

Meeting Notice

Thursday, March 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.



Just as transistors replaced tubes, LEDs are replacing incandescent lamps. You have already seen LEDs used in traffic signals and on some vehicles, now LEDs are being introduced for tower lighting. Our program will be presented by Rich Altapiedi of Dialight and will cover the use of LEDs for tower lighting with a focus on the company's tower lighting products. Officer elections will also be held at the meeting, so be sure to attend. 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 Don Chilito's. There was no formal program. Nominations were opened for the upcoming elections to be held at the March meeting. Those nominated were Chriss Scherer for chairman, Kirk Chestnut for vice chairman and Ben Weiss for secretary/treasurer. Additional nominations can be made at the March meeting, by contacting Ben Weiss (contact info on the reverse of this newsletter), or by sending an e-mail to sbe59@broadcast.net. Officer terms are for one year.

Check That Label

Take a look at your mailing label and verify that all the information is correct. Every effort is made to update the mailing list, and if a newsletter is returned twice, the address is usually deleted unless other information is known. Your mailing label also includes your SBE certification level (if you're certified) and your membership status with SBE. The codes currently used are: **M** - member, **LM** - life member, **SM** - senior member, **AM** - associate member, **StM** - student member, **S** - sponsor (thanks to those that are sponsors), **HonM** - honorary member, **X** - exchange, **C** - courtesy.

If you are receiving this newsletter as a guest, please consider joining SBE and taking advantage of membership. If you are a member, also take a moment and verify that your contact information is correct with the SBE national office. You can check your info on the SBE website at www.sbe.org by searching the membership directory. This information is also used for the national directory so be sure it is up to date.

Membership Renewals Due

Renewal notices were mailed to all current members in early February. If you did not receive one, contact Scott Jones at the National office at (317) 253-1640 or kjones@sbe.org. Renewals are due by April 1.

Awards Nomination Forms Now Available

Nomination forms for the 2000 National SBE Awards program will be in the March issue of the *SBE Signal* and are available on the SBE website. Winners will be chosen by the National Awards Committee, and awards presented at the national meeting in September.

EAS Required Monthly Test
March 27
The EAS RMT is sent on the last Tuesday of the month.

Computer Connection

Computer Deployment

By Steve Epstein, CPBE, CBNT

If you are faced with equipping and supporting an office or facility with computers, there are several steps that can ease the task. The first is to determine a common set of components that can be used for all systems. Next, build the machines so that each is identical. Setup one computer with all necessary common software. Then, make an image of that computer's setup and copy that image to all the other systems. It is also wise to purchase at least one extra hard drive and image it just like the others. Put that fully imaged hard drive on the shelf with other spare parts. If necessary, add any unique software to individual machines. Carefully catalog all the components and software used and maintain a reasonable set of spares. Windows can report the hardware data for you. Just as when ordering broadcast equipment, all extra components should be part of the original budget request.

By setting up all computers to be identical, you reduce support time considerably. Although it may be difficult to re-equip an entire office at once, the time and money savings related to long-term support should justify the extra expense. For instance, that spare hard drive that was imaged could be quickly installed in a machine that has been infected with a virus or had a large number of files deleted (accidentally or not). Getting that machine back in operation in a few minutes allows staff to continue to be productive while you re-image the removed hard drive at your convenience.

Getting the machine back up and running is only part of the battle, you must also restore any lost or missing data. For that, you need a good system of backups. Some machines should be backed up daily, while others only need to be done weekly. Storing important files on a common drive can simplify backups, but this can also expose that data to prying eyes and potential risk. Assess all files and computers to determine a backup strategy that allows the business to get back on its feet quickly in the event of a disaster. If it is a real disaster, you will likely be concerned with getting back on the air. When you are off-the-air, the last thing you need is to worry about whether or not the office computers (and your payroll) are still intact.

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.

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May 10
June 14

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