



# The Society of Broadcast Engineers

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**April 2011**

The next meeting of SBE Chapter 80 will be at the Out O' Town Club in Kaukauna, at Noon on April 19<sup>th</sup>. Our program will be NAB Review by members of our Chapter.

## Chairman's Corner

Welcome to our eNewsletter!

Our next meeting of Chapter 80 will be on Tuesday, April 19<sup>th</sup>, 2011 at noon at the Out O' Town Club in Kaukauna. The meeting will include a review of NAB 2011, along with discussions on Chapter elections. We have a few members of our chapter that were attending NAB this year, and plan to return in time to participate in the presentation. Bring along a friend or two and plan to join us!

Our March meeting of Chapter 80 was held on Tuesday, March 15<sup>th</sup> at the Out O' Town Club in Kaukauna. A special thanks to Chris Crump from the Comrex Corporation for lunch and the presentation on their new video products and the updates to the ACCESS Portable.



The Camera Corner Connecting Point (CCCP) annual Technology Expo is coming up on Tuesday, May 17, 2011, from 8:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the KI Convention Center in downtown Green Bay. Register by May 1st to be entered in a drawing for valuable prizes. To register, go to: [www.cccp.com](http://www.cccp.com), or contact Mary Phillips at (920) 438-0343. It is a free event, but you need to pre-register to attend. One thought is to hold the May meeting at Tiletown Brewery in downtown Green Bay at noon. We'll have a brief discussion at the April meeting.

The Newsletter is posted on our website <http://www.sbe80.org>, and archive copies, as well as other Chapter 80 and SBE information are available as well.

## Upcoming events:

Tuesday, May 17, 2011 – SBE Chapter 80 – CCCP Annual Technology Expo

Wednesday, June 22, 2011 – WBA/SBE Summer Engineering Clinic - Grand Geneva Resort & Spa in Lake Geneva, WI. Mark your calendars and plan to attend!

Tuesday, July 19, 2011 – SBE Chapter 80 – Summer Picnic TBA

Tuesday, August 16, 2011 – SBE Chapter 80 – TBA

I look forward to seeing you on April 19<sup>th</sup>, 2011 at our Chapter 80 meeting at the Out O' Town Club in Kaukauna.

Regards,


Timothy J. Laes



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### 2011 Summer Engineering Workshop

Save the date! The WBA-SBE Summer Engineering Workshop is scheduled for June 22nd at the Grand Geneva Resort and Spa in Lake Geneva, Wisconsin. The session schedule is being finalized now and will feature The EAS-CAP Mandate, The Alternative FCC Inspection, Interference Situations and Studies, and Disaster Planning. There will also be a panel discussing actual recent disasters, their impact, short-term recovery, and long-term path back to normalcy. Look for full details coming soon to a mailbox, in-box, or newsletter near you.

### New Senate Bill would add engineering expertise to FCC Commissioner's Offices

The [text of S.611](#) is now available. The short name of the Bill is, "FCC TECH Act", which stands for "FCC Technical Expertise Capacity Heightening Act." The purpose of the legislation is, "To provide greater technical resources to FCC Commissioners." Original article follows...

Senator Olympia Snowe (R-ME) and Senator Mark Warner (D-VA) have introduced Senate Bill 611, "A Bill to provide greater technical resources to FCC Commissioners." The bill was introduced on Thursday, March 17. Senate Bill 611 is, in affect, a replacement bill for S.2881 that was introduced by

the same two senators last year. That bill died as a result of procedural issues. The SBE has been very active in encouraging the introduction and eventual passing of this bill and has worked closely with Senator Snowe's office for more than a year.

SBE has also been working to encourage a companion bill in the House. Last week, a group of SBE leadership, led by SBE President, Vinny Lopez, made 12 visits to Congressional offices in Washington (reported Wednesday, March 16 in *SBE-news*), and received a favorable response from many of them. Our hope is that a House Bill will soon follow. The text of S.611 has not yet been released but it is expected to be similar to last year's bill, which was later coupled to a separate bill introduced by Senator Snowe, which called for a study of FCC engineering resources. The SBE will provide a link to the Bill when it is published by the Government Printing Office.

The primary objective of S.611 is to add scientific expertise at the FCC's policy level by authorizing each FCC Commissioner to add one additional professional assistant to the three they currently have. The Bill would require that the new assistants be either electrical engineers or computer scientists. The three professional assistants each Commissioner now has are either lawyers or economists. (sbe.org)

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**FREE SBE WEBINAR**

**KREX - the Real World of Disaster Recovery**

For most engineers, the Disaster Recovery Plan is a file on their hard drive that is a rarely updated and sketchy plan on what should be done if the station is destroyed. Find out what real world lessons in disaster planning were learned when the CBS and Fox affiliate in Grand Junction, Colorado burned completely to the ground and the Super Bowl was just two weeks away. This webinar also includes checklists and other templates to aid in disaster

Skip Erickson,  
Presenter



recovery.

Presented live on April 28 from 2:00 pm to 3:00 pm EDT, this webinar is offered free to members of SBE and is made possible through financial support from [Harris Corporation](#). Our presenter is Skip Erickson, Manager of the Systems Engineering Group for Harris Technical Solutions, part of Broadcast Division of Harris, Inc.

The completion of this webinar qualifies for 1 credit, identified under Category I of the Recertification Schedule for SBE Certifications. [For more information or to register](#), visit the SBE website - education pages. (sbe.org)

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**WISCONSIN PUBLIC RADIO'S 2011 EAS SCHEDULE**

The Required Monthly Test (RMT) will occur on the First Wednesday of the month. Wisconsin stations should receive an RMT from their regional NOAA weather station on odd months at approximately 8:50am. On even months stations should receive an RMT either from the Educational Communications Board (ECB) Telecommunications Operations Center or from the Wisconsin Emergency Management office (WEM) at Truax Field in Madison, through the State Relay stations at approximately 11:50pm.

If an RMT is carried by the Wisconsin Public Radio stations, they will normally NOT carry a Weekly Test since only one test per week is required. If for some reason a Required Weekly Test is missed or impaired, it will be "made up" on the Friday of that week at the same scheduled time of day. (<http://www.wpr.org/eas/>)

DAY/DATE TIME COMMENT.....

W 2 Mar 0850 Routine Monthly Test initiated by NOAA

**FEMA webinar to address EAS National Test**

This month's IPAWS Practitioner Webinar, presented by FEMA, will provide an update on preparations for the Emergency Alert System (EAS) National Test. The webinar will be held tomorrow (Wednesday), April 6th, 12:00 Noon EDT.

The update will be delivered by Program Manager, Manny Centeno and will include comments from Bryan Fisher, Chief of Operations for the Alaska Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management. The state of Alaska has held two previous EAS tests.

The program is intended for members of the emergency management community and interested broadcasters. Go to the [FEMA/IPAWS](#) website to learn more and to find out how to participate.

R 10 Mar 1059  
M 14 Mar 1459  
T 22 Mar 1259  
W 30 Mar 1059

W 6 Apr 2350 Routine Monthly Test initiated by ECB

R 14 Apr 1059  
M 18 Apr 1459  
T 26 Apr 1259

W 4 May 0850 Routine Monthly Test initiated by NOAA

R 12 May 1059  
M 16 May 1259  
T 24 May 1459

W 1 Jun 2350 Routine Monthly Test initiated by WEM

R 9 Jun 1459  
M 13 Jun 1259  
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April 12, 2011	LVH at NAB
March 25, 2011	
June 3-13, 2011	local chapters
April 15, 2011	
August 5-15, 2011	local chapters
June 3, 2011	
November 4-14, 2011	local chapters
September 16, 2011	

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This year's expo will feature a keynote address on cloud computing from Renee Bergeron from Ingram Micro.

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