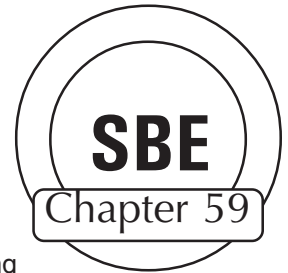


Meeting Notices**Thursday, July 10, KCPT-TV**

125 E 31 Street, Kansas City, MO

Gather at 7:00 p.m.; Meeting at 7:10p.m.

Broadcast Antiques Road Show. Do you have some broadcast equipment or a radio receiver from days gone by? Our July meeting is your chance to show it off and maybe have it appraised. Everyone is encouraged to bring something to the meeting. If you have more than one item, bring them all. This will be an opportunity for others to see your treasure and compare interests. Equipment, promotional items, posters and other broadcast goods can be submitted. Dr. Robert Lane, a noted regional antique radio specialist, will join us to appraise the equipment for you. Don't worry about the condition of the equipment. Even if you think that it has no value, bring it anyway. Others will want to see it.



Tours of KCPT and the KCTV transmitter facility will be available. Refreshments will be served. ☺

Certification Dates		
Exam Date	Location	App. Deadline
August 15-25	Local Chapter	June 13
November 7-17	Local Chapter	September 26

Last Month's Meeting

We met at the recently completed tower site that Richland Towers built. Long the home of the transmitter for KPXE-TV, the site now houses transmitter facilities for several Entercom and Susquehanna radio stations. The turnout was the highest we had in quite some time. Following the lunch and business meeting, tours of the site were provided by Richland, Entercom and Susquehanna. Lunch from Jack Stack was provided by Richland Towers.

Chairman's Chat

By Kirk Chestnut, CSRE

Sharpen the Saw

Have you ever tried to drill metal with a dull bit? Do you know how good a saw blade feels in your hand after a good sharpening? (Handle end first of course!) It really makes the work go so much better doesn't it. If you are a broadcast engineer it has taken hard work and a good education to get you to where you are today. However, to remain in this business you must stay informed and self-educated. It takes taking time out of that busy schedule to sharpen the tools of the mind. How does one stay sharp in this ever-changing job market?

The SBE provides relevant and timely educational opportunities for its members. Last month two wonderful opportunities presented themselves: The Ennes engineering sessions at the Missouri Broadcasters Association Convention and CPR training at Johnson County Community College. Many of you said you wanted to do both, so we postponed the CPR training. We'll announce another CPR training day later.

Last year, Hearst/Argyle and SBE59 teamed up to bring you Midtech 2002. Our hope is to bring a national-caliber convention again to Kansas City. We need an individual who would be willing to organize our next convention. You will not have to do this alone; SBE National has a staff of professionals dedicated to convention planning and execution. As conventions chairman, you can count on SBE59 to be there to help with the muscle work.

Speaking of conventions, this year's Nebraska Broadcasters Association (NBA) convention will be held August 14 at the Embassy Suites Hotel in Lincoln, NE. John Sims will moderate the engineering sessions sponsored by RF Specialties of Missouri. The roster of seminars progresses like an audio chain. Wheatstone's Jay Tyler will discuss *Digital Audio Console Considerations* while Todd Harrington of Gepco Wire and Cable will help you install that console with *Digital Wiring Considerations*.

Next, Greg Ogonowski of Orban will discuss *Digital Audio Processing for HD Radio*. Tim Bealor takes us to the transmitter for *HD Radio RF Considerations*. Finally, Bill Harlan of ERI will discuss *FM HD Radio Antenna/Injector Considerations*.

The NBA has made registration free to both NBA member and non-member engineers. Lunch costs, however, will be \$20.00 and the speaker for lunch will be Jeff Smulyan, president and CEO of Emmis Communications. For registration information contact Marty Riemenschneider at 402-778-5178 or marty@ne-ba.org.

We're always looking for suggestions. What topics would you like to see at an up coming SBE meeting or convention? Maybe you've had an idea in the back of your mind how you'd direct a class on wiring techniques or cable management. Call or e-mail me with your ideas, no matter how small or outlandish they may seem to you.

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We've talked about creating a video training library. Perhaps you would be willing to put together a presentation and hand out on *Proper Dressing Techniques for Audio Connectors*. We'd videotape your presentation, edit it and make it available for new engineers or technical training for your remote crews. Your involvement would be worth recertification points to you and practical knowledge for countless engineers.

Someone suggested that a remote truck safety seminar would be worthwhile. Plans are in the works for just such an event along with door prizes and a show-and-tell of remote vehicles. Stay tuned for details to come.

Like anything in life, the more you invest, the more you get out of it. No matter if you're new to the trade or the seasoned pro, your ideas count here. Get involved and be a part of your SBE. As the old biblical adage goes, "Where your treasure is there your heart will be also."

**EAS Required Monthly Test
 July 29**

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

Membership and Certification Update

As listed in the June issue of the *SBE Signal*, the following people have recently become new or reinstated members to the SBE:

- David Good Kansas City
- Scott Hobson Overland Park
- Mike Rogers Overland Park
- Larry Slover St. Joseph
- William Thorsen Lee's Summit
- Jack Thouvenell St. Joseph
- Robert Weafer Leewood

Chapter 59 congratulates the following individuals for obtaining their SBE certifications: Dennis Eversoll, CSRE; Jack Thouvenell, CSRE; Ian Via, CBNT. In addition, Ron Rockrohr, CBTE, has renewed his certification.

SBE National Candidates Announced

The SBE Nominations Committee has announced candidates for the 2003-2004 national officers and directors of SBE. More information is available in the June issue of the *SBE Signal*. The list of candidates has been updated from a previous release. The following individuals have been nominated.

- President** Raymond C. Benedict, CPBE
Washington, DC
- Vice President** Samuel E. Garfield, CPBE
Raleigh, NC

Secretary Ralph R. Hogan, CPBE
Pullman, WA
Treasurer Robert "R.J." Russell, CBTE
Yuma, AZ

The Nominations Committee has developed a slate of 12 candidates for the six available board seats. All candidates run on an at-large basis. The six candidates receiving the most votes will be elected. The following individuals, listed in alphabetical order, have been nominated.

Ralph Beaver, CBT *Tampa, FL*
 Paul Black, CSRE *Pleasant Hill, CA*
 Dominic Bordonaro, CSRE *Stratford, CT*
 Peter Boyce, CPBE CBNT *New Albany, IN*
 Andrea Cummis, CBT *Roseland, NJ*
 Dane Ericksen, P.E., CSRTE *San Francisco, CA*
 Clay Freinwald, CPBE *Seattle, WA*
 Jeffrey Hugabone, CBRE CBNT *Chicopee, MA*
 David Hultsman, CSRE *Birmingham, AL*
 Mark Olkowski, CPBE *New York, NY*
 Henry Ruhwiedel, CPBE *Merrillville, IN*
 Andrew Suk, CPBE *Nampa, ID*

SBE members in good standing may nominate other qualified members to run for an officer or board position. Contact the National Office for details.

Election ballots will be mailed to each voting SBE member on August 8. The ballot will include information on the candidates. Completed ballots must be returned to the National Office by Sept. 11. The new officers and board members will be installed during the Annual Membership Meeting, Oct. 15 in Madison, WI.

SBE Signal Now Bi-monthly

Beginning with the June issue, the *SBE Signal* will be published every other month. It has been a quarterly publication for many years. The expanded *SBE Signal* will offer more information and news on more topics of interest to members.

Welcome New Newsletter Sponsor

Comet Industrial Products is our newest sponsor. We thank all the newsletter sponsors for their support of *The Communicator*. Please tell them that you appreciate their support as well.

CPR and First Aid Training

The ability to provide first aid and CPR is a special skill that one hopes will never be needed. The chapter is making arrangements on hosting a course this summer. Contact Chriss Scherer with suggestions for a training date. ☺



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Upcoming Meetings and Events

July 10 *Broadcast Antiques Roadshow*

August 14 *SBE59 Annual Picnic*

Late August *Orban Mobile Test Van Tour*

September 11 *Radiation Patterns Using NEC-2*

Late September *Kansas City Speedway and the MRN*

October 9 *Belden Electronics*

December 11 *RF Specialties and Wheatstone*