

**Meeting Notice****Thursday, December 13, Kansas City Power and Light**

801 Charlotte, Kansas City, MO, (816) 556-2200

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



Every broadcast facility relies on commercial power, but when the power is out, stations want to know what is being done and when service will be restored. Mark Dreiling, account services engineer for KCP&L, will be our host at the December meeting, where we will be treated to a tour of the dispatch facility.

When a service interruption occurs, this office springs into action to restore service as quickly as possible. We will see how calls are handled, prioritized and assigned for service. This will include an overview of the facility's function and a look at its computer system. We will learn how calls are handled during times of heavy trouble, such as stormy weather. We will also see what kind of maintenance programs are in place for the power systems and grid.

Lunch will be provided by KCP&L. Limited parking is available in the KCP&L lot. Additional parking is available on the street and in area parking garages. □

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 Denny's restaurant in Merriam. There was a very brief business meeting to read the minutes from the previous month.

Our program was presented by Peter Burk, the founder of Burk Technology, manufacturer of transmitter remote control systems. He and Anita Russell, general manager, demonstrated the ARCPlus, the newest product in the Burk line. Multisite control is a major feature of the Burk systems and this was discussed in relation to the new product and the existing product, the ARC-16. Earlier this year, Burk also purchased the transmitter remote control product line from Gentner, which includes the GSC-3000 and the VRC-2500.

Burk provided lunch for everyone attending.

**KPXE Gets a New Chief Engineer**

David Campbell is the new chief engineer at KPXE-TV50. He replaces Bud Wyatt, who has left the station to work on contract audio projects.

Campbell has been with Pax Communications for approximately five years, working at several stations including chief engineer at WIPX-TV, Indianapolis, station manager and chief engineer at WPXS-TV, St. Louis, chief engineer at WWPX-TV, Martinsburg, WV, chief engineer at WPXW-TV, Washington, DC, and assistant chief engineer at WPXN-TV, New York.

Before joining Pax, he worked as a field engineer for EEV (now Marconi) in Elmsford, NY, preceded by working as assistant chief engineer for Silver King Broadcasting (Home Shopping Network), New York/Long Island, at WHSI-TV and WHSE-TV for several years. He is originally from Centralia, MO.

Welcome to chapter 59, Dave.

**STL Needed**

Darrell Nickolaus is looking for a used audio STL transmitter and receiver for use by a mission agency in Africa. It does not need to be USA type accepted. It is needed for a mono feed. A tax deductible gift receipt can be issued for a donation. Contact Darrell Nickolaus at (816) 716-8436 or [nickolaus@compuserve.com](mailto:nickolaus@compuserve.com).

**Relief Fund Grows For WTC Victims' Families**

The relief fund established to benefit the families of the six broadcast engineers and technicians lost as a result of the attacks on the World Trade Center September 11 has drawn the attention of individuals and companies from across the country. As of November 1, nearly \$50,000 has been raised for the fund that was initiated by SBE and the Ennes Educational Foundation Trust. Initial checks to the nearest family members of the six engineers lost

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were sent by October 31. Because of the generosity of so many in the broadcast engineering industry, the SBE was pleased to get some much-needed financial help to the families so quickly. Since the fund continues to grow, another check will be sent to each family in the coming weeks.

Tax-deductible donations are still being accepted, and 100% off the money raised goes to the families of the victims. There is no overhead of any kind involved and there is also no restriction on how the recipient may use the money.

Make checks payable to "Ennes Educational Foundation Trust" and mark it "Relief Fund." Mail it to the Society of Broadcast Engineers, Inc.; 9247 N. Meridian Street, Suite 305; Indianapolis, IN 46260.

### SBE Organizes Strategic Planning Meeting

The SBE will hold a special strategic planning session on Saturday, January 12, in Indianapolis. The purpose of the meeting is to help focus the Society's programs and services to meet the needs of members in the coming years. The chapter chairman or other representative from each SBE chapter is invited to attend. Also participating will be the national officers, directors and staff. The session will be led by professional facilitator, Tom Zoss of Bloomington, IN.

Attendees will need to provide their own transportation and lodging.

Lunch will be provided for all participants the day of the meeting. An Indianapolis location is being chosen and will be announced soon on the SBE website and in the December issue of the *SBE Signal*.

EAS Required Monthly Test  
December 25

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

### SBE Membership Directory Dedicated to DiFranco

The 2001-2002 edition of the SBE Membership Directory and Buyer's Guide was mailed to all SBE members in late October. The annual directory of SBE members has been dedicated to SBE member Donald DiFranco, formerly of WABC-TV, who was killed in the September 11 attack on the World Trade Center.

This year's directory sports a bright new look with a four-color cover and brighter and thicker pages, making it easier to read and more durable. The SBE thanks the advertisers who made these improvements possible. The national office asks you to consider their support and the support of all of the SBE sustaining members whenever you make a purchase decision.

### SBE Leader Skills Seminars Set for 2002

SBE will once again present the Leader Skills Seminars for Broadcast Engineers with seminar leader, Richard Cupka. The three-day Course One will be held at the Marten House Hotel and Conference Center in Indianapolis on June 5-7, 2002. The seminar is open to anyone interested in learning the skills necessary for managing the broadcast engineer function at a station or similar facility. The seminar is appropriate for both current and aspiring managers. The follow-up Course II seminar will be held August 7-9, also at the Marten House in Indianapolis. Participants for Course II must have completed Course I or any of the previously held five-day Leader Skill Seminars. A minimum of ten and maximum of 18 participants insures a quality program with plenty of individual attention. Cupka has led the Leader Skills Seminar for Broadcast Engineers for more than 30 years. More than 1,000 graduates can be found at stations, networks and cable facilities across the country.

To register, call the SBE National Office or watch for more information and a registration form in the December issue of the *SBE Signal*.

### 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.

### 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](http://www.atsc.org). Co-sponsored by the SBE.

### Wanted: Your News and Information

The SBE59 newsletter, *The Communicator*, is always looking for news about stations, facilities and people around Kansas City. Have you hired someone? Have you received a promotion? Have you installed some new equipment? Tell us about it. Send your ideas to a chapter officer or e-mail them to [sbe59@broadcast.net](mailto:sbe59@broadcast.net).

### SBE59 Planning for 2002

We have several topics planned for meetings in 2002. If there is a topic you would like have covered at an upcoming meeting, tell a chapter officer or e-mail [sbe59@broadcast.net](mailto:sbe59@broadcast.net). □



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### Upcoming Meetings

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

December 13  
 January 10  
 February 14