeting and national Certification Committee meeting on October 16 and a trade show, career fair, technical papers, Fellows Luncheon, Annual Membership Meeting and National Awards Reception and Dinner on the 17th. All events are free except the reception and dinner, which cost \$12. Contact the SBE National Office for tickets at (317) 846-9000.

EAS Required Monthly Test
September 24

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

Radio Operator Handbook Delayed

The new SBE Radio Operator Handbook, previously announced for release in September, will not be available until December. The publication of the handbook will coincide with the release of a new certification exam for radio operators.

Comrex Buys Gentner Digital Hybrid Line

Comrex has purchased the DH20, DH22 and DH30 digital hybrids from Clearone Communications of Salt Lake City.

This purchase strengthens the depth of the Comrex product line and continues the company's focus in telephone interface products. The DH20, DH22 and DH30 are digital hybrids with thousands of users worldwide, complementing Comrex's existing digital audio codec family.

Comrex will assume all manufacturing, marketing, sales and support for the digital hybrid products. Under a separate agreement, Comrex will become the exclusive distributor for the TS612 line, which will continue to be manufactured by Clearone.

Clearone, formerly Gentner, also manufactured a transmitter remote control system that was acquired by Burk Technology, which by coincidence is also based in Massachusetts in the greater Boston area.

The sale of the interface products follows Clearone's shift in focus to telephone conferencing systems.

FCC Introduces Plan for DTV Tuners

The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) has adopted a plan that will give consumers access to digital programming over television by requiring off-air digital TV (DTV) tuners on nearly all new TV sets by 2007. By enacting a five-year rollout schedule that starts with larger, more expensive TV sets, the FCC is minimizing the costs for equipment manufacturers and consumers.

The FCC said its plan will ensure that new TV receivers include a DTV tuner on a schedule as close as economically feasible to the December 31, 2006, target completion date for the DTV transition that was set forth in the Communications Act by Congress.

Receivers with screen sizes 36 inches and above must include DTV tuners effective July 1, 2005. Receivers with screen sizes 25 to 35 inches must include DTV tuners effective July 1, 2006. Receivers with screen sizes 13 to 24 inches must include DTV tuners effective July 1, 2007.

Richland Tower Construction Begins

The new tower for KPXE-TV50 is slated to be finished by November. The assembled tower sections were moved into place for assembly at the end of August. Following some short delays, the tower base was set and steel now is being stacked. □



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Upcoming Meetings

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 your calendar so you don't
 miss an upcoming meeting:

September 12
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October 10
 Program TBA

November 14
 Program TBA