



Meeting Notice

Thursday, June 11, KCPT-TV

125 E 31st Street; Kansas City, MO

Gather at 6:30 p.m., dinner, meeting and program to begin by 6:45 p.m.

AFD in the Video Metadata. Ron Veerman, mid-central U.S. sales manager for Evertz, will present a discussion of the role that active format description (AFD) plays in the DTV signal. With a wide range of 4:3 and 16:9 source material being transferred through varying systems, AFD can ensure that video is properly handled at each step in the signal chain to ensure the best possible viewing experience once it reaches the home viewer.

Park in the KCPT west parking lot at 31st and Main Streets. Enter KCPT through the main entrance. Barbecue from Gates will be provided by Evertz, and an RSVP is appreciated to ensure enough food will be available. Use the RSVP link at sbe59.org or e-mail rsvp@sbe59.org. ○

Last Month's Meeting

By Ben Weiss, CPBE

The May meeting of Chapter 59 of the Society of Broadcast Engineers was held May 14, 2009, at the offices of Penton Media in Overland Park. There were 16 in attendance. Robin Cross, chapter chairman, was in charge.

Cross opened the business meeting at 12:05 p.m. After introductions, Ben Weiss read the minutes of the April meeting. Then Weiss provided the treasurer's report. The motion to accept the minutes and the financial report was made by Ken Cox and seconded by Mike Rogers. Passed.

Kirk Chestnut remarked briefly about the state of EAS in the metro area. He said that he has been told by the Missouri Highway Patrol Communications office that an IP-based receiver would be deployed to the LP-1 and LP-2 stations in days to come. This device will be used to issue AMBER Alerts in the state of Missouri as well as alerts issued by the Governor of Missouri. LP-1, KCSP, has not received a box yet. Supposedly, the local TV stations with 24/7 news operations have said box. It is unknown at this time whether they are installed.

Cross credited John Gray with his excellent work as webmaster of the chapter's website.

Regarding future programs, it was announced that the annual chapter picnic will be held at the lake home of Ed and Barbara Treese on a date in September to be announced.

Chriss Scherer, certification chairman, indicated that the deadline to register for the August exams is June 5. Scherer also noted that Nautel is a new sponsor for the chapter's newsletter.

The motion to adjourn was made by Roy Baum and seconded by Mike Rogers.

The program was a teleconference seminar presented by Arbitron. It covered many aspects of the installation and encoding operation of the PPM audience measuring encoders. July 13 is the deadline for all Kansas City-area stations to have their encoders installed and operating.

September 17 is the kick off date for PPM measurements to begin; therefore the seminar presentation was very timely.

Arbitron PPM Schedule

July 13: Stations complete QoS testing
Sept. 17: PPM goes live in Kansas City

Next EAS Required Monthly Test: June 30

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

Chairman's Chat

Summertime, Summertime...

By Robin Cross

Ahh... We are looking at summer and all that it brings. It is the best time for outdoor projects. Maybe a really good check of the transmitter shacks or towers. At the station where I was employed about 20 years ago, I usually had a tower crew out for a complete inspection and guy wire tension check/retensioning every other year. The tower company would also provide its opinion of the tower paint as well as a complete inspection including pictures of problem areas. Other outside work can include those pesky remote trucks. The radiator/cooling system will get in some overtime work this summer, so an inspection is probably excellent preventive maintenance.

At AM sites it is the time to clear away any weeds from the tower bases. It is a good time to check the satellite dish for a wasp's nest or other objects in the feedhorn. The list goes on, but you get the idea.

I hope your summer includes some time off with a cold beverage of your choice. Remember that SBE59 will have the annual late summer/early fall picnic. Look for details coming soon. The SBE59 winner's member number this month is 26556. A few winners have called me to claim their prizes. ○

Certification Exam Dates		
Exam Date	Location	App. Deadline
Aug 7 - 17, 2009	Local Chapter	Closed
Nov 6 - 16, 2009	Local Chapter	Sep 18, 2009
Feb 5 - 15, 2010	Local Chapter	Dec 31, 2009



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Upcoming Chapter Meetings and Events	
June 11 <i>AFD in the Video Metadat</i> Ron Veerman, Evertz KCPT-TV	September 10 September - date TBD <i>Chapter Picnic</i> Treese's Lake House, Lake Lotawana
July 9 August 13	October 8
Do you have a suggestion for a program topic? Please share it with Kirk Chestnut.	

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