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**SBE 74 NEWSLETTER**

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**SOCIETY OF BROADCAST ENGINEERS  
CHAPTER 74 - MIDLANDS**

**Eastern Nebraska and Western Iowa**

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**April 15, 2010**

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**SPECIAL PRESENTATION this Monday (April 19) from COMLABS on the EMnet EAS system.**

**WE WILL SEE THEIR NAB Demonstration of a new CAP EAS box with satellite connectivity.**

ComLabs is proposing their system for CAP EAS implementation in Nebraska.

**This is a joint meeting with the Nebraska State Emergency Communications Committee (SECC) [www.NE-EAS.org](http://www.NE-EAS.org) .** The SECC is responsible for updating the State EAS Plan to conform to new CAP requirements.

**The special Monday meeting is at:  
Nebraska Educational Telecommunications (NET)  
1800 N 33rd Street in Lincoln NE.  
Time: 11:30AM to 1:30 PM**

We plan to order sandwiches from Jimmy Johns at 11:30 AM then have a brief SBE meeting. The ComLabs presentation should be in full swing by 12:30 and done by 1:30 PM. Of course Q&A may go later if you can stay.

Our presenters Robert Belcher and Jared Maynard are driving here directly from Las Vegas. They are bringing their entire rack of equipment from the show.

The new ComLabs PAC EAS Encoder/Decoder was just shown for the first time at NAB 2010. It is in the process of being Part 11 Certified by the FCC.

Their EMnet technology is a complete system including:  
Emergency Management (Origination)  
Multiple Servers  
Satellite and Internet (Connectivity)  
Encoder/Decoder (Broadcast)

ComLabs proposal is not the only option for EAS. Broadcasters and Cable companies input will be appreciated. The SECC and NEMA need to make important decisions soon on how the improved EAS system can best serve the people of Nebraska.

For more information on the ComLabs company and the EMnet system go to:

[http://comlabs.com/products\\_details.php?pid=1&pgid=1](http://comlabs.com/products_details.php?pid=1&pgid=1)

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**UPCOMING SBE74 Events**

- Wed. April 28, Unofficial Lunch gathering at Perkins, 108th & L Streets, 11:30 AM
- Wed. May 26, Unofficial Lunch gathering at Perkins, 108th & L Streets, 11:30 AM
- Sat. June 5, Chapter Picnic 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM Chalco Hills Rec Area
- Wed. June 30 Nebraska Department of Roads dispatch facility, 108th & I Streets 11:30 AM.
- Wed. July 28th, Dolby Labs Presentation on Dolby E and
- Thur. Aug 12, NE-BA Engineering Convention (see below)

Thanks to Gina Dierks for her hard work to arrange the SBE74 programs and the Engineering Convention!

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Nebraska Broadcasters Association and  
**SBE74 Engineering Convention**  
Is scheduled for **Thursday, August 12, 2010,**  
9:00 AM to 3:00 PM (Tentative times)

- At least Four Programs are planned including:
- Tektronix
  - Corrosion protection for towers (Sioux Falls Tower)
  - Sage CAP Digital ENDEC

The Nebraska EAS SECC will be meeting at the convention as well.

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**NEW CHAPTER BYLAWS**

Chapter Chair Dale Scherbring has brought the SBE Chapter 74 By-Laws up to date. All members should review the proposed By-Laws so we can vote on them soon. Email Dale at [Dale@kptm.com](mailto:Dale@kptm.com) if you have questions or suggestions.

Please Go To: <http://sbe74.org/documents/bylaws.pdf>

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You are welcome to attend SBE74 Chapter meetings as our guest anytime you wish.

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This email letter is edited by Jim Skinner. If you wish to be removed from this email list, know of any addresses to add, would like to offer an article, or have any corrections send an email

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Thanks for reading about the Society of Broadcast Engineers and Chapter 74!