



Meeting Notice

Thursday, March 12, Entercom Communications

7000 Squibb Rd., room 100; Mission, KS

Gather at 11:30 a.m., lunch served at 11:45, meeting at noon

Chapter Elections and Engineers' Appreciation Lunch. The chapter elects its leaders annually, and the elections will be held at the March meeting. Take an active role in guiding your chapter by attending this meeting.

RF Specialties will provide lunch with the annual Engineers' Appreciation Lunch. The Kansas City barbecue meal will include smoked brisket, ribs, pulled pork and turkey with all the barbecue fixings. Many manufacturers have provided door prizes ranging from logo wear to gift certificates to restaurants and big box stores. An RSVP is appreciated (although not required to attend) to rfmo@uniteone.net. ○

Last Month's Meeting

By Ben Weiss, CPBE

The February meeting SBE59 was held Feb. 12, 2009 at the offices and studios of KSHB-TV in Kansas City, MO. There were 27 in attendance. Robin Cross, chapter chairman, was in charge. Cross opened the business meeting with introductions. Ben Weiss read the minutes of the January meeting and provided the treasurer's report. Chriss Scherer made the motion to approve both, Chris Castro seconded the motion. Passed.

Kirk Chestnut, KC area EAS chairman, reported on a Kansas-side mix up on the monthly test (RMT). Two mistakes were made simultaneously. The scheduled Kansas state monthly test from WIBW, the state primary for Kansas, normally runs the second Tuesday of each month. WIBW inadvertently fired an AMBER (CAE) code rather than an RMT. Most Kansas City stations received the CAE via Kansas City Local Primary station KCSP. KCSP normally fires an RMT for the Kansas City metro monthly test on the last Tuesday of the month. The KCSP program director received an e-mail from the Kansas Association of Broadcasters with a monthly test schedule and thought it applied to KCSP. KCSP fired an RMT at the same moment WIBW fired the CAE. Later in the month, on the last Tuesday, the metro RMT went as usual.

Chris Castro, chapter frequency coordinator said that the chapter website now has all the BAS frequencies listed. Also, the coordination for the NFL game days this fall will operate much like the past with no change in procedures.

Chriss Scherer, certification chairman, reminded us that he can arrange to proctor certification exams almost anytime to accommodate persons wanting to take an exam. He noted the application deadlines.

Looking forward to the annual election of officers; Scherer volunteered to serve as chairman of the nominating committee.

There was no formal adjournment.

The program for the evening was a wake for analog TV, despite the analog shut off being postponed a few days earlier. Cross introduced Walt Bodine as special guest.

Bodine related his experiences as a radio and TV broadcast personality in Kansas City. John Long also shared some thoughts of Kansas City TV history.

Chairman's Chat

Save the Date

By Robin Cross

This is a busy year. The now postponed NTSC cutoff has come and gone. We held our wake last month with good attendance and excellent presentations by Walt Bodine and John Long. This month is the annual RF Specialties thank you meeting. It has been a few years since I saw flying coffee cups at one of these. This may restart. You must attend to find out.

The April meeting will be presented by Nautel, who will discuss high-power AM transmitters. The May meeting will be presented by Arbitron because this is the year for the Portable People Meter (PPM) changeover for the Kansas City market. I have been told by Arbitron that it is a must for engineers and a should for GMs, PDs and others dealing with ratings. You or your station(s) may have already been contacted by Arbitron for contract signing.

June 12, 2009 is of course the new (again) analog TV turn off. The June program is tentatively on tower detuning. In September we will hold our annual picnic.

We work hard to bring good and timely programs to Kansas City SBE meetings. This means that we also need your input for programs that you would like to see. I have been overwhelmed by the response that I have had to what I write here. I am joking. That said. This month's winner of a gift from SBE59 is member number 26334. We have posted this for the last six months but have had no one claim his prize. Call me at 816-235-2880 to claim it. I hope that you have no fires – literal or figurative – to put out at your station. ○

Certification Exam Dates		
Exam Date	Location	App. Deadline
Apr 21, 2009	2009 NAB	Apr 1, 2009
Jun 5 - 15, 2009	Local Chapter	Apr 17, 2009
Aug 7 - 17, 2009	Local Chapter	Jun 5, 2009



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SBE59 to Host RF Safety Course

The SBE RF Safety Course is designed for broadcast station personnel who need an understanding of RF safety issues and regulations. Richard Strickland of RF Safety Solutions teaches the course. Kansas City is one of the online host sites for the May 21 course.

The SBE RF Safety Course provides an overview of RF radiation issues and practices for broadcasters, including the biological effects of RF radiation, FCC and OSHA

regulations, workplace hazards, and specific situations such as SNG/ENG trucks, AM, FM and TV stations.

Participants receive a course hand-out prior to the course. Those who complete the course will receive a certificate of completion from the SBE. Completion of this course may be used to earn SBE recertification credit.

Next EAS Required Monthly Test: Mar 31

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

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