

Meeting Notice**Thursday, February 8, *Don Chilito's Restaurant***

7017 Johnson Drive, Shawnee, KS (913) 432-4615

Gather at 11:45 am, Lunch at 12:00 noon, Meeting at 12:30 pm.

There is no formal program this month. We gather in the banquet room. Go through the line and order your lunch, and then bring it back to the banquet room. □



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

Last Month's Meeting

We met at the National Weather Service office in Pleasant Hill, MO. Bill Bunting, warning coordination meteorologist, was our host. The meeting consisted of a short discussion about future meetings, EAS and frequency coordination.

After the meeting, Bill provided information on the facility's function and responsibility, and then showed a videotape of some news coverage of a tornado in Oklahoma. Following the presentation, a facility tour was provided. Photos from our tour are on the SBE59 website.

Ennes CBNT Workshop at NAB

As a part of the NAB2001 Broadcast Engineering Conference, a special Ennes Workshop will be held with the sole topic being a five-hour program on broadcast networking technology titled, *Putting the Pieces Together*. The workshop will cover network topologies and layouts, common network protocols, wiring and connector types, system standards and installation practices, maintenance, troubleshooting and connectivity issues, challenges unique to media based network platforms and an overview of digital compression technologies and related storage issues. The Ennes Workshop will be held Saturday, April 21 from 9 am to 3 pm. Since this is the day before the convention officially opens, participants will not miss any time on the exhibit floor or regular paper sessions. The instructor will be Terry M. Baun, CPBE of Criterion Broadcast Services and chairman of the SBE Certification Committee. Moderator will be Richard Farquhar, CPBE, president of RAF Companies and education director of the Ennes Trust.

Session attendees will be able to take the SBE CBNT examination following the workshop at 3:15 pm. Registration for the exam will be encouraged in advance, although on-site registration will be possible. Watch for more details in upcoming issues of the *SBE Signal* and NAB Convention promotional information.

**Choosing the Proper PATH**

By Steve Epstein, CPBE, CBNT

I am always amazed at how many users (both novice and experienced) have trouble with the path through a computer's directory structure. Before you jump to the conclusion that Windows has eliminated the need to understand this structure, remember that HTML is essentially based on command lines. Images, files and

even URLs are all referenced using the path. Microsoft uses the backslash (\) to distinguish directories, while Unix uses the forward slash (/). For the most part, what follows applies to both OSs as long as the proper slash (front or back) is substituted.

The base, or root, of the directory tree is the "/". Type the command "*prompt \$p\$g*" to display the current drive and path (\$p) followed by the > symbol (\$g) on an MS-DOS machine. The command "*cd /*" will take you to the root directory from anywhere on the drive. Typing "*dir*" will show all the directories and files in the current directory. All directories except the root will show a "." directory, which is the parent directory of current directory.

Typing "*cd ..*" will take you one directory closer to the root (/). For instance, typing "*cd ..*" from the */shop/plans/assets/images* directory, it would take you to the */shop/plans/assets* directory. Typing it three more times would take you all the way to the root. If the assets directory mentioned above contained an images directory as well as a sounds directory, typing "*cd ../sounds*" would move you from the images directory to the sounds directory.

Commands used on the command line can vary based on where you are in the directory structure. The following commands all do the same thing; move the test.txt file from the images directory to the sounds directory. The first uses a full path and works from anywhere on the drive:

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copy /shop/plans/assets/images/test.txt /shop/plans/assets/sounds
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The next command will work from the images directory:

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copy test.txt ../sounds
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This command works from the sounds directory:

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copy ../images/test.txt
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The previous command assumes the destination to be the current directory, while the second command assumes the file to be copied is in the current directory. Gaining a good understanding of the drive structure and using the command line can make troubleshooting easier on just about any computer-based system.

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, or call (317) 253-1640.

Upcoming Meetings

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

March 8
April 12
May 10

EAS Required Monthly Test
February 30

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

SBE Seeks National Frequency Coordination Director

The SBE Board of Directors has approved the hiring of a national Frequency Coordination Director, who will be responsible for managing the Society's frequency coordination program, help local frequency coordinators facilitate their local 2GHz transition and manage the Society's event coordination services. □

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