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It is hard to believe that we are halfway into 2009. Since the last newsletter, the chapter held a technical session on March 18th in Hickory, NC which was hosted by Corning Cable Systems. On May 6-7, members participated in the annual Vendor Day and Golf Tournament in Winston-Salem, NC.

In this issue, we'll give you a brief overview of the recent technical session as well as highlight the upcoming July session in Salisbury, NC. We will also shed light on the recent vendor day and golf tournament. As always, feel free to refer to the website at <http://www.piedmontscte.org> for the most up to date information, photos of events, etc...

In addition to the events we've been working on, the Piedmont Chapter has elected two additional Associate Board Members: Bruce Tibbetts, Residential Operations Manager at Time Warner (Wilmington, NC) and Brian Tucker, Technical Trainer for Charter (Simpsonville, SC). Please join us in welcoming Bruce and Brian!

All of us at the Piedmont Chapter would like to thank the operators and vendors for their continuous support. Please don't hesitate to give us feedback as it's critical for us to continue to make progress in an effort to serve you to the best of our ability.

Piedmont SCTE Chapter Announcement

:: TECH SESSION :: 7/15/09



- A Free Piedmont Chapter Meeting for Members that register and only \$20 for non-members that Register!

PLEASE Register so that we can accurately order lunch; Registration instructions below.

**There is a door-charge for not registering:
Members \$10, Non-Members \$30**

Join the SCTE today, enjoy the rewarding benefits and save on all future local and National events! Contact us at info@piedmontscte.org for more information.

The Society Of Cable Telecommunications Engineers Piedmont Chapter Proudly Presents:

“MPEG101” - Triveni Digital

Want to understand MPEG technology? Learn basics, gain knowledge on your networks performance.

“Switched Digital Video Lessons Learned and Next Steps” - Paul Brooks, TWC

You will learn how SDV systems work and what benefits they provide to the cable operator. New applications of the SDV system will be introduced, as will future modifications that will make SDV even more efficient and flexible. You will come away with an understanding of how to evolve today's HFC networks to leverage the advantages of SDV for unlimited carriage of linear video programming.

“FCC EAS Update” - Steve Johnson, Johnson Telecom

Changes are afoot with the FCC and FEMA on EAS. Find out about the new features and requirement and when you'll need to be ready for them. This should be of particular interest to headend engineers and technicians and their supervisors.

“IPTV over DOCSIS 3.0; How Do We Get There From Here” - Brian Drachman Arris

This presentation highlights reasons we want to move to IPTV; the difficulties implementing IPTV (embedded infrastructure, capital investment), then conclude with strategy/architecture to deliver IPTV to the cable operator, sooner than later.

When: Wednesday, July 15, 2009 **Where:** Holiday Inn. 530 Jake Alexander Blvd. South, Salisbury, NC 28147, 704-637-3100 those who will stay overnight will receive a reduced rate of \$99.00 at this facility – ref Piedmont SCTE.

Agenda

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| 8:30 to 9:00 | Registration |
| 9:00 to 9:15 | Introduction and SCTE Business |
| 9:15 to 10:30 | MPEG 101 |
| 10:30 to 10:45 | Break |
| 10:45 to 12:15 | SDV Lessons Learned and Next Steps |
| 12:15 to 1:15 | Lunch (included) |
| 1:15 to 1:45 | FCC EAS Update |
| 1:45 to 2:45 | IPTV over DOCSIS 3.0 |
| 2:45 to 3:30 | Open Forum |

To Register For Event: Complete the attached Piedmont SCTE Registration form and e-mail it to: info@piedmontscte.org before 5:00 pm, Monday, July 13, 2009.

To Pay For the Event: Choose Option “A or B” Below

A). If your “payment type” will be **cash or check**: Indicate it on the attached registration form; be sure to email the attached registration form as instructed [above], and simply bring your payment with you.

B). If your “payment type” will be by **credit card**; there is an additional step. Step 1.) Fill out the attached registration form and email as instructed above. Step 2.) You must **also** submit your registration and payment information on the SCTE National web site (Link Below). (SCTE members must log-in to obtain the member rate).

<http://www.scte.org/home.cfm>

• **New in 2009; Special Opportunity Extended to Vendors**

Lunch Sponsorships are available! Help us as we invest in our Chapter! Contact Kim Lambert at 336-803-5753 or info@piedmontscte.org to sponsor these educational events & be recognized!!

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Technical Session Update

Corning Cable Systems kindly hosted and presented at the technical session held on March 18th in Hickory, NC. Over 50 members attended this event. Mark Conner, Market Development Manager for Corning Cable Systems, presented “All Fiber Access Design for RFoG.” The second topic was an overview of Cellular Backhaul, presented by Barton Filipiak, also of Corning Cable Systems. These sessions were followed by a plant tour at Corning’s optical fiber cabling facility. The presentations are available for review at <http://www.piedmontscte.org/5.html>.

The Piedmont Chapter would like to thank Corning Cable Systems for its support of this event. Corning provided meeting space, speakers and assisted with cosponsoring breakfast and lunch along with SMC Networks.

The next technical session will take place on **Wednesday, July 15th at the Holiday Inn in Salisbury, NC**. The topics will include, “MPEG 101,” “Switched Digital Video – Lessons Learned and Next Steps,” “FCC EAS Update,” and “DOCSIS 3.0.” As always, members that pre-register, can attend for free. The fee for on-site registration is \$10.00 for members and \$30.00 for non-members. Please refer to the technical session announcement on page 5 for more details or call Kim Lambert at (336)803-5753 or email info@piedmontscte.org.

2009 Vendor Day and Golf Tournament

The annual Vendor Day was, again, held at the Benton Convention Center in Winston Salem, NC. Key sponsors for the event were Arris (Lunch Sponsor), Tyco (Morning Snacks), Tulsat (Afternoon Break), and Cable Games were sponsored by Electric Motion, John Weeks and Tyco. We are truly appreciative of the support of these events as it would not be possible without it.

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VENDOR DAY



Jim Turner, Time Warner Cable • Terry Cross, Time Warner Cable
Robbie Huggins, Time Warner Cable • Carroll Yount, CommScope



Elwood Key of MegaHertz



Brian Dunn, Corning Cable Systems • Michelle Hankston, Time Warner Cable
Bruce Tibbetts, Time Warner Cable • Jason Keever, SMC Networks



David Pullen of Lexcom Communications with
Charles Dillard of Charter Communications



Butch Roberson, Southern Sales Group



Dominic DeLuca, Time Warner Cable
Sadie Huene, Arris

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

| Event | Date | Location |
|------------------------|---------------|-------------------------------|
| Technical Session | Jan 21, 2009 | Morrisville, NC |
| Technical Session | Mar 18, 2009 | Hickory, NC |
| Vendor Day | May 6, 2009 | Winston-Salem, NC (Benton CC) |
| Annual Golf Tournament | May 7, 2009 | Tanglewood |
| Technical Session | Jul 15, 2009 | Salisbury, NC |
| Technical Session | Sept 16, 2009 | Greensboro, NC |
| Technical Session | Nov 18, 2009 | Rock Hill, SC |

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