

Meeting Notice**Thursday, October 11, *Don Chilito's***

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

Lunch at 11:30 am, Program at 12:00 noon.



The push for DTV installation is beginning in Kansas City. The latest station to begin its transition is KPXE-TV50. Part of this project is the construction of a new tower. Richland Towers, a leading developer of multitenant broadcast facilities, will be building a community tower project to house KPXE's NTSC and DTV signals, as well as to provide space for FM signals and a master combiner for two-way use. The project will be located at the existing Paxson tower site and will include a 1,158-foot candelabra tower. Richland Towers will provide a program discussing the planning and installation of multitenant tower sites.

Richland will provide lunch for everyone attending. When you arrive at the restaurant, go through the serving line. Tell the cashier that you are with the SBE/Richland Towers meeting. Richland will also award door prizes. □

Certification Dates		
Exam Date	Location	App. Deadline
November 9-19	Local Chapter	September 28
February 9-19	Local Chapter	December 28
April 24	NAB	March 12
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

Our scheduled meeting at Arrowhead Stadium was cancelled because of the events of September 11. We will try to reschedule the tour for another time.

SBE National Meeting Rescheduled

The 2001 SBE National Meeting and the Central New York SBE Regional Convention, originally scheduled for September 13, have been rescheduled for November 28 at the Turning Stone Casino Resort in Verona, NY. The Resort is approximately 30 miles east of Syracuse on I-90. The schedule of events should remain the same as was originally planned.

The SBE National Meeting each year spotlights one of the SBE regional conventions. This will be the second time the National Meeting has been held in conjunction with the Central New York event, organized by Chapter 22 and now in its 29th year. The National Meeting is highlighted by the National Awards Dinner, which features a guest speaker and recognition of the Broadcast Engineer of the Year, Educator of the Year and SBE Fellows.

The Regional Convention will include a full day of techni-

cal papers and the largest regional equipment exhibition in the northeast with over 100 exhibitors expected. A special, free EAS seminar will also be held. For more information, visit the SBE website at www.sbe.org or the Chapter 22 website at www.sbe22.org. Registration is free and can be completed online at the chapter website. Tickets to the SBE National Awards Dinner are available for \$10 each through the SBE National Office. Call (317) 846-9000 or e-mail lgodby@sbe.org to reserve your ticket.

National Officers and Board Take Office

With the postponement of the National Meeting in September, the ceremony to induct the new SBE national officers and board members did not take place as scheduled, but the new leadership went into effect on September 12. The formal ceremony will take place at the National Meeting in Verona next month.

SBE Creates Engineers' Trust Fund

The SBE has established a trust fund to assist the affected families of the broadcast engineers lost in the collapse of the World Trade Center tower. Private and corporate donations are being solicited and can be made through the SBE charitable arm, the Ennes Trust. Checks can be made payable to the *Ennes Educational Foundation Trust Fund* and mailed to The Society of Broadcast Engineers Inc., 9247 North Meridian Street, Suite 305 Indianapolis, IN 46260, Attention: Broadcast Engineer Relief Fund.

There were six broadcast engineers working on the 109th and 110th floors when the building collapsed. Those lost are Rod Coppola of WNET-TV, Donald Di Franco of WABC-TV, Steven Jacobson of WPIX-TV, Bob Pattison of WCBS-TV, Isaias Rivera of WCBS-TV, and William Steckman of WNBC-TV.

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FCC Suspends Routine EAS Testing

The FCC released this statement on September 18.

In connection with the recent terrorist attacks, and in order to avoid potential public confusion or fear, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), has requested that broadcast stations suspend their routine weekly and monthly tests of the Emergency Alert System (EAS). In light of FEMA's request, and after input from the FCC's EAS National Advisory Committee, we confirm that broadcast stations may suspend their routine weekly and monthly testing until October 2, 2001.

Additionally, during this period, cable systems need not comply with the rules regarding the handling of the routine weekly and monthly EAS tests. The FCC will not take enforcement action against broadcast stations or cable systems for not complying with the rules relating to these routine EAS tests during this period. Should an extension be required, an additional FCC public notice will be issued. All other EAS rules must be complied with.

Any station that has EAS responsibilities for which routine testing remains necessary should conduct such routine tests as appropriate.

By the Chief, Enforcement Bureau

For additional information contact Bonnie Gay at (202) 418-1228.

It is recommended that stations print the official release at the FCC website and place it with their EAS logs for the period covered.

EAS Required Monthly Test
October 30

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

The official release is available from the FCC website at
www.fcc.gov/eb/Public_Notices/da012183.doc or
www.fcc.gov/eb/Public_Notices/da012183.html.

ATSC Standards Seminar in St. Louis

The ATSC will hold the Seminar, *Charting the Future of DTV*, on October 23 and 24, 2001, from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm at the Millennium Hotel, 200 South 4th Street, St. Louis, MO. This event is in association with the Society of Broadcast Engineers and the National Institute of Standards and Technology. Tutorials and implementation strategies on PSIP, the Data Broadcast Standard, Closed Captioning, and DASE will be featured.

Rooms are available at the Millennium Hotel. Reserve rooms by calling the Millennium reservations center at 800-325-7353 or 314-241-9500 and request the ATSC semi-

nar rate. Online registration will be available at the ATSC website, www.atsc.org.

Pre-registration fee by September 10 for ATSC and SBE members is \$550. Non-member pre-registration is \$600. Registration fee after September 10 for ATSC and SBE members is \$600. Non-member registration is \$650.

FCC Mandates New Registration Number

Effective December 3, 2001, new rules will require persons and entities doing business with the FCC to obtain a unique ten-digit FCC Registration Number (FRN). The FRN must be provided by all businesses and individuals that file applications with the FCC (whether feeable or non-feeable) or make any payments of any type to the FCC.

Applications filed electronically without an FRN will not be processed; instead, the filer will get a message reminding them to enter the FRN. Broadcasters should be aware that for time-critical deadlines, such as the filing of regulatory fees, the FCC will grant paper filers a grace period of ten business days following notification to the filer by FCC staff to correct omitted or incorrect FRNs. If the FRN is provided during the grace period, the filing date will be the original date of submission. Failure to make a timely correction may trigger a late fee penalty.

The FCC does not require the FRN for non-application filings, such as comments or petitions in rulemaking proceedings. Further, there is an exception to the FRN rule for appearances in feeable hearing proceedings, emergency authorizations, civil monetary payments and consent decrees. Stations and/or their counsel can obtain an FRN through the Commission Registration System (CORES) by logging onto www.fcc.gov and clicking on the CORES link. For further information on registering for an FRN, contact the CORES Administrator toll-free at 877-480-3201 or CORES@fcc.gov.

Satellite Radio Takes Off

XM Satellite Radio officially launched the first U.S. digital satellite radio service featuring 100 coast-to-coast, digital channels of music and information.

XM's programming lineup features 71 music channels, more than 30 of them commercial-free, and 29 channels of sports, talk, children's and entertainment including 13 premiere news channels.

The other satellite radio provider, Sirius Satellite Radio, is expected to begin its service soon. Both providers have built studio facilities, launched satellites and are implementing a terrestrial repeater network. □



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Upcoming Meetings

The regular meetings of SBE Chapter 59 are the second Thursday of every month.

October 11
 November 8
 December 13