



Meeting Notice

Thursday, July 9, 2009, Don Chilito's

7017 Johnson Drive; Mission, KS; 913-432-4615

Gather and order lunch at 11:30 a.m., meeting at noon

Open Forum. Join the chapter for an open forum discussion. Possible topics include the post DTV transition, broadcast auxiliary spectrum congestion, EAS improvements or anything relevant.

When you arrive, go through the cafeteria line and order your lunch, and then bring it to the banquet room. ○

Last Month's Meeting

By Ben Weiss, CPBE

The June meeting of Chapter 59 of the Society of Broadcast Engineers was held June 11, 2009 at the offices and studios of KCPT-TV, 125 East 31st St, Kansas City, MO. There were 16 in attendance. Robin Cross, chapter chairman, was in charge.

Cross conducted the business meeting. After introductions, Ben Weiss read the minutes of the May meeting, and then provided the treasurer's report. The motion to accept the minutes and the financial report was by Jerry Agresti and the second was by Chris Castro. Passed.

Chris Castro, chapter frequency coordinator reported that John Gray has included a form on the chapter's website that can be used to report occurrences of interference to STLs and RPU's. Castro also indicated that this fall the NFL season game day coordination will be handled by the NFL rather than SBE as in previous years. He remarked that, so far, this season's Nascar race weekends have presented no interference problems.

Cross indicated that Amy Long has agreed to represent the interest of TV stations on the program committee.

The motion to adjourn was by Dave Buell and the second by John Gray.

The program was presented by Ron Veerman, mid-central U.S. sales manager for Evertz. He discussed the role that active format description plays in the DTV signal.

Chairman's Chat

Tales of the Weird

By Robin Cross

With the analog TV shutdown past, I can almost feel the pressure on the TV community to get things tidied up. This is no small task. Removing or rearranging antennas is expensive and requires great coordination. I feel for my TV brethren.

I took a call the Monday after from a KCUR listener. She told me in adamant terms that since the TV stations had turned on the digital last Friday that KCUR was much more difficult to tune in and the TV stations were interfering with KCUR.

I am sure that you also have your "interesting" comments from viewers as well. We would welcome hearing the unusual. Bring your stories to the meeting.

Because many know of my affiliation I get many questions. The winner this month of the hidden prize is 25882. Call me to receive it.

Next EAS Required Monthly Test: Jul 28

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

Genachowski Named FCC Chairman

At the end of June, Julius Genachowski passed the Senate confirmation process to be confirmed as the next chairman of the Federal Communications Commission. Genachowski and Robert McDowell, who had been re-nominated for his expired FCC seat, were unanimously approved by the Senate.

Genachowski replaces Kevin Martin, who stepped down earlier this year. Genachowski has worked for the FCC in the past, but has not served as a commissioner.

On the same day, President Barack Obama nominated Meredith Attwell Baker and Mignon Clyburn for FCC posts. The Clyburn nomination up to now had not been official.

Baker is up for a Republican seat, while Clyburn is up for a Democrat seat. If approved, Baker's term would end June 30, 2011, and Clyburn's term would end July 1, 2012.

Baker was the acting head of the National Telecommunications and Information Administration before exiting in January. She oversaw the DTV Coupon program during her term.

If all the confirmations are approved, Baker and McDowell will hold the two Republican seats, while Michel Copps, Genachowski and Clyburn will hold Democrat seats. ○

Certification Exam Dates		
Exam Date	Location	App. Deadline
Aug 7 - 17, 2009	Local Chapter	Closed
Nov 6 - 16, 2009	Local Chapter	Sep 18, 2009
Feb 5 - 15, 2010	Local Chapter	Dec 31, 2009




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Upcoming Chapter Meetings and Events

<p>July 9 August 13 September 10 October 8 November 12 December 10</p>	<p>Meeting Topics and Programs Needed Help the chapter and help yourself. The chapter calendar has open dates for topics and programs through the end of the year. Is there a topic that interests you? Let us know and we'll arrange it. Perhaps you have something to present to the chapter. Do so and you can earn recertification points.</p>
<p>Do you have a suggestion for a program topic? Please share it with Kirk Chestnut.</p>	

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