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Monthly Meeting

As is the Chapter 122 tradition, due to the hectic holiday schedules many of us have, we don't have a regular meeting in December.

Our NEXT official meeting will be the 2nd Thursday in January.

Join us for our regular meeting at noon January 11 th , 2024

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SBE Chapter 122 Meeting Minutes: WE GOT NUTTIN !!

November was a meeting that wasn't.

Somehow due to family issues, sick days, vacations or emergencies, only 2 members showed for a meeting.

Youngstown Area EAS Test Schedule

Both the Ohio AND Western Pennsylvania schedules are posted: WWW.SBE122.US

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

From: Broadcasters' Desktop Resource



by Barry Mishkind

The BDR Is Celebrating Our 15th Year Of Dedicated Support For Broadcasters

11/21/23 – [73.845](#), [73.875](#) – When the FCC issues something, it is important to read it carefully. It seems obvious not to just build something that is convenient.

It needs to be **where** it was authorized and it has to be at **the right height**. Even for an LPFM. KYOM-LP in Wichita, KS was to have an antenna at 24 meters AGL.

It was built at 13 meters about 33 feet lower. The FCC noted the Violation and the [Order and Consent Decree](#) came with a \$2500 cost (not to mention legal costs).

11/21/23 – [1.1151](#) – Th FCC apparently has gotten rather serious about stations that have not paid the regulatory fees.

In addition to the recent warning to KSLQ (see 11/2. below) Bravo Broadcasting's **KIRT in Mission, TX**, was warned in March to pay the \$30k owed.

According to the current [Revocation Order](#), the station apparently ignored the FCC and therefore the license has now been deleted. KSLQ may be next.

11/2/23 – [1.1151](#) – The yearly Regularatory Fees are not optional. Stations must pay the FCC – and on time. **KSLQ-FM, Washington, MO** apparently thought it could do without the fees. The FCC has caught up with them now, after 13 years. The tab of fees, penalties and interest: **\$25,893.90**.

The Order to Show Cause seeks to revoke the license if the station does not pay up within 60 days.

11/20/23 – Not having an antenna tower sort of makes it hard to operate. One station, KCPQ in Chubbock ID is no longer. Somehow the site lease was allowed to lapse and this led to the destruction of the station's towers. Bottom line, rather than pay for rebuilding at another site, the station owner decided to stay dark and turn in the license.

A different problem is plaguing 92.7FM in Anuja, Nigeria. Their tower was being moved and, well, disappeared – the contractor said it was “snatched away.” Now, [station officials are looking for the tower](#). The suspects are said to be officials of a state agency.

11/14/23 – The NRSC committee has released its latest report: NRSC-G304 Metadata for Streaming Audio Handbook, adopted last month. The entire report – over 110 pages of “best practices and terminology definitions ”

11/7/23 – A lot has been written lately about AM radio and efforts to “save” it. Pressure has mounted on manufacturers not to remove AM from the dashboard, and some manufacturers are responding, although the European makers note that there are no AM band transmissions in Europe.

Congress has gotten into the action, with several Bills offered or proposed to ensure AM radio stays in vehicles. Noting the \$7,500 tax credit for purchasers of electric vehicles, Senator Rand Paul (R-KY) has indicated his desire to stop the tax credits unless the vehicles have AM radios in them.

Meanwhile, the Center for Automotive Research reports a tricky issue: RF interference. EVs will need shielding, filters, and other means of noise cancellation, both to the EV radio and neighboring cars. options. This can be done, the CAR says, but it can be costly ... and manufacturers are a bit hesitant to commit to such an effort.

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 NEWS

December 12 is the deadline to update the firmware in all EAS units, except Sage Endec users.

Because of a manufacturing delay, Sage Endec users have until March 11, 2024. Updates for Digital Alert Systems, Gorman-Redlich and Trilithic are already available.

The Society of Broadcast Engineers is completing its work to publish new, updated **Broadcast Station Self-Inspection Guidelines.**

The Federal Communications Commission published a series of checklists many years ago, but they have not been updated in decades. The SBE has considered this issue for several years, and will release updated guidelines in early 2024.

Broadcast stations use the Alternative Broadcast Inspection Program to ensure compliance with FCC Rules. The former FCC checklists provided a guide for stations to follow. Since the FCC-published lists have lost their relevance because of rule changes and technology advances, broadcasters have sought a replacement. The SBE has provided the answer.

The SBE is committed to improving licensee’s compliance with the broadcast regulations contained within the FCC Rules and Regulations. This is an educational effort that many within the SBE and the broadcast industry support.



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Woolly Bear Caterpillar



- Very harsh winter:
the more black, the
more harsh.



- Moderately harsh
winter



- Mild winter = the more
brown, the more mild



- Winter begins harshly,
but ends mild
(black near head)



- Winter begins mild,
ends harshly (more black
near tail)

WINTER Predictions

druidgarden.wordpress.com

