



## CHAPTER 122

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# SOCIETY OF BROADCAST ENGINEERS

*Serving the Public through  
Quality Broadcast Engineering*

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## Monthly Meeting

**Join us for our regular meeting at noon July 13 , 2023**

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Influential in advancing the careers of Elvis Presley, Buddy Holly and Jerry Lee Lewis, among many others, Biondi was the first disc jockey to play the Beatles on American radio.



[chicago.suntimes.com](http://chicago.suntimes.com)

Dick Biondi, Chicago's definitive voice of Top 40 radio,  
dies at 90

**Biondi worked locally at WHOT (then 1570), 1955 to 1958 when he moved to WKBW 1520- Buffalo**

## **SBE Chapter 122 Meeting Minutes**

- Date 6/8/23
- Start 12:50 PM
- End 12:58 PM
- Number of Attendees: 5 SBE Certified: 3
- Presiding Officer: Bob Fliss, President
- Motion to accept minutes from last meeting: Wes Boyd, Bill King seconded
- Treasurer Report: Mike Orto reports on Chapter finances
- EAS Report by John Clarke: nothing to report
- Frequency Report < 1 GHz: Wes Boyd, nothing to report
- Frequency Report > 1 GHz: Bob Flis, nothing to report
- Old Business: Report by Wes Boyd on informal complaint to FCC about WKTZ 830 illegal 24 hour operation
- New Business: OAB adding adjacent states to sponsorship for the fall show in Columbus.
- Motion to Adjourn: Wes Boyd / Seconded: Mike Orto

**DON'T FORGET TO RENEW YOUR SBE MEMBERSHIP...**

**I want my AM radio back !**



## Youngstown Area EAS Test Schedule

Both the Ohio AND Western Pennsylvania schedules are posted: [WWW.SBE122.US](http://WWW.SBE122.US)

**The 2023 regional information on EAS testing schedules are posted on our website.**

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### **From: Broadcasters' Desktop Resource**



by Barry Mishkind

For "AM radio freaks" there is a great article on the history of the KOB and WJZ-WABC multi DECADE fight to operate on 770 KHz.

**6/22/23 – The FCC has announced the first LPFM filing window since 2013. Open from November 1 to November 8, 2023.**

Some changes will be made to procedure and Form 318, for which the FCC says information will be provided early on for those wishing to file.

6/17/23 – **Radio Disney is completely gone.** Disney has now sold off its last radio station, a remnant of the Radio Disney network of 40 stations. the LA station (KRDC, x-KRLA) sold for \$5 million.

6/2/23 – Radio listeners are our product, sold to the advertisers. So, reduced listenin levels are not only of interest, but potentially bad for the bottom line.

A recent survey indicates radio listening is on the decline, especially among Gen Z. None of this is really a major surprise, we have long known that Gen Z often denies even knowing what radio is.

But how can stations protect themselves in the “new world” of consolidation and streaming. In several ways, it is part of the “is AM dead?” discussion. But, on a larger scale, is broadcasting itself facing greater challenges.

5/23/23 – This past week both Houses of Congress introduced the **AM For Every Vehicle Act**, seeking to mandate AM radios in cars sold in the USA. The NAB endorsed the Bills, as did the National Association of Farm Broadcasters. The Bills would require the government set rules for AM radios within a year.

Obviously, some of this has been heard by auto makers: Ford has announced that they have decided to include AM radio in all vehicles – and offer a software update to any Ford EV without AM.

What remains is a statement or plan to deal with all the EVs currently “broadcasting” on the AM band, as they pull alongside other vehicles.

5/22/23 – President Biden has renominated Anna Gomez to fill the open (fifth) seat on the FCC. At the same time, Biden nominated Democrat Geoffrey Starks and Republican Brendan Carr to continue as FCC Commissioners for another 5-year term.

## The Virtual Lunch Gathering!

Each Thursday at 2 PM Eastern, 11 AM Pacific, we get together to discuss topics of interest to broadcasters and learn things.

The meeting is held using Zoom to prevent Zoombombing the URL is not published on the web.

**Broadcasters Are Invited, (Go to Barry’s site) To Get An Invite.**

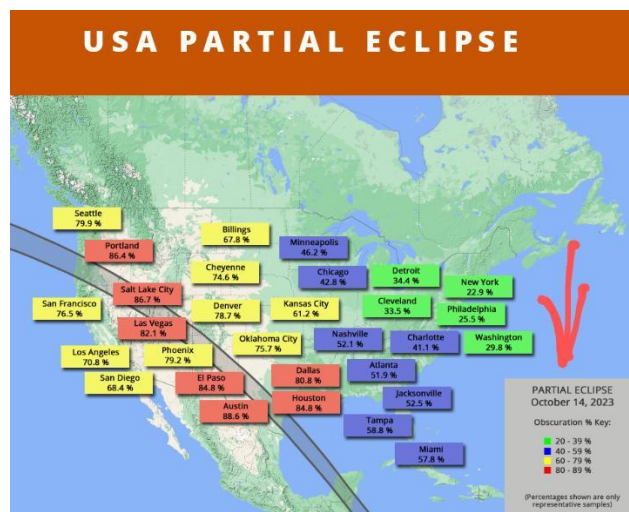
Recordings of the meetings are usually posted a day or so afterward.

At this time, they are being posted at Youtube on [theBDRnet channel](#).

(So you can leave the local SBE 122 meeting, and then check into Barry’s meeting for the latest info.)

Thanks to Barry and the BDR, a great source for the latest news of the industry.

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## SBE Plans 2023 National Meeting in Columbus

The Society of Broadcast Engineers 2023 SBE National Meeting will be held in Columbus, OH, on Sept. 27-28, 2023. The event will be held in conjunction with the Midwest Broadcast & Multimedia Technology Conference (MBMTC), presented by the Ohio Association of Broadcasters, the Indiana Broadcasters Association, the Kentucky Broadcasters Association and the Michigan Association of Broadcasters.



The Greater Columbus Convention Center

The SBE National Meeting includes the SBE National Awards Reception and Dinner, recognizing outstanding achievement by SBE members and chapters. The SBE will also conduct the SBE Annual Membership Meeting on Sept. 27. The SBE is working on streaming the meeting live so members not

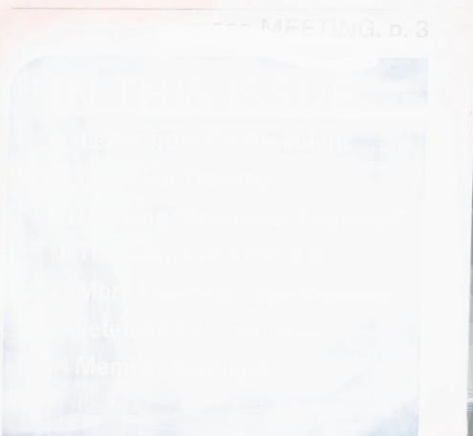
able to attend in person can watch.

The Conference is held Sept. 28 at the Greater Columbus Convention Center. It includes a full day of learning and networking designed specifically with broadcast engineers in mind. The goal is to provide an opportunity to explore best practices, compliance guidance and the latest technology and equipment available.

The SBE National Meeting begins on Wednesday, Sept. 27 with the fall meeting of the national SBE Certification Committee from 2 to 4 p.m. The fall meeting of the SBE Board of Directors will take place from 6 to 10 p.m. Attendance at the Board meeting is open to any SBE member. On Thursday, activities begin with the annual SBE Fellows Breakfast, a reunion of SBE Fellow members including this year's inductee, Stephen J. Brown, CPBE, CBNT. In the afternoon, the one-hour SBE Annual Membership Meeting will be held. Following the Membership Meeting will be a reception, and then the Annual SBE Awards Reception and Dinner. The dinner will feature a guest speaker and the

presentation of the society's major awards, including the Robert W. Flanders SBE Engineer of the Year and James C. Wulliman SBE Educator of the Year awards. The dinner program will conclude with the presentation of the Fellow honor to Brown.

Tickets (\$17) for the SBE Awards Reception and Dinner will go on sale at the SBE website on June 12. The other SBE Meeting



Don't forget to check out the SBE website. [WWW.SBE.ORG](http://WWW.SBE.ORG)

Some of the info available..

[2023 SBE RF Safety Course](#)

[Job Security and What to Do If You Are Fired](#)

[Last-Mile Solutions for Cloud-Based Broadcasting: Part 2](#)

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**AUG. 2-4, 2023 SBE Leadership Development Course**

Designed to take technically adept people and instill in them sound leadership, supervisory and management skills, the SBE Leadership Development Course is equally beneficial for those who are already in management and for those without prior management or supervisory experience.

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## 2023 Elected Officers and Committees

**President:** Robert Flis      WFMJ TV  
**Vice President:** Wes Boyd      Retired/ Semi Homeless, and happy !  
**Treasurer:** Mike Orto      WYSU / Youngstown State Univ.  
**Secretary :** John Clarke      iHeart Media Youngstown  
**Financial Manager:** Melissa Rogers      WYSU 88.5 FM Youngstown State Univ.  
**Certification:** Wes Boyd  
**Frequency Co-ordination:**  
    1 Ghz and UP      Robert Flis      Under 1 Ghz      Wes Boyd  
**Newsletter:** Wes Boyd

**HEY KIDS! BUILD YOUR VERY OWN MOONSHINE STILL!**

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**little moonshiner kit**

**JOHNNY SCOFFLAW LITTLE MOONSHINER KIT**  
All the materials you need to make a fully operational and excitingly illegal still! Think of the money you'll make and how popular you will be with the "hep" kids! And since you're a minor, the cops can barely mess with you.

**Aren't secrets fun?**  
And that's what we have here, kids, a secret. A special secret. You must always remember that you cannot tell Mommy or the Feds about our little project. You can tell Daddy. In fact, if you promise him a cut of the action, he may even help.

The advertisement features a central illustration of a young boy with blonde hair, wearing a striped shirt and blue pants, kneeling on the grass and working on a large, dark, cylindrical moonshine still. He is using a hammer to secure a coiled metal condenser pipe. To his left is a box for the 'little moonshiner kit' which shows the assembled still and various tools. Below the box is an open toolbox filled with various tools like hammers, wrenches, and saws. The background is a simple outdoor setting with some foliage.