

# Order of the Iron Test Pattern



## Newsletter

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**News! When it happens you'll see it happen, even if we have to make it happen!**

April 18, 2006

**This is your Newsletter and your input is, of course, most welcome.**

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**This is our 30<sup>th</sup> Edition.**



**Please note:**

Membership in the **Order of the Iron Test Pattern** is for any survivor of the Broadcast industry, not just for folks in TV. We welcome survivors from Radio, Cable, Production, Sales etc. Pass it on.



Yes, it has been a while since we published one of these newsletters: no real excuses – just didn't have one of those round-to-its. Hopefully we'll do better this next year. In this edition are some pictures we took last year at our annual meeting and some of the gear that Admiral Chuck Pharis had on display. He'll not be there this year, so it's good to see what he has. The amazing part is it all works!

Want an **Order of the Iron Test Pattern** badge to sew on your jacket, shirt, hat or underwear? We'll be giving away one at each of the Tech-Notes Taste of NAB 2006 venues along the Road Show. Hope to see you at one of those venues. If you're at the NAB 2006 convention and you happen to see a chubby little elf in a Red Scooter putting around the floor, stop him. You'll have to yell – he's part deaf – or so says his wife.

# Membership Activity

**C. Park Seward** is a new member and has the dignity of General having survived the broadcast industry for over 35 years. If you wish to congratulate General Seward, his E-mail address is [Park@Videopark.com](mailto:Park@Videopark.com) . General Seward holds court as President of Video Park in Irvine, CA. Visit his website at: [www.videopark.com](http://www.videopark.com).



**Chuck Pharis** has be awarded another degree of dignity by surviving the broadcast industry for over 40 years.. If you wish to congratulate Admiral Pharis, his E-mail address is [chuck@pharis-video.com](mailto:chuck@pharis-video.com). Admiral Pharis is retired from ABC-TV as a video operator and now hoards old television equipment in Sylmar, CA. Don't for get to visit his website also at: [www.pharis-video.com](http://www.pharis-video.com). And see why.



**Landell Merrill** has been awarded another degree of dignity, Commander, by surviving the broadcast industry for over 20 years. If you wish to congratulate Commander Merrill, his E-mail address is [lan.merrill@360systems.com](mailto:lan.merrill@360systems.com). Commander Merrill is Director of Broadcast Applications at 360 Systems. He will be receiving his certificate sometime soon.



**Matthew C. Brandes** is a new member and has the dignity of Commander having survived the broadcast industry for over 20 years. If you wish to congratulate Commander Brandes, his E-mail address is [MBrandes@wral.com](mailto:MBrandes@wral.com). Commander Brandes holds court as transmitter supervisor of WRAL-TV and will receive his certificate sometime soon with the endorsement of Knight of the Final Amplifier for his work with transmitters.



**Roger D. Dowdy** is a new member and has the dignity of Admiral having survived the broadcast industry for over 40 years. If you wish to congratulate Admiral Dowdy, his E-mail address is [RogerD@Newschannel5.com](mailto:RogerD@Newschannel5.com). Admiral Dowdy holds court as Chief Engineer at WTVF-TV and received his certificate sometime soon with the endorsements of Knight of the Final Amplifier for his work with transmitters and Knight of the Wooden Tower for his work in radio.



**William J. Clark** is a new member and has the dignity of Admiral having survived the broadcast industry for over 40 years. If you wish to congratulate Admiral Clark, his E-mail address is [wmclark@masterclock.com](mailto:wmclark@masterclock.com). Admiral Clark holds court as President of Masterclock and received his certificate sometime soon. Admiral Clark has taken a business card ad on our business card page of the website. It is much appreciated.



**Robert F. Nelson** is a reinstated member and has the dignity of Commodore having survived the broadcast industry for over 25 years. If you wish to congratulate Commodore Nelson, his E-mail address is [rnelson@camplex.com](mailto:rnelson@camplex.com). Commodore Nelson holds court as Technical Services Manager of Camplex Corp. and received his certificate sometime soon with the endorsements of Knight of the Final Amplifier for his work with transmitters, Knight of the Ones & Zeros for his work in the IT arena, Knight of the F59 Connector for his work in Cable and Knight of the Geosynchronous Stuff for his work with satellites.



**Robert Blauvelt** is a reinstated and up graded member and has the dignity of Admiral having survived the broadcast industry for over 40 years. If you wish to congratulate Admiral Blauvelt, his E-mail address is [RBlauvelt@usa.net](mailto:RBlauvelt@usa.net). Admiral Blauvelt, holds court as Senior Broadcast Engineer at WPEC-TV Channel 12 and received his certificate sometime soon with the endorsements of Knight of the Final Amplifier for his work with transmitters, Knight of the Geosynchronous Stuff for his work with satellite and Knight of the Hip-pity-Hop Signal for his work with Translators.



**John Luft** is a new member and has the dignity of Admiral having survived the broadcast industry for over 40 years. If you wish to congratulate Admiral Luft, his E-mail address is [john.luft@AZCAR.com](mailto:john.luft@AZCAR.com). Admiral Luft holds court as Senior Vice-President of Business Development for AZCAR USA, Inc and received his certificate sometime soon with the endorsements of Knight of the Mighty Quill or his writing efforts.



**Frank J. Maynard** is a new member and has the dignity of Brigadier having survived the broadcast industry for over 30 years. If you wish to congratulate Brigadier Maynard, his E-mail address is [fjmaynard@cbs.com](mailto:fjmaynard@cbs.com). Brigadier Maynard holds court as Supervisor of Technical Operations at WKDB-TV and WWJ-TV in Southfield (Detroit), MI, Inc and holds the endorsements of Knight of the Wooden Tower for his work in Radio.



**Dennis Woytek** is a reinstated and up graded member has the temporary dignity of Commander having survived the broadcast industry since back in the 80's, he says. If you wish to welcome back Commander Woytek, his E-mail address is [woytek@duq.edu](mailto:woytek@duq.edu). Commander Woytek holds court as an Assistant Professor in the school of Journalism and Multimedia Arts at Duquesne University in Pittsburg, PA.



**Robert O. Craig** is a new member and has the dignity of Brigadier having survived the broadcast industry for over 30 years. If you wish to congratulate Brigadier Craig, his E-mail address is [bcraig@wkrc.com](mailto:bcraig@wkrc.com). Brigadier Craig holds court as a Transmitter Supervisor at WKRC-TV in Cincinnati, OH MI, Inc. Brigadier Craig will receive his lapel pin and certificate soon with the endorsements of Knight of the Wooden Tower for his work in Radio and Knight of the Final Amplifier for keeping his transmitter on the air.



**Ed Breedlove** has been reinstated and granted an up-grade to the dignity of Admiral having survived the broadcast industry since 1965. If you wish to congratulate Admiral Breedlove, his E-mail address is [ebreedlove@winnercomm.com](mailto:ebreedlove@winnercomm.com). Admiral Breedlove holds court as a Maintenance Engineer at Winner Communications in Tulsa, OK.



**David L. Frank** is a new member and has the dignity of Commodore having survived the broadcast industry since 1979. If you wish to congratulate Commodore Frank, his E-mail address is [DFrank@KSTWTV.com](mailto:DFrank@KSTWTV.com). Commodore Frank holds court as Assistant Chief Engineer at KSTW-TV in Denton, WA. Commodore Frank will receive his certificate soon with the endorsements of Knight of the Geosynchronous Stuff, Knight of the Final Amplifier and Knight of the Ones & Zeros for his work with satellites, transmitters and digital thingy.



**Frank J. Maynard** is a new member and has the dignity of Brigadier having survived the broadcast industry since 1973. If you wish to congratulate Brigadier Maynard, his E-mail address is [fjmaynard@cbs.com](mailto:fjmaynard@cbs.com). Brigadier Maynard holds court as Supervisor of Technical Operations at both WKBD-TV & WWJ-TV in Southfield (Detroit), MI. Brigadier Maynard is entitled to be know as a Knight of the Wooden Tower for his work in Radio.



**Hank Landsberg** is a new member and has the dignity of General having survived the broadcast industry since 1970. If you wish to congratulate General Landsberg, his E-mail address is [HenryEng@aol.com](mailto:HenryEng@aol.com). General Landsberg holds court as the owner and president of the prestigious Henry Engineering in Sierra Madre, CA. General Landsberg will receive his credentials soon with the endorsement of Knight of the Wooden Tower for his work in Radio.



**Edward J. Liberatore** is being up-graded to the dignity of Lieutenant having survived the broadcast industry since 1989. If you wish to congratulate Lieutenant Liberatore, his E-mail address is [ELiberat@fjc.gov](mailto:ELiberat@fjc.gov). Lieutenant Liberatore holds court as Chief of Broadcast Operations for the Federal Judicial Center in Washington, DC. Lieutenant Liberatore will receive his certificate with the endorsement of Knight of the Geosynchronous Stuff for his work with satellites soon.



**Robert O. Craig** is a new member and has the dignity of Brigadier having survived the broadcast industry since 1967. If you wish to congratulate Brigadier Craig, his E-mail address is [BCraig@WKRC.com](mailto:BCraig@WKRC.com). Brigadier Craig holds court as Transmitter Supervisor at WKRC-TV in Cincinnati, OH. Brigadier Craig will receive his certificate with the endorsements of Knight of the Wooden Tower and Knight of the Final Amplifier for his work in Radio and at transmitters and lapel pin soon.



**James A. Krawczyk** is a new member and has the dignity of Commodore having survived the broadcast industry since 1977. If you wish to congratulate Commodore Krawczyk, his E-mail address is [jameskra@sbcglobal.net](mailto:jameskra@sbcglobal.net). Commodore Krawczyk holds court as a versatile production specialist with Take 43 Video Production in Franklin, WI.



**Elliot G. Hunter** is a reinstated member and has the dignity of Galactic Tycoon having survived the broadcast industry since 1961. If you wish to congratulate Galactic Tycoon Hunter, his E-mail address is [ehunter@wect.com](mailto:ehunter@wect.com). Galactic Tycoon Hunter holds court as an engineer at WECT-TV in Wilmington, NC.



## *From your Sagacious Pixel*

Larry Bloomfield

We're just a few days away from the annual trek to the desert and the NAB convention. **Order of the Iron Vest Pattern** Brigadier Brian Way of ESE has graciously consented to allow us to meet at his company's booth again this year – that's [ESE](#). We'll be doing our thing. On Wednesday, April 26<sup>th</sup> at 4:30 PM so all the Hams can join us prior to the Annual Ham reception at the Hilton.

We will give out several awards for various mundane achievements. You know, the Iron “whatever” award.

The annual after NAB even, the Tech-Notes Taste of NAB 2006 Road Show is nearly with us a well. This is an opportunity for your Sagacious Pixel to actually see some of our fellow survivors. You can check out the schedule at by [clicking here](#).

If you'd like to see what happened in years past and any stats on the Road Show project, click on the ["X"](#). We'll be visiting fifty-four venues this year. Yes – we're insane, but getting to meet many of you is well worth the reputation.

We have a bunch of returning member and new survivors since our last edition. That's great! Just think: you could do your associates and friends a true disservice – you could get them a membership in the **Order of the Iron Vest Pattern**. Click on this [“X”](#) (as opposed to the other ones in this news letter, for all the particulars. Surviving – that's what it's all about.

In an effort to cut down on some of the humor that takes a great deal of this most valued newsletter, there has been established an online forum where members of that forum can post, till their hearts content, their humorous bits of information and/or pictures. The only limits are that you can only post things you'd have no problem showing your mother



(depending on who she is), the Pope and/or the Delhi Lama. Believe it or not, there is still some humor that is quite good in addition to beginning clean. Yes, you could push the limits as it is an immoderate list, but I get all the posts and you know the rest. If you're interested in joining this group of survivors, let me know and I'll add your e-mail address to the list – not that you don't get enough e-mail already. [Sagacious.Pixel@OITP.org](mailto:Sagacious.Pixel@OITP.org)



# We ole Commercial

Here's the pitch again: To help defray expenses, we've found a family of affordable devices that will really help those who have VHS tapes and would like to convert them to DVD. This is all thanks to our new member, OITP Admiral Andy Marken. We'll be offering 3 models: the DVD Xpress, Instant DVD 2.0 and the Instant DVD+DV. We've used the Instant DVD+DV and gave away the DVD Xpress on the Road Show – A Taste of NAB 2004 this year and all reports say, and we confirm, they're great! Our unit has a switcher in front of it and we feed it with a Dish receiver/decoder, a VHS and Beta Tape machines and a DVD player. These devices will take nearly any kind of analog video and 2 channel audio (stereo, encoded or whatever) and convert it to an MPEG file that can be recorded as a DVD with the use of supplied ULEAD software that comes bundled with the units. The DVD MovieFactory 2SE is the workhorse and the Video Studio 7SE DVD is a fine editing tool that allows you to make your productions look like they just arrived from Hollywood.



You will need a USB 2 port and a DVD burner in your computer and we've found that a fast machine is also helpful, but not completely necessary. The slowest we have here at the Galactic Headquarters is a Pentium 3 at 800 MHz with 512 MB of RAM; the software and equipment works just fine on that machine with the USB 2 modification.

## EXTERNAL USB 2.0 Video Capture

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| Record final movies onto | Analog tapes |   | •  | •   |
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\*hardware-based MPEG-2 capture. DVD or CD Recordable Drive Required

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 orders must be accompanied with a check or money order. The DVE

Xpress is \$99.00 each, The Instant DVD 2.0 is \$149.00 and the Instant DVD+DV is \$249.00. The State of Oregon has no sales tax. All profits from these units will go to support the Order of the Iron Test Pattern's operating expenses. Please include \$15.00 for shipping and handling. If you want more than one, call us for shipping charges.

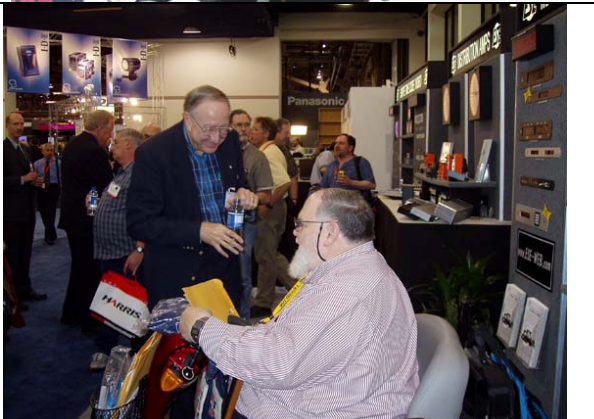
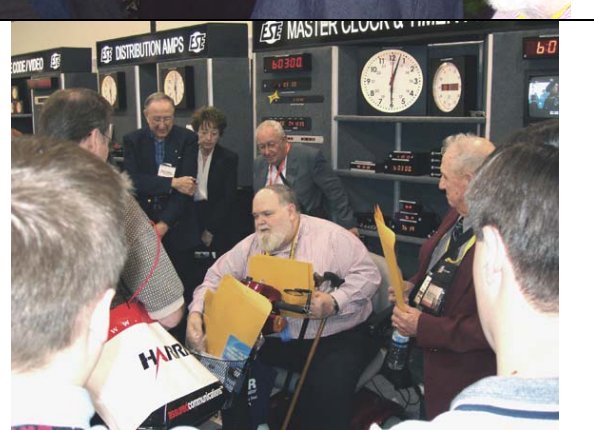


## Last Year's Bash at NAB

What follows are some random snapshot of last year's **Order of the Iron Test Pattern** meeting at the ESE Booth during NAB 2005















On display, last year, was some of Admiral Chuck Pharis' collect of good old stuff.





Well that's about it for this time. Don't forget to check out the industry news in the Tech-Notes: <http://www.tech-notes.tv> As we said earlier on, stay tuned – things can only get better! – But only with your help. Tell a friend or associate about us. Until next time

--FADE TO BLACK! ☺ .

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