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SBE 74 NEWSLETTER

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

Eastern Nebraska and Western Iowa

www.sbe74.org

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SBE74 Holiday Party, Dinner and Play

Saturday, January 23, 2010, Dinner at 5:15 PM and Play at 7:30 PM.

Peter Kiewit Lodge Restaurant opens at 5:00 PM.

SBE Meeting will be held approximately at 6:45 PM.

Leave for Play no later than 7:15 PM.

All tickets are purchased through E.T. Mahoney State Park at **402-944-2523 ext 7122**. Have credit card ready when calling. Reservations are nonrefundable.

Dinner and Theater- \$20.00 per person

Show Only- \$8.00 per person

Park Entry- \$4.00 per car (one day)

After purchasing your tickets make dinner seating reservations by emailing Gina Dierks at gdiерks@kptm.com by January 18, 2010.

This is so she can reserve enough tables for the SBE group.

Getting There:

Eugene T. Mahoney State Park

28500 West Park Hwy

Ashland NE 68003

GPS Info: (Latitude, Longitude):

41.02611, -96.31222

E. T. Mahoney State Park is located between Omaha & Lincoln on Interstate 80, Exit 426.

Upon taking exit 426, turn North and go 1/2 mile on Hwy 66, entrance before Strategic Air & Space Museum.

If traveling from Ashland, from the east or west on Hwy 6 to Ashland, turn onto Hwy 66, go South 3 miles on Hwy 66, entrance after Strategic Air & Space Museum (before I-80).

The Play is: **Marriage is Murder**

By Nick Hall

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Ex spouses Paul and Polly Butler write murder mysteries together. They act out the crimes in

Paul's apartment: poisoned chocolates and lethal martinis, alibis and fingerprints, bodies in a trunk, daggers, guns and even an axe all contribute to the hilarity. Nobody gets hurt, but their egos take some hits as they attempt to outdo and surprise each other and they learn that marriage, like murder, is in the details.

Note

This is Opening Night which often sells out. So do purchase tickets ahead if you wish to attend.

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Madison, Wisconsin selected for the 2010 SBE National Meeting

The Society of Broadcast Engineers Board of Directors has accepted an invitation from SBE Chapter 24 in Madison, Wis., to host the SBE2010 National Meeting. The decision was made during the SBE Board of Directors conference call on Dec. 1, 2009.

The SBE National Meeting will be held in conjunction with the Wisconsin Broadcasters Clinic and the Upper Midwest Regional Meeting, hosted by SBE Chapter 24 and the Wisconsin Broadcasters Association (WBA) on Oct. 26-28, 2010. This is the fourth time Chapter 24 has hosted the SBE National Meeting.

SBE National Meeting events include the annual membership meeting and the SBE National Awards Dinner, honoring the 2008-09 chapter and individual award recipients. SBE President Vinny Lopez, CEV CBNT, stated, "By holding the SBE National Meeting in conjunction with established, successful regional events, the SBE and the local host benefit. These partnerships allow the SBE to bring a national presence to these regional events."

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Senate Bill S. 2881 would add technical expertise to FCC Commissioners' offices

(December 16, 2009)

A bill introduced on Monday in the U.S. Senate would potentially add one electrical engineer or computer scientist within each of the offices of the five FCC Commissioners.

Introduced by Senator Olympia Snowe (R-Maine) and co-sponsored by Senator Mark Warner (D-Virginia), Senate Bill 2881 would authorize each FCC Commissioner to add one staff assistant position to the three that are currently authorized. The new position of "staff engineer" would require that the holder either have a degree in electrical engineering or be a computer scientist. If eventually passed, the new authorization would affectively undo a loosening of requirements for technical staff at the highest level of the FCC that began more than 25 years ago.

(For more information including the exact wording of the bill go to www.sbe.org)

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Sign up for the next **SBE RF Safety Course** *live webinar* with Richard Strickland, Wednesday, February 24, 1:30 pm CST.

<http://www.sbe.org/RFSafetyCourse.php> SBE Members get a discount on registration fee.

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SBE National Education survey results are available at the following url:
http://www.sbe.org/documents/EducationSurvey101509_final_000.pdf

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Times are changing.
See an article at: <http://broadcastengineering.com/news/>

Five options for broadcast spectrum reclamation
Dec 14, 2009 10:47 AM, By Michael Grotticelli

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The National SBE Certification Committee has established the following exam dates.
Choose the SBE Certification exam period that is best for you.

| <u>Exam Dates</u> | <u>Location</u> | <u>Application Deadline</u> |
|---------------------|-----------------|-----------------------------|
| February 5-15, 2010 | Local Chapters | December 31, 2009 |
| April 13, 2010 | NAB | March 26, 2010 |
| June 4-14, 2010 | Local Chapters | April 16, 2010 |
| August 6-16, 2010 | Local Chapters | June 4, 2010 |
| November 5-15, 2010 | Local Chapters | September 17, 2010 |

To find out about SBE Certification go to:
www.sbe.org/cert_index.php
Contact Jim Leedham, Chapter74 Certification Chair
402-422-1600, <mailto:jleedham3@cox.net>

You may also contact Megan at the national SBE Certification Office:
<mailto:mclappe@sbe.org>
Phone: 317-846-9000

Study software is available for a cost.

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Committee Chairs are appointed by the Chapter Chair.

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If you wish to become a member of the Society of Broadcast Engineers, go to

<http://www.SBE.org>

and click "Join SBE" at the top of the web page.

Or call the National SBE office at: (317) 846-9000.

Or email <mailto:kjones@sbe.org>

The benefits of SBE membership are many, you can read all about it at:

http://www.sbe.org/join_index.php

You are welcome to attend SBE74 Chapter meetings as our guest anytime you wish. Come and meet fellow broadcast professionals and learn, while you have fun! There are no local dues, just join national at <http://www.sbe.org> when you are ready and tell them the Chapter 74 newsletter sent you!

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MIDLANDS CHAPTER WEBSITE

Visit the SBE74 website at:

<http://www.sbe74.org>

for info on the SBE in Eastern Nebraska and Western Iowa.

Including: Omaha, Council Bluffs, Lincoln and Sioux City.

You chapter has a new website. Check it out!

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The SBE74 NEWSLETTERS are sent to members of the Midlands Chapter, as well as sponsors and friends who wish to know what the Chapter is doing.

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 to: <mailto:jskinner@kxvo.com>

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