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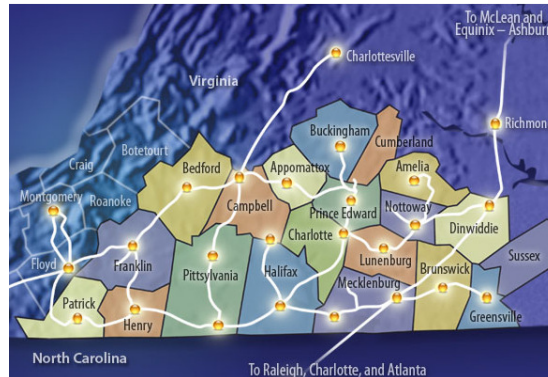


## January Tech Bunch for Lunch Mid Atlantic Broadband Cooperative Update

**Date: 01/08/08**

**Time: 12:00– 1:00**

**Location: Stratford Inn Restaurant  
2500 Riverside Drive  
Danville VA 24540**



**Tad Deriso, General Manager of the Mid-Atlantic Broadband Cooperative (MBC), will give an update on the regional network, current initiatives with MBC Member last-mile access projects in the region, and will show some of the benefits the network has provided and will provide to the region, as well as plans for the upcoming year.**

### Speaker Bio

Tad Deriso is the General Manager of the Mid-Atlantic Broadband Cooperative (MBC) located in South Boston, Virginia. Over the past 16 years, Tad has helped rural, underserved communities and telecom companies across the United States with planning and coordinating broadband telecommunications projects. He has developed technology-based economic development strategies as well as management structures and business models to incorporate performance-based measurement.

In 2003, Tad helped form MBC, a not-for-profit organization that has built an advanced open-access fiber optic network in Southside Virginia. To date, the project has received over \$48 million in grants to build, operate and manage the network, and is a unique creation of public/private partnerships.

Tad has spoken at many National, Regional and State associations on organizational management issues, broadband deployment strategies, and economic development topics.

There is no fee to attend. The restaurant's 35 item lunch buffet is \$11.50 including beverage & tip.

Like many other civic clubs, we plan to hold the meetings on a regular monthly basis (2nd Tuesday of each month) so interested people can build into their calendars. Monthly meetings will be limited to 1 hour to allow attendees to get back to work in a timely manner. We will follow a format similar to other civic clubs in that the meal will begin

when you arrive and continue through the lunch hour. Because we will eat from the buffet, a late arrival will not disrupt the meeting. At approximately 12:20, we will have a few short announcements followed by a speaker that will be limited to 15-20 minutes. We will close the meeting with Q&A as well as additional networking. One of the goals of this club is to allow those that attend determine what course it follows and we hope attendees will suggest future topics of interest as well as alternate meeting times, if desirable.

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