Meeting Notice

Thursday, May 10, *KCUR-FM*

4825 Troost, Suite 202, Kansas City, MO (816) 235-1551
Gather at 11:30 am, Meeting at 12:00 pm, Program/Tour at 12:30 pm.

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Mike Douthat will be our host at the recently updated facilities of KCUR. The entire facility has been made digital ready for the eventual complete transition to digital signalling. Mike will discuss the advantages and shortcomings of the wiring for digital. Also included in teh facility upgrade was a new AudioVault audio storage/playback installation. Those interested in gathering for lunch after the meeting can do so. Details will be provided at the meeting. The parking lot is on the South side of the building and costs $0.25/hour. The station is on the second floor at the top of the main stairway.

✍ Certification Dates ✄		
Exam Date	Location	App. Deadline
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
Robin Cross, CSRE, and Bob White of the Summit Technology Academy were our hosts for an introduction and tour of the school, which teaches four courses: Networking, Computer Repair (Comptia A+), Basic Electronics and Principles of Technology (physics). About 100 students are enrolled. We learned about the school itself and how it works with the local school districts. Two students showed us a student recruiting video that they are working on as part of a class project.

Awards Nomination Forms Now Available
Nomination forms for the 2000 National SBE Awards program are 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.

Computer Connection

Do You FTP?
By Steve Epstein, CPBE, CBNT
FTP, or File Transfer Protocol, is a method of moving files that works regardless of the platforms involved. Of course, that assumes the platforms involved support FTP, but today nearly every platform supports FTP. There are numerous FTP clients available, such as WS_FTP, that provide a GUI interface. Win95 FTP is also available as a command line program that comes with the OS. Today most Web browsers also support FTP downloads automatically. Because of this, few people actually do an FTP transfer with the command line anymore. If you intend to work on remote websites or across platforms, you might want to brush up on using this and other command-line tools.

Using command-line FTP is fairly easy. I recommend it because it is always available, and if you know how to use it, using any of the GUI programs is simple. To start FTP on a Windows machine, click *Start*, *Run*, then type *FTP* or choose the *MS-DOS Prompt* from *Start*, *Programs* and type *ftp* in the window. Typing *help* at the ftp> prompt will provide a list of commands. Regularly used commands include ascii, binary, get, mget, put, and mput. Typing *help mget* will provide some help on the mget command. To open a session with an FTP server, put the name (or IP address) of the server on the same line as the ftp

command when you start the program. Or, at the ftp> prompt, type *open* 'servername' or IP address.

Once you connect to the server, you will be prompted for a login name and password. If you are authorized, this is information you will have. If not try an anonymous login, as many FTP servers support this. Internet etiquette says that for anonymous logins, use anonymous or guest for the user ID and use your email address for the password. Once you are in, use the *cd* (change directory) and *lcd* (local cd) commands to negotiate to the appropriate directories on the remote and local machines. If needed, use the binary command to setup for a binary (8-bit—ascii is 7-bit) transfer then use the get and put commands to move files. Mget and mput are for moving multiple files. When you are finished, type *close* and *quit* to disconnect and shutdown ftp.

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.*

Broadcast.net Hacked
On April 17, the broadcast.net site suffered severe problems when the website server was hacked. The attackers deleted and moved several key files, crippling the site and it's e-mail services. The national SBE website and the SBE59 website were affected in addition to the Broadcast.net site. All the websites have been restored. Access to the SBE59 website was restored in early May.

Service to broadcast.net vanity e-mail addresses (name@broadcast.net) was also interrupted. These addresses should now be functioning as well.

SBE Certification Celebrates 25 Years
In November, the SBE Certification celebrated its silver anniversary. The SBE certification program is recognized throughout the broadcast industry as the leader in providing a measuring stick of skill competencies and professional recognition for the broadcast engineer. The SBE Certification Program anniversary was recognized during the SBE membership meeting on April 24. All the certified members present received an Xcelite green screwdriver imprinted with the words *SBE Certified*. A special program recognized the history of the Certification Program, the past and present committee chairmen of the program, Jim Wulliman, David Carr and Terry Baun, the past and present Certification Committee members and the chapter certification committee chairmen. These individuals all received a silver anniversary commemorative lapel pin and an Xcelite blue Phillips screwdriver imprinted with the words *SBE National Certification*. Cake was also served to highlight the event.

Upcoming Meetings

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

June 14
July 12
August 9

EAS Required Monthly Test
May 29

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

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