

Meeting Notice**Thursday, November 8, *Denny's Restaurant***

9001 W 63rd St, Merriam, KS, (913) 831-3285

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



Today's transmitter facilities are more complex than ever before. To show compliance with a station's license, basic transmitter operating transmitters are monitored, but most stations don't stop there. Building security, physical plant parameters, RPU and ENG equipment control and status are just some of the additional systems that require control and monitoring.

The transmitter remote control is heavily relied on to provide the sophisticated control and monitoring required. The November meeting program will feature Peter Burk of Burk Technology, who will discuss the basics of transmitter remote control systems and provide some insight to the equipment offered by Burk, which includes the product line the company recently acquired from Gentner. □

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

We met at Don Chilito's restaurant. The business discussed included a rundown of the upcoming meeting presentations being planned. Also, Chapter 59 Certification Committee Chairman Joe Snelson is looking for someone to take on the local certification committee chairman's duties. Joe is happy to continue helping whomever takes on the new role. Contact Joe through the contact information on the last page if you are interested in serving as certification committee chairman.

The program was provided by Richland Towers, the company building the new tower for KPXE-TV50. The community tower project will be able to house KPXE's NTSC and DTV signals, as well as 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.

Thanks to Richland for providing lunch for everyone attending. Richland also awarded door prizes. Bud Wyatt won a Richland gift basket with a shirt, mug and other items, and Dan Holy won a Palm VII.

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.

SBE National Meeting and Central NY Regional Convention This Month

The SBE National Meeting and the Central New York SBE Regional Convention have moved their jointly held events to November 27-28. They will be held at the Turning Stone Casino Resort in Verona, NY. The schedule of activities will largely be as they were originally planned. National Meeting events will begin Tuesday afternoon with an EFD Committee meeting set for 1:30pm. The national Board of Directors meeting will be held at 6:00pm. On Wednesday, the day starts out with a free breakfast for attendees hosted by Chapter 22. The annual Fellows Breakfast, sponsored by Scala, Division of Kathrein Inc., will be held at 7:30. Exhibits will open at 9:00am and run through 5:00pm. Technical papers will be presented from 8:30am to 3:00pm. The SBE Annual Membership Meeting will be held from 4:00pm to 5:00pm. At 5:00pm, a festive recep-

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tion, sponsored by Chapter 22 and TRON-Tek, will take place, followed by the SBE National Awards Dinner at 7:00pm, sponsored by Leitch, Inc. All events are free, except the Awards Dinner, which requires a \$10 ticket. To order your ticket's, contact the SBE National Office at (317) 846-9000. To register for the Regional Convention, go to the Chapter 22 website at www.sbe22.org.

Ennes Workshop For Nashville Rescheduled

The Ennes Workshop, scheduled for October 12 in Nashville, was postponed due to travel problems for some of the speakers. The Workshop has been rescheduled for Monday, January 7 and will be held in conjunction with the Tennessee Association of Broadcasters convention. The location will be the Maxwell House Hotel in Nashville. Sessions will be held on DTV Transmission Facilities, Video Transport Considerations Outside the Digital Studio, An Overview of ATSC Activities, Implementation Recommendations for Data Broadcast, Real-time Broadcast Control and A Super Efficient Five-Segment Multi-stage Depressed Collector IOT. A special radio session on IBOC has been added to the original program lineup. To register, call the SBE National Office at (317) 846-9000. Cost for SBE members to attend is \$69 and non-members are \$85. Fee includes speaker workbooks, breaks and lunch.

ATSC Reschedules Seminar

The ATSC DTV Standards Seminar scheduled for October in St. Louis, MO has been rescheduled for February 20-21, 2002. The location remains the same. To register, go to www.atsc.org. Co-sponsored by SBE.

EAS Required Monthly Test
November 27

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

FCC Grants Temporary Public File Waiver

The National Association of Broadcasters requested a temporary waiver of public inspection file requirements because of the events involving the spread of Anthrax. The FCC issued a memorandum opinion and order stating that stations are not required to file letters and comments received from the public for a 60-day period, commencing October 25 and ending December 24.

RTNDA Seeks To Lift Ban on News Helicopters

The Radio-Television News Directors Association has appealed to White House officials to lift the ban on news and traffic helicopters still in place in 30 cities even though similar types of aircraft are now allowed to fly in 27 of those cities.

Barbara Cochran, RTNDA president, sent letters to Tom Ridge, director of the Office of Homeland Security, and others. According to Cochran, lifting the ban would bring another level of security to the people living in the 30 largest cities, because they would have access to timely, accurate information about incidents in their communities.

Cochran also wrote letters to National Security Advisor Condoleeza Rice, White House Chief of Staff Andrew Card, and Counselor to the President Karen Hughes. Cochran's letter to Ridge is on the RTNDA website at www.rtna.org.

Arbitron Releases Fall 2001 Population Estimates

Arbitron released its annual update of population estimates for the 285 radio markets across the United States, covering total, black and Hispanic populations for persons age 12 and older and will be used for the Fall 2001 survey.

With the new data, Kansas City has moved in market rank from number 30 to number 29, with a total 12+ population growing from 1,445,000 to 1,470,100, and a black 12+ population growing from 184,200 to 188,800.

FCC's Mass Media Bureau Going Out from BE Radio magazine

As part of Chairman Powell's ongoing efforts to reform the FCC, the Mass Media Bureau, which currently handles all radio and television matters, will be merged into the Cable Services Bureau, which currently handles all cable matters, to form a new "Media Bureau." The Media Bureau will handle AM, FM, LPFM, TV, LPTV, cable policy, EEO, political programming, and DBS (Direct Broadcast Satellite) post-licensing policy. DBS licensing will remain with the International Bureau. MMDS will be moved to the Wireless Telecommunications Bureau.

Within the Media Bureau there will be a separate Office of Broadcast License Policy, responsible for licensing functions. Under the Office of Broadcast License Policy will be an Audio Division (radio) and Video Division (TV and cable). The Media Bureau will also have a Policy Division, Engineering Division, and Industry Analysis Division. It will be at least several months before the merger is implemented.

The newly appointed chief of the Cable Services Bureau, Kenneth Ferree, will be chief of the new Media Bureau. The current chief of the Mass Media Bureau, Roy Stewart, is expected to play a key role in the new bureau. Roy Stewart has emphasized that radio and television issues will receive the same priority in the Media Bureau that they currently receive in the existing Mass Media Bureau. □



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Upcoming Meetings

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

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 December 13
 January 10