



**Meeting Notice**

**Thursday, April 9, Zarda Barbecue**

11931 W 87 St.; Lenexa, KS; 913-492-2330

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

*Advances in radio transmitter designs.* Radio broadcaster engineers face increasingly complex challenges with digital transmission, and these challenges must be met with ever-thinning engineering resources. Ellis Terry, Western US regional sales manager for Nautel, will review Nautel's developments to address the current challenges. His talk will include an overview of the single-cabinet, high-power NV40 FM transmitter; the 50kW NX50 digital AM transmitter; an advanced user interface, and the Nautel HD Power Boost.

Join us in the banquet room at the back of the restaurant. Lunch will be provided by Nautel. ○

**Last Month's Meeting**

*By Ben Weiss, CPBE*

The March meeting of SBE59 was held March 12, 2009, at Entercom Communications in Mission, KS. There were 30 in attendance. Robin Cross, chapter chairman, was in charge. The occasion of the meeting was the annual RF Specialties engineer appreciation lunch and the annual election of chapter officers.

Cross opened the business meeting at 12 noon with introductions of attendees. Ben Weiss read the minutes of the February meeting. He also provided the treasurer's report. The motion to accept the minutes and financial report was by made Chriss Scherer and seconded by Kirk Chestnut. Passed.

John Gray, chapter 59 webmaster, reported that the website has all the area STL and BAS frequencies posted.

Kirk Chestnut, KC-area EAS chairman, commented further on the February annual National Weather Service test fiasco. There was more than one issue that made for an interesting day of EAS tests for area stations.

Commenting on future programs, Chestnut provided some insight on upcoming meetings.

Chriss Scherer, certification chairman, again remind us that he can arrange to proctor certification exams almost any time. He also told us about the up coming teleconference RF safety seminar to be held May 21. Kansas City is one of the nine ports for this seminar. Details are at sbe59.org.

There was a brief discussion about interference to local STLs that several stations have been reporting. Chad Brown of Wilks Broadcast Group detailed the interference he has been experiencing, and others reported interference issues as well.

Cross turned the meeting over to Chriss Scherer who chaired the chapter Nominations Committee. Scherer had contacted each of the current officers and that they had agreed to continue for one more year in their respective positions. Nominations from the floor were solicited, but none were offered. The candidate slate of Robin Cross

for chairman; Dave Buell for vice chairman, and Ben Weiss for secretary/treasurer was put forth. By voice vote acclimation all current officers were retained for one more year. The election was closed.

The program was presented by RF Specialties. John Sims prepared an excellent meal of barbecue brisket and ribs, beans, potato salad and cheesy corn bake. In addition, there were multiple drawings for many door prizes provided by a number of equipment manufacturers, which included logo shirts, mugs and hats, as well as retail gift certificates and several pieces of broadcast hardware.

**Chairman's Chat**

***The Rewards of Serving the Chapter***

*By Robin Cross*

Soon I will be heading to the NAB Show. It should be an interesting year in Vegas. The biggest change will probably be the number of attendees.

While I'm there, I will hand out a lot a lot of business cards asking for programs for SBE59. I don't visit many TV-oriented booths, so if you're going and you work in TV, keep the chapter in mind. I will do my best to bring good programs to the chapter.

The chapter has an opening for a programs chairman. Officially, this person plans the programs each month, but it is easier than it appears. Companies often call me asking to present a meeting program. I forward these to the programs chairman and committee. If it meets our standards for an informative (not just a sales pitch) presentation, the information is added to the programs committee agenda so the plans can be made. Sometimes another member, and not just the program chairman, sets everything up. It is not a difficult job, but does take a little time every month. I have some people in mind that I will contact if no one volunteers. The best part about it is that you can earn SBE recertification points for your work.

In May, the chapter will host another SBE RF training course. I have attended both the SBE's and one from a for-profit company, and the SBE course is far better and less expensive. If you are involved in RF in any way this is a *must*. The member number for this month is 22385. Please contact me to receive your prize. ○




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Upcoming Chapter Meetings and Events		
<b>April 9</b>	<b>May 21</b>	
<i>Advances in Radio Transmitter Designs</i>	<i>SBE RF Safety Course</i>	
Ellis Terry, Nautel Zarda Barbecue, Lenexa	Penton Media, Overland Park, KS	
<b>May 14</b>	<b>Certification Exam Dates</b>	
<i>All About the Arbitron PPM</i>	<i>Exam Date</i>	<i>Location</i>
Robert Diaz, Arbitron Penton Media, Overland Park	Apr 21, 2009	2009 NAB
	Jun 5 - 15, 2009	Local Chapter
		<i>App. Deadline</i>
		Closed
		Apr 17, 2009

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