



Meeting Notice

Thursday, January 8, 2009, Don Chilito's

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

Gather at 11:30 a.m., lunch served at 11:45, meeting at noon

Energy Alternatives. Broadcast stations are large users of electricity, and as the demand for energy continues to increase, alternative methods of generating electricity are pursued. Ed Coleman, cofounder of Effective Project, will discuss current energy sources and usage, and provide some insight into future energy sources. His company has worked with ethanol, bio-diesel, solar electric, wind turbine farms, large battery storage systems, co-generation facilities (use of waste heat from electrical production) and coal-fired electrical power facilities. His presentation will focus on the advantages and disadvantages of wind energy, solar collection and geothermal sources.

Go through the cafeteria line and order your lunch, and then bring it to the banquet room. Save your receipt. The chapter will treat one lucky engineer to lunch in a random drawing. ○

Last Month's Meeting

By Ben Weiss, CPBE

The December meeting of Chapter 59 of the Society of Broadcast Engineers was held Dec. 11, 2008, at Zarda Barbecue in Lenexa. There were 13 in attendance. Chapter Chairman Robin Cross was in charge.

After introductions, Ben Weiss read the minutes of the November meeting and provided the treasurer's report. The motion to approve the minutes and treasurer's report was made by Mike Rogers and seconded by Chriss Scherer; motion passed.

Regarding certification, Chriss Scherer remarked that the next local exam dates are Feb. 6-16 and the deadline to sign up is Dec. 31. The deadline for signing up for the April exams at the NAB Show is April 1.

Chriss remarked that January will be the launch of the new newsletter format.

Kirk Chestnut, EAS committee chairman and programs committee chairman, was absent but sent a report that Chriss shared. Kirk indicated that there was no news on the EAS front. He did, however, raise some questions regarding the February meeting that is to be a reflection of the past and demise of analog TV broadcasting. The location, time, and other details need to be resolved quickly. The programs committee met after the program to discuss the details.

The motion to adjourn was made by Chriss Scherer and seconded by Mike Rogers; passed.

Chriss introduced Jim Hilson, applications engineer for Dolby Laboratories, and Katy Templeman-Holmes, broadcast sales manager for Solid State Logic. The program addressed issues related to DTV audio, 5.1 surround sound, loudness and stereo and mono down mixing.

Thanks to SSL for providing lunch.

Chairman's Chat

Happy New Year

By Robin Cross

What's up for the new year? Everyone already knows about the HDTV changeover. The change in the digital power of the hybrid HD Radio signal may become reality. Otherwise, my crystal ball is fuzzy on the new year. How is yours? Send a note and tell me what you expect for the new year.

Next EAS Required Monthly Test: Jan 27

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

RIAA Takes New Tact with Music Piracy

For several years, the Recording Industry Association of America has filed lawsuits against individuals in an effort to thwart illegal file sharing. This effort has proven to be laborious and a PR nightmare for the organization as it pursues individuals for copyright infringement. While not giving up the fight entirely, the RIAA is going to try a different approach: work with Internet service providers to thwart the illegal activity.

Several business publications report that the RIAA has developed agreements with major ISPs to alert the provider that a user is uploading unauthorized content. The user gets three strikes, after which the ISP will deliver the RIAA warning or directly ask the user to stop that activity. If the user continues, the RIAA wants the ISP to reduce the offender's Internet access data rate. If the user persists, the RIAA wants the ISP to disable the user's Internet access. A similar action has been considered in France by its Parliament. This month's secret member number is 24451. Contact Robin Cross to claim your prize. ○

Certification Exam Dates		
Exam Date	Location	App. Deadline
Feb 6 - 16, 2008	Local Chapter	Closed
Apr 21, 2009	2009 NAB	Apr 1, 2009
Jun 5 - 15, 2009	Local Chapter	Apr 17, 2009




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Upcoming Chapter Meetings and Events	
<p>January 8 <i>Alternatative Energy Sources</i> Ed Coleman, Effective Project <i>Don Chilito's</i></p>	<p>March 12 <i>Chapter Elections; Engineer Appreciation Luncheon</i> <i>location TBA - care to host the meeting?</i></p>
<p>February 12 <i>Goodbye to NTSC</i> <i>KSHB-TV</i></p>	<p>April 9 <i>Transmitter Site Security</i> <i>Wallace Rd. transmitter site</i></p>
<p>May 14</p>	
<p>Do you have a suggestion for a program topic? Please share it with Kirk Chestnut.</p>	

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