



**Meeting Notice**

**Thursday, August 13, Zarda Barbecue**

**Zarda BBQ 11931 W 87 Street; Lenexa, KS; 913-492-2330**

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

*Real-world Installation of AM HD Radio.* Ray Klotz of Sierra Multimedia Systems will discuss his experience in installing the HD Radio system on KFAQ-AM, Tulsa. According to Klotz, installation of HD Radio on the AM band is anything but plug-and-play. Klotz will cover the work necessary before installation, during installation and measurements to assure proper operation. Antenna system requirements and corrections, installation adjustments and proof measurements at the transmitter and in the field are also covered.

Lunch will be provided by Sierra Multimedia Systems. Meet in the banquet room at the back of the restaurant. ○

**Last Month's Meeting**

*By Ben Weiss, CPBE*

The July meeting of SBE59 was held July 9, 2009, at Don Chilito's Restaurant in Mission, KS. There were nine in attendance. Dave Buell, chapter vice chairman, lead the meeting.

Buell opened the business meeting at 12:07 p.m. After introductions, Ben Weiss read the minutes of the June meeting and provided the treasurer's report, which included a notation that the annual chapter rebate check from national had been deposited. The motion to accept the minutes and the financial report was made by Mike Rogers and seconded by Weiss. Passed.

Kirk Chestnut, KC metro EAS chairman, reported that the NAB is encouraging broadcasters to participate in the FCC's Disaster Information Reporting System (DIRS). DIRS was launched on Sept. 11, 2007 to help the FCC, FEMA and other public safety organizations collect accurate information regarding the status of communication services (including broadcasting) during a major disaster.

Chriss Scherer indicated that Sept. 18 is the deadline to register for the November certification exams. Scherer also noted that the SBE national awards committee has chosen the Chapter 59 website as the best SBE chapter website in the 2008-2009 national awards program. Congratulations were extended to John Gray, chapter Web master.

The motion to adjourn was made by Darrell Nickolaus and seconded by Ron Rockrohr.

There was no formal program, however several items of interest to all were discussed in an open forum.

**Chairman's Chat**

**Seeing Change**

*By Robin Cross*

Wow, the summer is nearly over. I know my plate has been full and I'm sure that yours has been as well. Since my antenna is in the KCPT tower, I have been watching the disassembly of the analog transmitting equipment. I know that compared with others KCPT is simple because

the channel change was not extreme. I feel your pain as an extensive installation is removed.

If your SBE member number is 26338, please contact me to claim your prize.

**Next EAS Required Monthly Test: August 25**

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

**SBE59 Wins Best Website of the Year**

Each year, the SBE holds its annual awards program to recognize the efforts of SBE members and chapters. There are five chapter (Best Regional Convention or Conference, Best Chapter Newsletter, Most Interactive Chapter, Best Chapter Frequency Coordination Effort, Best Chapter Website) and six individual awards (Broadcast Engineer of the Year; Educator of the Year; Technology Award; Best Technical Article, Book or Program by an SBE Member; Best Article, Paper or Program by a Student Member; Lifetime Achievement Award) categories that are determined through nominations and judging by the SBE Awards Committee. In addition, there are three chapter awards determined by statistical information on record at the national office (Most Certified Chapter, Highest Member Attendance, Greatest Growth in New Members).

The Best Chapter Website is selected because it provides up-to-date information about the chapter, effectively and creatively uses graphics, while effectively representing the chapter and the SBE. Congratulations to John Gray, SBE59 webmaster for his work in creating and maintaining the chapter website.

The award winners will be recognized and honored at the 2009 SBE National Meeting, which will be held in conjunction with the SBE Chapter 22 Regional Convention/Broadcast and Technology Expo, in Verona, NY, Oct. 6-7. ○

Certification Exam Dates		
Exam Date	Location	App. Deadline
Nov 6 - 16, 2009	Local Chapter	Sep 18, 2009
Oct 12, 2009	AES Convention	On-site
Feb 5 - 15, 2010	Local Chapter	Dec 31, 2009

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Upcoming Chapter Meetings and Events	
<p><b>August 13</b> <i>Real-world Installation of AM HD Radio</i> Ray Klotz, Sierra Multimedia Systems <i>Zarda Barbecue, Lenexa</i></p> <p><b>September TBD</b> <i>Annual Chapter Picnic</i> Ed Treese's Lake House <i>Lake Lotawana</i></p>	<p><b>September 10</b></p> <p><b>October 8</b></p> <p><b>November 12</b></p> <p><b>December 10</b></p> <p><b>January 14</b></p> <p><b>February 11</b></p>
Do you have a suggestion for a program topic? Please share it with Robin Cross.	

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