

News

Search for Pioneers

One activity of the SMPTE Archival Papers and Historical Committee is documenting the work of film and television pioneers for the Society's archives. In order to continue this important work, the committee is asking local Section officers for assistance in identifying pioneers within their respective areas. A "pioneer" does not necessarily mean an inventor of a particular technology, but can include a veteran practitioner in film or television: the first chief engineer of a local television station; the founder of a film laboratory; an individual from academia, or someone involved in manufacturing.

Documenting the contributions can be in the form of a historical paper for the SMPTE *Motion Imaging Journal*, an interview on film or videotape, or even an audio recording. A local Section meeting is an ideal venue for producing such an event.

For guidance in preparing an interview or program, please contact Committee Chair Ed Schuller, by phone or fax at (516) 676-3895, or by e-mail at seaviews@att.net.

Volunteerism at SMPTE Headquarters

SMPTE welcomed three Engineering Committee member volunteers on January 8, 2003. William C. Miller, Peter A. Dare, and Johann Safar met with Headquarters staff and spent the day working on engineering standards issues.

—Carlos V. Girod, Jr., P.E., Director of Engineering

Jeff Clarine, New Sales Manager at Larcan

Larcan, Inc., has announced Jeff Clarine as Sales Manager for the central U.S. region. Clarine brings with him over 20 years of valuable experience selling and marketing broadcast transmitters in the U.S. marketplace, for both former employee LeBlanc Broadcast Inc. (LBI), and, most recently, Andrew Corp. In his new position, he will be responsible for servicing existing Larcan customers and developing new business.



Jeff Clarine

Panasonic Debuts Wide-Screen Viewing Projectors

Panasonic Broadcast & Television Systems Co. has introduced two micro-portable projectors equipped with native 16:9 LCD panels ideal for viewing wide-screen video presentations, including DVD and HDTV productions. The PT-L300U and PT-L200U projectors are expected to find broad acceptance in home theater, business communication, and public entertainment applications. Both models offer advanced digital processing technologies, including Digital Cinema Reality, digital noise reduction, and 3-D Y/C separa-



(L-r) William C. Miller, Peter A. Dare, and Johann Safar at SMPTE Headquarters on January 8.

tion, and can display image sizes ranging from 40 ft to 200 ft, with easy adjustment using the manual optical zoom. They are HDTV-capable and can accept 480i, 480p, 720p, and 1080i DTV images, plus NTSC, PAL, and SECAM analog video formats. The 6.4-lb units offer an abundance of input terminals, including RGB (D-sub HD 15-pin), 4-pin S-video, video, YPBPr, and audio. Other key features include flexible color settings, quiet operation, backlit, multifunction wireless remote; 7-language on-screen menu; and a 120-W UHM lamp with a lamp life of up to 5,000 hrs.

Leitch Product Wins Award at Broadcast India

Leitch Technology Corp.'s dpsVelocityQ multistream nonlinear editing system received the "Best NLE System" award at the Broadcast India 2002 exhibition and Symposium.

Broadcast India is India's premier event serving the creation of television, film, and multimedia content. Growing steadily over 11 years, the event drew more than 21,000 attendees from all over India and neighboring countries. The awards, conferred by the technical committee, recognize outstanding products in a variety of categories.

DpsVelocityQ combines dpsQuattus multiplayer, realtime nonlinear editing hardware with an enhanced version of dpsVelocity software to create a fully integrated multiplayer NLE solution. Features include mixable uncompressed and compressed video, realtime simultaneous playback of four video streams and six graphics layers, and the Q3DX4 quad-channel realtime 3-D DVE.

Magnetic Shield Corp. Gains ISO Registration

As part of its ongoing commitment to continued improvement, Magnetic Shield Corp. has successfully completed the process of ISO9001:2000 registration through Perry Johnson Registrars, Inc. The arduous qualification procedure covered a period of ten months. Registration provides objective proof that the company has implemented an effective quality management system that satisfies all the requirements of the ISO standard, including management responsibility; resource management; product and/or service realization; and measurement, analysis, and improvement.