

## Meeting Notice

Thursday, January 11, *National Weather Service*

1803 North State Rt. 7, Pleasant Hill, MO

(816) 540-5147

Gather 7:00pm, meeting 7:20pm, program 7:40pm



Bill Bunting will be our host for a look at the National Weather Service office in Pleasant Hill. The presentation will include information on the responsibilities of the Weather Service and a tour of the facility. Snacks and refreshments will be provided. A map to the facility can be found on the SBE59 website. The URL is at the bottom of this page. From I-470 take US-50 East to MO-7 South. Follow MO-7 5.2 miles South. The office is on the West side of the road.

Certification Dates		
Exam Date	Location	App. Deadline
February 9-19	Local Chapter	<b>closed</b>
April 24	NAB, Las Vegas	March 23, 2001
June 8-18	Local Chapter	April 30, 2001
August 17-27	Local Chapter	July 9, 2001
November 9-19	Local Chapter	September 28, 2001

## Last Month's Meeting

We met at the studios of Susquehanna Radio in Mission. The business portion included a discussion on EAS procedures. Based on discussions with Ron Ramage of the Kansas City FCC office, EAS Chairman Bob Schneider mentioned that it is the responsibility of each station to not only log any problems with RWT and RMT reception from your monitoring assignments, but an explanation of why the problem occurred and what steps were taken to correct it.

Our program included a video presentation on mast safety titled *Safety is Good News*; a film produced by the Salt River Project of Phoenix. This video is written for a typical station operator to understand and good information for anyone involved in operating a remote vehicle or ENG mast. You may request your own copy of the tape by e-mailing [gdmesser@srpnet.com](mailto:gdmesser@srpnet.com). Include your name, mailing address and intended use for the tape.

The chapter provided lunch. Thanks to Dennis Eversoll and Gil Wilson of Susquehanna for hosting the meeting.

## Computer Connection

## Computer Security

By Steve Epstein, CPBE, CBNT

Plenty has been written about protecting your computers from Internet hackers, but what about those around you? Although truly malicious employees are rare, they do exist. And, if they want, the amount of damage they can do is fairly significant. Protecting a computer can be easy if you think it through.

The first consideration is the computer's physical location. Is it locked in an office, or located in an out-of-the-way cubicle? Any computer that is not behind a locked door can easily be removed or disassembled — especially if it is tucked away. Remember that for most businesses, the data, not the physical machine, has the most value. Files with information such as client lists, payroll and even accounts receivable/payable can be quite valuable to competitors.

### EAS Required Monthly Test January 23

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

Using encryption on the hard drive, or at least on sensitive files, can make it very difficult for a would-be thief to obtain that info — even if they walk out with the hard drive in their pocket or purse. Another consideration is the value of the data to your business — what happens if all that information is simply lost? Backup your data regularly and keep the backups offsite and in a secure location.

To prevent inadvertent damage and keep out amateurs, use the motherboard's built-in passwords. Both a user and a supervisor password can be loaded into the BIOS. These can be set to require a login password when the machine is booted and they can prevent unauthorized users from changing BIOS settings. To prevent someone from booting the system with a floppy or CD, set the BIOS boot sequence to "C only." Finally, make sure that machines located on a network require a secure password before someone can get past a network login. Firewalls are fine for hackers on the outside, but they are useless against someone on the inside.

*The Computer Connection columns provide information that may help you prepare to take the SBE CBNT exam. For more information on SBE certification, contact SBE59 certification chairman Joe Snelson, go to [www.sbe.org](http://www.sbe.org), or call (317) 253-1640.*

## Reporting a Tower Light Outage

The SBE59 List server had a question raised about the correct number to call to report a tower light outage. You can call (800) 322-3161 to contact the Flight Service Station that serves the area from which you are calling from. The Kansas City metro covers two different areas. The two centers serving our area are in Columbia, MO, and Wichita, KS. The state line dictates which office handles the report except for Johnson County, KS. The Columbia center also handles Johnson County, KS.

In most cases, the report (which is listed as a *Notice to Airmen* or NOTAM) will be called in from an area within the same jurisdiction. If you reach the wrong center, the person you speak to will be able to help. You can also reach the appropriate Flight Service Center directly:

**Columbia, MO, Flight Service:** (573) 875-5321

**Wichita, KS, Flight Service:** (316) 946-0006

## Coordinate Your Frequencies

One of the many services performed by the SBE is frequency coordination. Supplying your station's frequency usage information to the chapter Frequency Coordinator helps prevent interference situations, especially when itinerant users visit Kansas City. Review the frequencies your facility uses and supply this information to Bob Schneider, SBE59 frequency coordinator.

## Upcoming Meetings

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

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March 8

April 12

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