



Meeting Notice

Thursday, February 12, KSHB-TV

4720 Oak St.; Kansas City, MO 64112

Gather at 6:30 p.m.

*Analog TV Wake.* Generations grew up on it and grew old with it. It has taken us to the farthest reaches of our planet. And to worlds beyond. It has shaped our culture and given birth to the couch potato (not that there's anything wrong with that). It may even have paid off your mortgage.

It's been a great ride, but now it's time to say goodbye to analog television. And we're going to do it in style, even if the analog shut-off lingers on for a few more months.

As the era of over-the-air NTSC television draws to a close, please join us for Gregory G's BBQ, a brief SBE business meeting, a tour of the KSHB facility, and a Youtube sampling of TV history. We'll also have time for show-and-tell, so bring whatever you might have to share, even if it's just a good story or warm memory.

Limited space is available in the lot directly south of the KSHB main entrance. Street parking is also available. **Please RSVP by February 6** to [rsvp@sbe59.org](mailto:rsvp@sbe59.org). ○

**Last Month's Meeting**

*By Ben Weiss, CPBE*

The January meeting of SBE59 was held January 8, 2009, at Don Chilito's in Mission, KS. There were 13 in attendance. Robin Cross, chapter chairman, was in charge.

Cross opened the business meeting at 12:03 p.m. After introductions, Ben Weiss read the minutes of the December meeting and provided the treasurer's report. Chriss Scherer made the motion to approve them. The second was by John Gray, passed.

Chriss Scherer reminded us that it's not to late to sign up for the certification exams to be given April 21 at the NAB convention. The deadline to apply is April 1. April 17 is the deadline for signing up for the June 5-15 local exams.

Kirk Chestnut, Kansas City area EAS chairman, remarked that there was nothing new on the EAS front.

Regarding the February meeting, there was considerable discussion about firming up the location, program and food. It was noted that the March meeting will be the annual barbecue feast sponsored by RF Specialties. Also the March meeting will be the time for the annual election of chapter officers.

There was no frequency coordination report.

The motion to adjourn was made by Cross and seconded by Weiss.

Edwin Coleman of Effective Project Corporation presented a very interesting program about finding sources of alternative energy. Discussed were wind, solar, geothermal, bio fuels, hydrogen and others.

**Next EAS Required Monthly Test: Jan 27**

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

**Chairman's Chat**

**Remembering History**

*By Robin Cross*

This coming SBE meeting is special! We have a great program about the end of NTSC transmission. This is a must-be-there event. If you have a tape or pictures of some event in early Kansas City TV history, please contact me ([robin@kcur.org](mailto:robin@kcur.org)). The program is nearly full but we want the best of all the possible items available.

In the radio area we will soon see Arbitron installing the famed Portable People Meter encoders at your station. Here is the PPM schedule for Kansas City:

<i>Pre-Currency Period</i>	<i>Currency Period</i>	<i>Last Diary Report</i>
Oct/Nov 2009	Dec 2009	Summer 2009

Here we go with another digital transition. If you like change then you like broadcasting.

I am not too verbose when it comes to writing if it is not about equipment. If you have ever wanted to have a place to say anything reasonable about Kansas City broadcasting, contact me. And if your SBE member number is 6489, contact me to claim your prize.

**SBE Launches SBE University**

The Society of Broadcast Engineers has announced the opening of the SBE University; a series of on-line, on-demand courses that teach a variety of technical radio and television topics. The first three courses offered by the SBE University are now available for enrollment. ○

<b>Certification Exam Dates</b>		
<i>Exam Date</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>App. Deadline</i>
Feb 6 - 16, 2008	Local Chapter	Closed
Apr 21, 2009	2009 NAB	Apr 1, 2009
Jun 5 - 15, 2009	Local Chapter	Apr 17, 2009

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Upcoming Chapter Meetings and Events	
<b>February 12</b> <i>Analog TV Wake</i> KSHB-TV	<b>April 9</b> <i>High-powered AM &amp; FM Transmitters</i> Ellis Terry, Nautel Zarda Barbecue, Lenexa
<b>March 12</b> <i>Chapter Elections; Engineer Appreciation Luncheon</i> location TBA	<b>May 14</b>
	<b>June 11</b>
	<b>July 9</b>
Do you have a suggestion for a program topic? Please share it with Kirk Chestnut.	

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