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Tentative NVRA Convention Program

Wednesday, August 26, 2009

- 1:00 – 5:00 pm CVR Workshop (separate registration required)
- 11:00 am – 5:00 pm Registration Desk Open
- 1:00 – 6:00 pm Board of Directors Meeting
- 6:30 pm Reception for Legislative Roundtable Members**

Free afternoon or evening in Nashville.... This is your time to explore Music City on your own. We've listed a few of our favorite choices!

 <p>Ryman Museum: Daily 9-4; Regular Tour Admission \$12.50, ages 4-11, \$6.25; Backstage Tour – Additional \$3.25 More information: (615) 889-3060 116 5th Avenue North / Downtown Nashville. Ryman.com</p>	<p>Originally built as a church in 1892 with funding from riverboat captain Thomas Ryman, the Ryman Auditorium later became a theater. From 1943-74, the auditorium was home to the Grand Ole Opry. Pioneering performers such as Hank Williams, Bill Monroe, and Patsy Cline helped shape country and bluegrass music from the Ryman stage.</p>
 <p>countrymusichalloffame.com Call 615-416-2001 for more information. Hours: Open daily 9 a.m.- 5 p.m. countrymusichalloffame.com</p>	<p>County Music Hall of Fame & Museum</p> <p>The Country Music Hall of Fame® and Museum has been the home of America's music since 1967. The Museum opened in a \$37 million landmark, new building in May 2001. The Museum presents the crown jewels of its vast collection to illustrate country music's story as told through the turns of two centuries.</p>



More information: (615) 902-8200.
No cover charge for guests of the
Opryland Hotel.
WildhorseSaloon.com

The Wildhorse Saloon began with a stampede through the streets of Music City when a herd of cattle paraded down Second Avenue and past the front doors of the newly opened club. The Wildhorse is Nashville 's premiere music nightlife and dining. Annually, thousands of fans stampede to the Wildhorse for a great barbecue meal, catch the hottest concerts, and learn the newest dance steps. The Wildhorse opens daily at 11 am , serves a full menu until midnight, and offers live entertainment nightly.



<http://www.oprymills.us/>

Opry Mills is a mega shopping mall constructed on the former site of the **Opryland USA theme park**. The decision to close the theme park and build a mall on the site remains a controversial and often discussed topic in Nashville's history.

The mall is adjacent to the Grand Ole Opry House and the Gaylord Opryland Resort & Convention Center. Opry Mills contains over 200 stores, including Bass Pro Shops, Blacklion, Bed Bath and Beyond, Gibson Bluegrass Showcase, Off 5th, and Barnes & Noble, restaurants and IMAX movie theater.



More information:
Tours begin from The Opry Shop in the
Grand Ole Opry House.
1-800-SEE-OPRY

Learn the fascinating story of the Grand Ole Opry with a tour of the Grand Ole Opry House. Your knowledgeable guide will provide a rare glimpse of what happens behind the scenes of the world's most famous country music show. *Note: Backstage tours are available only when the Opry House is not in use during Opry performances and other special events. Call ahead at 1-800-SEE-OPRY or (615) 871-OPRY to inquire about tour availability.*

Thursday, August 27, 2009

7:30-12:00 Registration Open

7:30 am Breakfast

7:30-5:00 Visit the Vendors

7:45 am Testing (separate registration required) CVR/CM Test | NSC Test

The doors will be open for all testing setup at 7:45 a.m. Tests will be administered in the following order: CVR, CM, and NSC.

8:30 am Welcome to Nashville – Convention Announcements

9 - Noon General Session | Memory Magic

2.5 CEs, NVRA | .25 CEUs, NCRA | .25 CEUs TX



Having trouble remembering *what's-his-name*? Can't remember where you left your keys? If so, you're not alone. This fun and interactive session rids your poor memory of misplaced glasses, forgotten names and 'I know it's here somewhere' statements to a mind that's efficient and reliable. You CAN improve your memory. This program shows you how.

You'll learn techniques for remembering first names, last names and groups of people, as well as skills in beating absent-mindedness. When you're skilled in memory all your other skills get better. This program proves that the answers to our memory problems are all in our head.

Paul Mellor is President of Success Links, a memory training company dedicated to helping improve the lives of people by improving their memory power. A finalist in the 2008 USA Memory Championship in New York City, Mellor remembered the names of over 90 people in less than 15 minutes, recalled the exact order of over 100 single-digit numbers after reviewing them for less than five minutes, and recalled the exact order of a shuffled deck of playing cards after only a three-minute, 17-second review. He presents seminars throughout America, has written extensively on memory improvement and has been featured and quoted in Newsweek, The Wall Street Journal and USA Today. He resides in Richmond, Virginia.

Noon – 1:30 pm | Lunch on Your Own

Enjoy the bounty of "Quick Eats" options available at the Opryland Hotel: Paisano's Pizzeria & Vino | Stax (build your own burgers) | Tequila Sports Cantina | Findley's Irish Pub | Relache & Magnolia Pool Bar and Grill | In-Room Dining guaranteed within 30 minutes! Bon appétit!!

1:30 pm – 3:00 pm | CONCURRENT SESSIONS

Crossing the Digital Divide

1.5 CEs, NVRA | .15 CEUs, NCRA | .15 CEUs TX

This session will provide a brief overview of contemporary recording hardware, software, and good recording practices for the court reporter. The emphasis will be on demonstration of digital recorder setups and a brief introduction to cables and connectors, followed by fundamentals of digital audio processing, with live demonstration as time allows. There should be a few nuggets of valuable information here for the most basic to the most advanced, and there will be a focus on both contemporary and affordable equipment, with useful advice for those who haven't yet crossed the "digital divide."

Bryan Collins, CVR, worked as a freelance court reporter and transcriber in Washington, DC and Maryland for five years, where his frequent high-level assignments provided him a thorough exposure to the wide range of technologies aimed at recording, broadcasting, and memorializing the spoken word. Bryan is an avid speech recognition enthusiast and has been transcribing with Dragon and ViaVoice almost exclusively for over five years, having developed tendinitis from a combination of typing and construction labor. He is currently writing utility software for the court reporter and legal transcriber, which he is making available as freeware starting in 2009. His website is ENCtranscripts.com and his resources for fellow reporters and transcribers can be found at the "About Us" page.



AudioScribe Tech Time

1.5 CEs, NVRA | .15 CEUs, NCRA | .15 CEUs TX

Real Intelligence for Realtime by AudioScribe Learn how to handle Realtime conflicts for a more readable Realtime translation. Created for you by you.

Chad W.J. Theriot is the CEO and Chief Technical Officer of The AudioScribe Corporation. Mr. Theriot developed the SpeechCAT Pro Software in 1997. He has over twenty of experience in designing, developing, implementing and training for software applications. He is fluent in ten programming languages and has designed, developed and implemented specialized software for UPS, the Houston Transit Authority, the British Columbia Transit Authority, the Kellogg Corporation, Falcon Drilling, Johnson & Johnson and various Sugar Cane Mills across Louisiana. In addition to his skills as a developer, Mr. Theriot is well versed in hardware, web applications, wireless technology and radio frequency technology. Together with a staff of programmers, developers and analysts who are dedicated to writing software that is some of the most innovative software being written today, Chad continues the legacy of AudioScribe's mother company; Computers for Business Management (CBM).

Michelle Guilbeau, is the Director of Sales & Training for the The AudioScribe Corporation. Michelle joined the AudioScribe team in October 2000 as a support technician and worked her way through the support department to senior support before settling into her current position as training program coordinator. Michelle has an extensive technological background and brings over 13 years experience in the software/technology industry to the AudioScribe team. In her current role, she leads the training program and assures that AudioScribe's certified trainers adhere to the guidelines which best serve the AudioScribe user community. She also works closely with the development team and coordinates alpha and beta testing for SpeechCAT upgrades, as well as for new products. Michelle continues to work

closely with AudioScribe's support team and maintains a strong commitment to assisting them in providing an exceptional level of customer support and to continuing the cutting-edge development that has followed the SpeechCAT name. Outside of her duties in the home office, Michelle often performs demonstrations of the product, makes convention appearances, is part of AudioScribe's military training team and assists with remote training sessions and seminars. She is also Certified Partner with Nuance for the Dragon NaturallySpeaking product line and participates in the beta program for Dragon.



Advantage Software - EclipseVox

1.5 CEs, NVRA | .15 CEUs, NCRA | .15 CEUs TX

The New Revolutionary Breakthrough Developments of Total EclipseVox™

Presented by Bettye Keyes, CCR, CSR, CVR, RVR

Total EclipseVox™ has always been famous for its artificial intelligence capabilities. Now there's more big news: Through the magic of Total EclipseVox™ programming with Dragon, text appears on your screen immediately! You just have to see the new version of Total EclipseVox™ in action to believe it.



Whether you just want to know about the ABCs or you want to get really technical, be prepared to get the nitty-gritty on it all. Come learn all about the latest technological advancements offered by Advantage Software that will put an end to your speed and accuracy struggles. This is a seminar you definitely do not want to miss!

Bettye Keyes, CCR, CSR, CVR, RVR, is a certified Eclipse™ trainer and the author of several how-to books about speech recognition and CAT technology, including Voice Writing Method, Beginner's Guide to Realtime Voice Writing, and Realtime Voice

Writing with Total EclipseVox™.

3-3:30 Break

3:30 pm – 5:00 pm | CONCURRENT SESSIONS

Is Your Stress Level Stressing You Out?

1.5 CEs, NVRA | .15 CEUs, NCRA | .15 CEUs TX

In this day and age, it is very hard **not** to be stressed out. Everyone is scared for their jobs, people are constantly worried about money and there is a whole host of other things that we all stress over every day. The important thing you need to learn is how to control your stress levels. Join the professional staff from the Relache' The Spa at Gaylord Opryland as they teach us relaxation and stress reducing techniques. You will be guided in relaxation and meditation techniques. You will use breathing, visualization, and energy flow to silence the mind and awaken the positive feeling within you. You will leave feeling peaceful and at one with yourself and the universe.





AudioScribe Tech Time

1.5 CEs, NVRA | .15 CEUs, NCRA | .15 CEUs TX

Join the professionals from AudioScribe as they help you work through software and hardware issues. This is an interactive session time. Bring your laptop!



Advantage Software – EclipseVox Tech Time

1.5 CEs, NVRA | .15 CEUs, NCRA | .15 CEUs TX

5:45– 6:30 Reception for New Members and First-Time Attendees

New to NVRA, or is this your first time at the NVRA convention? Join us in the Presidential Suite for an up-close and personal reception with NVRA’s board and leadership.

6:30 – 8:00 Opening Reception – Welcome to Nashville (All Attendees Welcome!!)

Join your fellow attendees as we kick off the convention – Nashville style! This is our time to shine – so pull out your best western duds, boots or just plain ole’ denim and join NVRA for the party!

Friday, August 28, 2009

7:30-12:00 Registration Open

7:30 am Breakfast

7:30-5:00 Visit the Vendors

8:30 am – 10:00 am | CONCURRENT SESSIONS

Realtime Tips and Tricks

1.5 CEs, NVRA | .15 CEUs, NCRA | .15 CEUs TX

Discover new ways to improve your realtime voice writing with tips and tricks on the inside track of today’s latest voice recognition software. The capabilities are expanding every year and you don’t want to be left behind the power curve! It is becoming easier to voice write in realtime with all the technology we have at our disposal. Come hear Master Sergeant Jennifer Coots, realtime voice writer, instructor, and software developer share those technology developments and recent deployment of these technologies in other parts of the world.



Jennifer Coots is a freelance reporter and has also served as a senior court reporter in the U.S. Army Reserve. She spent her last five years on active duty as the senior military court reporter in Iraq, Afghanistan, Kuwait, and Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, where she became the first military reporter to perform real time voice writing. Credited as one of the top five reporters in the military by US Army Chief Trial Judges, she is also a Certified Courtroom Technologist trained at the William & Mary Law School's Center for Legal and Court

Technology.

Do You Know What You are Really Saying? Do You Really Mean What You Just Said?

1.5 CEs, NVRA | .15 CEUs, NCRA | .15 CEUs TX

Join us for what promises to be a fun examination of word meanings and allusions. Do you realize that your arcane knowledge of words can make your job easier and impress your clients? Enjoy learning about new words and explore the history and usage of some familiar words in this interactive and entertaining session.

***Annette P. Myers, CVR-CM**, currently serves as NVRA's Testing Co-Chair. She serves on an American Red Cross Disaster Assistance Team; is a treasurer, deacon, and teacher at her church; is past president of NVRA, NCVRA, NCAOCR (Assoc of Official Court Reporters); official for the state of NC; serves on an advisory panel to the state Court Reporter Coordinator; serves as publicity chair for the county Relay for Life; serves on the Habitat for Humanity board; is a fellow of the Institute of Political Leadership; and, a graduate of Leadership North Carolina. Annette has done numerous presentations for NVRA. She was the recipient of NVRA's Horace Webb Award in 2007.*

10:00 – 10:30 Break

10:30 am – 12:00 noon | CONCURRENT SESSIONS

Issues Confronting Realtime Reporters

1.5 CEs, NVRA | .15 CEUs, NCRA | .15 CEUs TX

For the past four years StenoCast has focused on one issue: How to make realtime technology feasible for every reporter. Through our tech support at StenoCast we have encountered virtually every issue that confronts the realtime reporter. Most issues boil down to an incorrect COM port or baud rate setting, or something relatively simple to fix. However, when you add in a heavy dose of stress and a few extra sets of eyes watching the reporter's every move, it's sometimes difficult to remember even simple things. Who do you call for realtime assistance when you're in the middle of a job? This seminar will help you to think logically and systematically through the various issues you face in the real world and, more importantly, teach you how to fix them. You will learn how to provide realtime with serial cables or wirelessly, and effortlessly navigate through the various litigation-support software programs that your clients use.



***Leif Skartland, Sr.** is the Customer Support Manager at StenoCast. As such, he is the lead person in charge of handling the day-to-day technical support calls from realtime reporters. From changing assigned COM ports to showing reporters a back-door way into Device Manager, Leif instructs reporters on how to set up their realtime software and hardware, and passes on tricks of the trade as it relates to being a successful realtime reporter.*

Exploring CART/Captioning

1.5 CEs, NVRA | .15 CEUs, NCRA | .15 CEUs TX

Join us in the seminar for a demo of CART, discussing remote or on-site setup requirements. We'll also

discuss captioning in its various kinds and environments, as well as setup, preparation and equipment. Writing techniques for both CART and captioning (similarities and differences) will be explored.



George R. Schaumburg, CVR, is a staff voice writer for **Caption First**. He provides remote CART services for business teleconferences, lectures, educational classes, as well as captioning for television broadcasts. George holds a Bachelor of Music degree from the University of Missouri, Kansas City Conservatory of Music. He has training as a stenotype machine writer and is the first graduate of Verbatim Careers Institute where he received his voice writing training. He has co-presented voice writing seminars and demonstrations for NCRA and NVRA. George continues to advance the efficacy of voice writing technology as well as promoting the voice writing profession.

12:00 – 1:30 pm | Business Meeting | Lunch

1:45 – 4:45pm | CONCURRENT SESSIONS

READY, SET, LEAD! Leadership from the Inside Out

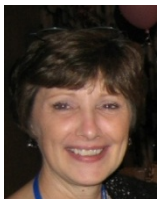
2.5 CEs, NVRA | .25 CEUs, NCRA | .25 CEUs TX

There will be a 30 minute break in this session.

Are leaders born or developed? Have you determined your traits which can be honed to effective leadership skills or are you totally devoid of all potential? Attend this seminar to uncover information to buttress or deliquesce those tautological arguments you have been resorting to through the years. Join us as we explore leadership – locally, statewide or nationally – you can make a difference in the organizations you serve.



Annette Myers, CVR-CM, has served in a variety of leadership roles in NVRA including president and board member. She currently serves as NVRA's Testing Co-Chair. She serves on an American Red Cross Disaster Assistance Team; is a treasurer, deacon, and teacher at her church; is past president of NVRA, NCVRA, NCAOCR (Assoc of Official Court Reporters); official for the state of NC; serves on an advisory panel to the state Court Reporter Coordinator; serves as publicity chair for the county Relay for Life; serves on the Habitat for Humanity board; is a fellow of the Institute of Political Leadership; and, a graduate of Leadership North Carolina. Annette was the 2007 recipient of NVRA's Horace Webb Award.



Linda Drake, CVR, has been a member of the Georgia Certified Court Reporters Association since 1982, Linda edited the association's newsletter, "On the Record," from 1994-2001, and is currently serving as editor of NVRA's online newsletter, "eVoice." Her NVRA board service began in 1999, and she has served as secretary (two terms), vice-president, and president-elect. She has also served on the Membership, Schools, Convention, Outreach, Web site and Communication Committees, and was the recipient of the Horace Webb Award in 2002. Linda currently serves as Chair of NVRA's Validation Committee as well as NVRA's representative to Intersteno.

6:00 – 7:00 Cocktail Hour

7:00 – 9:00 “Ticket to Success” Membership Celebration and Dinner



Join us as we recognize and celebrate YOU, NVRA’s members. This year, we have the pleasure of welcoming our special guest entertainer, T-Fred Mills.

Fred Mills is a resident of Saint Martin Parish in Southwest Louisiana. He is a business man, pharmacist, banker & and all-around funny guy. A renowned Public Speaker, Master of Ceremonies, Humorist and Thespian-National Finalist for the Telly Awards. You won’t want to miss this membership celebration dinner!!

9:00 pm Fast-As-Hell Club Reception | Open to all past and present NSC participants.

This is the third annual reception of the Fast-As-Hell Club. Started in 2007, the club was dubbed the Fast-As-Hell Club by David Rogala, because Horace Webb referred to the National Speed Championship 350 wpm speed test as that. If you have ever participated in the NSC (or participate for the first time this year), please attend this reception and share your “war stories.” If you weren’t at the 2008 convention, be sure to collect your specially designed collectable coin designed by Dave Rogala.

Saturday, August 29, 2009

7:30-10:00 Registration Open

8-9:00 am Breakfast with Board

1.0 CEs, NVRA | NO CEUs, NCRA | NO CEUs TX

Back by popular demand. This is your chance to be heard. Join us for an interactive breakfast complete with lively and candid discussions. Bring your input and opinions. Leave with this year’s coffee mug to add to your NVRA collection!! Mugs sponsored by AudioScribe!!!

7:30-12:00 Visit the Vendors

9:30 – 11:00 am | CONCURRENT SESSIONS

Situational Ethics

1.5 CEs, NVRA | .15 CEUs, NCRA | .15 CEUs TX

Sue McDuffie has the knack for making even the driest subjects fun. As a result of this program you will be able to assess situations with clients and others and respond to them with increased confidence and skill.

Sue McDuffie says that she has been blessed in her life with two of the best and most fascinating jobs in the world: being an official court reporter and being able to talk about grammar, research, ethics, and all elements that are involved in our profession. An official since 1998, Sue has also been offering workshops, first in Georgia and then throughout the country, since 1991. NVRA is proud to have Sue on our convention agenda!

Law 101 for Court Reporters – A Journey Through the Legal System

1.5 CEs, NVRA | .15 CEUs, NCRA | .15 CEUs TX

The Center for Legal and Court Technology (CLCT) will be presenting a two-part program, beginning with

a preview of Law 101, the first in a series of online presentations that Fred Lederer, Chancellor Professor of Law and Director of CLCT, is making available to Court Reporters through CLCT. Professor Lederer will take you on a journey through the legal system – learn about the origin and evolution of our system of laws and about the interaction between various parties involved interpreting and implementing the law. In the second part of the program, Martin Gruen, Deputy Director for Courtroom Design and Technology of CLCT, will discuss the CLCT project, how some courts are harnessing technology in the courtroom, and the impact and issues of the use of technology in the courtroom.



Fredric I. Lederer is Chancellor Professor of Law and Director of the Center for Legal and Court Technology (CLCT) and the Courtroom 21 Project at the College of William & Mary's School of Law. He received his B.S. from Polytechnic University in New York and his J.D. from Columbia University Law School where he was a member of the Board of Editors of the Columbia Law Review and recipient of the Archie O'Dawson prize (which provided for study with judges at each of the three levels of the federal courts, including Justice Harlan of the Supreme Court). He holds an LL.M. from the University of Virginia. His post-graduate work includes a year as a Fulbright-Hayes Scholar in Freiburg, Germany. He served as a member of the United States Army's Judge Advocate General's Corps until 1980 when he joined the William & Mary faculty. He has served as prosecutor, defense counsel, and trial judge. Professor Lederer's areas of specialization include evidence, trial practice, criminal procedure, military law, and legal technology. He is one of the founders of the ABA prize winning Marshall-Wythe Legal Skills Program in which all students spend two years in simulated law firms in which they learn professional ethics, legal research and writing, interviewing, negotiation, alternative dispute resolution, and basic trial and appellate practice - much in the form of simulated client representation. Professor Lederer is the author or co-author of eleven books, numerous articles, two law related education television series, and is the author of a popular series of "fairy-tale" trials for elementary and middle school students. Among his works in progress is An Introduction to Basic Advocacy and Litigation in a Technological World. Professor Lederer is also the founder and Director of Courtroom 21(CLCT), "The Courtroom of the 21st Century Today," the world's most technologically advanced courtroom.



Martin Gruen is the Deputy Director for Technology and Court Design. Since the project's conception, Martin has directed, installed and/or designed the technology systems within the courtroom. He brings over twenty-five years experience providing court technology systems to the legal community. Martin began his career in legal technology design and installation in 1974. Initially concentrating in the areas of sound re-enforcement and audio recording, he has now emerged as a national expert in court related high technology legal uses. As president and the founder of Applied Legal Technologies, Martin designed many of the nation's leading state-of-the-art court technology installations and has served as a consultant to several of the nation's major legal technology manufacturers. His extensive experience with courthouse electronic systems includes courts at the federal, state, county and municipal levels. He has also worked with law firms and law school.

11:00 – 1:00 pm Lunch on Your Own

1:00 – 4:00 pm Afternoon Mini-Seminar | The Complete Reporter

Sue McDuffie

3.0 CEs, NVRA | .3 CEUs, NCRA | .3 CEUs TX

This entertaining session will cover the ins and outs of being "The Complete Reporter". At the workshop's conclusion you will be able to determine whether you need to do research, when to do research, and where to find almost anything. Additionally you will have improved ability to locate words you do not know and will be encouraged to build your own vocabulary.

6:15- 10:00 pm Optional Event | Farewell Cruise on the General Jackson Showboat

\$40 per person includes dinner and live entertainment. You must pre-register for this event for yourself and your guest/spouse.



There's nothing better than an evening on the outer decks of the General Jackson. Enjoy a delicious buffet and live music on the Hurricane Deck. Take a stroll under the moon light as you cruise down the Cumberland River. You will get to see the beautiful sites of Nashville while enjoying great food and live music. This is a great opportunity to say goodbye to friends and have one last night of music and fun! Cruise starts at 6:15p.m. and will end at 10:00p.m. \$40 fee includes dinner and two drink

tickets. A bar will be available. NVRA has reserved a private room on the General Jackson for our guests. We'll have our own buffet and seating. The dock is located within walking distance to the Gaylord Opryland Hotel, but a free shuttle is also provided.



Earn up to 1.7 CEs (1.6 CEU, TX or NCRA) for complete session attendance. NVRA CEs are approved. NCRA and TEXAS credits will be submitted for approval per organizational requirements. Please check with the NVRA office or on our Web site: www.nvra.org for updates.