

Society of Motion Picture and Television Engineers
Detroit Section Meeting Notice
September 2011

>> NOTE DATE and TIME <<

DATE: Tuesday, September 20, 2011
TIME: 7:00 PM

JOINT MEETING WITH SEMAFX (Detroit ACM-SIGGRAPH)

LOCATION:
Expert Electronics Showplace
17100 Kercheval (at St. Clair, 2 blocks east of Cadieux)
Grosse Pointe, MI 48230

SUBJECT:
"Old School" computer graphics systems, cards, software and hardware

SEMAFX, the Detroit chapter of ACM-SIGGRAPH, has invited SMPTE Detroit members to join them at their upcoming meeting. Apologies for the very short notice; this came about quite recently.

Many of us have had the "pleasure" in past years of installing or working with early computer graphics, animation and CGI systems, video graphics and display cards. If the words Targa, RasterOps, NuBus, Truevision, NuVista, Amiga, etc bring on a chill or other reaction, you might find this program fun.

From Scott Dunham's notice to SEMAFX:

"Come join me as we keep the SEMAFX flame burning bright! School is back in session, and so is SEMAFX. Our goals remain unchanged- to form a casual, yet professional league of talented artists who want to explore the technology, the tips and the boundaries of our own abilities. And by working together, create opportunities for our community and our Craft.

The "theme" if you want to call it that, is "Old Guys" Night! (Old gals are invited too, but sadly, we were mostly a guy-industry in those days... sigh.

Anyway, it's not much of a theme, I know. But I'd LOVE to see all my old veteran buddies who have been in the animation, graphics and showbiz biz since the early days!

If you've heard of a Truevision Targa graphics board, Summagraphic tablets, Amiga II's, sprites or CosA, then you're probably an "old guy!" If you were ever impressed by the speed of a 486x processor... yep, you guessed it- OLD!

And if you're YOUNG- then come hang out with us Old Guys and listen to our war stories, along with some cool ideas, latest gossip and other fun stuff. SEMAFX is fun, dangit! So come ready to have fun.

We will be meeting on Tuesday night, Sept. 20th, at 7pm, at the Expert Electronics Showplace, in Grosse Pointe Village, at 17100 Kercheval. Look for the Expert Electronics awning - and we'll be down the stairs (under the TN Thai Bistro on the corner). Parking on the street or in the ramp across the

street on St. Clair (might be metered or paid parking).

BYOB. Volunteers needed to bring some "snacks". Also bring any DVD's or demos you want to share."

Because of location and start time, we will not do a pre meeting dinner. There are, however a number of places in "the Village," on the adjacent 2 blocks, for early arrivals to grab a bite beforehand.

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October 2011

--- NOTE DAY, DATE and TIME ---

JOINT SBE/SMPTE MEETING

DATE: Wednesday, October 26, 2011

TIME: 7:30 PM (Pizza & Pop 6:30PM)

LOCATION:

CBS TV Stations WKBD/WWJ-TV
26905 W. 11 Mile Road
Southfield MI 48033

SUBJECT: National EAS Test

SPEAKERS: Larry Estlack, Kevin Hawley

Are you ready for the National EAS test on Nov 9? Doubtless, you have at least a few unanswered questions regarding this nationwide effort to improve the reach and reliability of the national alerting system.

Please join us next Wednesday night, October 26, at the studios of WKBD and WWJ-TV in Southfield for a presentation by state EAS chairman Larry Estlack and WJR chief engineer Kevin Hawley as they brief us on the latest developments and wrinkles with the state, national, and southeast Michigan EAS scene. There are some known issues with a number of the EAS endecs currently in production by the leading manufacturers. Some of these are set up issues, others are software issues that could lead to an unsuccessful test. We'll discuss the ones they know about and your experiences with your gear should help give us all a better picture of where the problems are and what can be done about them. There should be a good sized brain-trust present. Please be part of it!

The meeting time is 7:30P, but we'll have some pizza and pop at 6:30P. Come and renew acquaintances, talk shop, or just talk with friends, then learn more of the details of EAS 2011.

We need to do this right to help retain our value for emergency communications in the public's eye. A little effort now should help mitigate avoidable screw-ups on Nov 9.

The studios are located at 26905 W. 11 Mile Road in Southfield between Inkster and Franklin roads. Parking will be in the rear of the studio building (the one on your left as you come down the driveway).

--- Please R.S.V.P. to Jim Totten at jmt...@...com so we can get an idea of how much food and beverage to purchase. Thanks.

Thanks to Frank Maynard and SBE 82 for facilitating this meeting and CBS TV for meeting site.

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December 2011

DATE: Tuesday, December 13, 2011

TIME: 7:30 PM

LOCATION:
The Art Institute of Michigan
Classroom Building
28125 Cabot Drive
Novi, MI 48377

SUBJECT: General Discussion - Impact of Changes in the Local Broadcast and Production Industry

Economic conditions, changes in production techniques and workflows, drastic modifications to the Michigan Film incentives, and many other factors have caused major changes to our industry, and to those of us who depend on it for our livelihoods. You are invited to share how you or your colleagues are impacted by these changes, and how SMPTE, and we as individuals, might be able to provide opportunities and assistance for education and networking.

We will also hear from Marc Sherrod, Dean of Academic Affairs at The Art Institute of Michigan. Mark will speak to us about the audio and animation programs being set up at AIM, and is interested in hearing our group's perspective on the future of the industry.

The Detroit Section Managers have recently met to discuss how to keep our group alive and relevant. We will present some items for your consideration, discussion and input.

Thanks to The Art Institute of Michigan and Dave Wertheimer for site and refreshments.

If you are unable to join us at this meeting, best wishes for a Happy Holiday season, whichever variety you may be celebrating.

Non-members and guests are welcome. No admission charge.

Managers Dinner starting at 6:00pm at

Leo's Coney Island
37580 W 12 Mile Rd,
Farmington Hills, MI 48331

All are welcome to join us.
(By popular demand, we will go by "separate checks" payment scheme)

Our friends at the Audio Engineering Society Detroit Chapter have invited SMPTE members to their next meeting on May 15, 2012 (see attached doc). The topic is Audio Measurement-Latest Trends. If you wish to attend please RSVP to Tyler Walker, whose address is at bottom of notice so they can provide seating and refreshments for all.

SMPTE folks, do not despair! We do indeed have some programs in the pipeline, and I hope to return to a somewhat more active meeting schedule than we've been able to have these past few months. Watch your email for a late May and a June meeting date. Meanwhile, if you have an idea or a contact for a presentation, please pass it along to benefit all of us. Links to potential meeting sponsors and venues appreciated as well.