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# CHAPTER 122

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## SOCIETY OF BROADCAST ENGINEERS

*Serving the Public through  
Quality Broadcast Engineering*

*(Eff ya' sees any typer graphic errorz, please notify da editor of dis newsletter !)*

# 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, so there are NO minutes for a December meeting.**

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

Address: 7463 South Ave, Boardman, OH 44512-5720 Phone: [330 629 2667](tel:3306292667)



We usually have a half dozen at our meetings, Cmon out and join us.  
Bring your stories or just stop and say Hi

## Youngstown Area EAS Test Schedule 2024

2024 PENNSYLVANIA EAS NETWORK REQUIRED MONTHLY TEST DATES

**MONTH DAY TIME METHODOLOGY**

- JANUARY 18 THU 9:05 A.M DAY, EMnet
- FEBRUARY 15 THU 4:15 A.M. NIGHT, EMnet
- MARCH 21 THU 9:15 A.M. DAY, EMnet
- APRIL 18 THU 12:35 A.M. NIGHT, EMnet
- MAY 16 THU 10:05 A.M. DAY, EMnet
- JUNE 20 THU 4:30 A.M. NIGHT, EMnet
- JULY 18 THU 10:15 A.M. DAY, EMnet
- AUGUST 15 THU 12:45 A.M. NIGHT, EMnet
- SEPTEMBER 19 THU 10:30 A.M. DAY, EMnet
- OCTOBER 17 THU 4:40 A.M. NIGHT, EMnet
- NOVEMBER 21 THU 10:45 A.M. DAY, EMnet
- DECEMBER 19 THU 4:45 A.M. NIGHT, EMnet

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# Emergency Alert System The State of Ohio 2024 RMT Schedule Participating Stations Reference Guide

MONTH DATE TIME SOURCE(S)

January 1/10/24 9:50am CAP + SP-1

February 2/14/24 3:50am SP-2

March 3/20/24\* 9:50am CAP + SP-1

\*Custom script and date, in conjunction with Severe Weather Awareness Week, covering the RMT requirement for all stations in Ohio in March. If NOAA cancels their test due to potentially severe weather in the state, we will reschedule the RMT for the next day, 3/21/24 at 9:50am, regardless of a NOAA awareness week test reschedule.

April 4/10/24 3:50am SP-1

May 5/8/24 9:50am CAP + SP-2

June 6/12/24 3:50am SP-2

July 7/10/24 9:50am CAP + SP-1

August 8/14/24 3:50am SP-1

September 9/11/24 9:50am CAP + SP-2

October 10/9/24 3:50am SP-1

November 11/13/24 9:50am CAP + SP-1

December 12/11/24 3:50am SP-2

Required Monthly Tests originate from the State Emergency Operations Center (SEOC) in Columbus at 48:00 past the hour to ensure delivery by 50:00.

**WNCI is the State Primary station (SP-1) [gregsavoldi@iheartmedia.com](mailto:gregsavoldi@iheartmedia.com)**

**WBNS-FM is the alternate SP station (SP-2) [greg.armstrong@tegn.com](mailto:greg.armstrong@tegn.com)**

The SEOC originates RMTs through a combination of CAP via IPAWS and OEAS fiber via OET embedded digital stream, and firewalled G-Net audio codecs to LP stations with legacy Over-The-Air transmission to the 12 Operational Areas across the state. WNCI and WBNS-FM are the lead stations for OTA distribution to all Radio, TV, and Cable operators - statewide.



## From: Broadcasters' Desktop Resource



by Barry Mishkind

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

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12/29/23 – Stuff happens. Losing a site lease, major disaster, and other reasons can cause stations to go silent for a while, scrambling for solutions. Doing so without coordination with the FCC does not end well. For this station, deletion was the final act, although it took some eight years to lead to the [confirmation of the “D” by Letter](#).

**Omni Broadcasting’s DWTKP, Port St. Joe., FL** ran into several problems, according to their request for reconsideration. However, the FCC denied the request and deleted the station, saying, among other things, the station failed to operate for over a year at the licensed location. That alone, the EB decided, was enough to delete the license, rejecting the station’s arguments.

12/22/23 – Birach Broadcasting, which seems to have a lot of contact with the FCC, is again in the news, with KJMU, Sand Springs, OK, being given [a one-year renewal and a warning](#) to restore full normal operations or risk losing the license.

The station had been running for long periods of time with either low power or was silent. The Commission says this does not meet the public service requirements.

12/21/23 – This past Summer, the FCC audited the Boston area, looking for pirate broadcasters. As part of that action, nine warning letters were sent to landowners in the area, warning of fines as much as \$115,000 a day.

Additionally, NIPRB (Notice of illegal Pirate Broadcasting) letters also have gone out from the FCC to landowners in Sweet Home, OR, Lake Forest, CA, and Guaynabo, PR.

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 – The 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 Regulatory 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 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.  
A weekly e-mail report.. and it's FREE

## ***SBE NEWS***

An [SBE Ennes Workshop](#) will be held at the 2024 NAB Show on April 12 and 13.  
Add it to your calendar now.



The Society's roots stretch back to 1961, when the Institute of Radio Engineers (IRE) and American Institute of Electrical Engineers (AIEE) passed a joint resolution calling for a "merger or consolidation into one organization." The two groups did finally join forces in 1963 forming what is known today as the Institute of Electrical and Electronic Engineers (IEEE).

The new organization was perceived by some as not addressing the needs of broadcast engineers. Because of the interest shown in response to an editorial in *Broadcast Engineering* magazine, written by eventual first SBE President John Battison, the organizational meeting held in 1964 formed an organization devoted to the needs and interests of broadcast engineers that now is celebrating its 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

With members around the world, local SBE chapters provide services to members through meetings, technical seminars, certification examinations and fellowship.

Throughout 2024, the SBE will mark the event in its bi-monthly newsletter, *The Signal*, on the SBE website, in social media posts, and with in-person events at the 2024 NAB Show. A special SBE Certification project will also be announced shortly to commemorate the Diamond anniversary. The celebration will continue at the 2024 SBE National Meeting, which will be held in the fall.



[WWW.SBE.ORG](http://WWW.SBE.ORG)

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

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