



Monthly Meeting

CHAPTER 122

April 2024 AD

SOCIETY OF BROADCAST ENGINEERS

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Join us for our regular meeting about noon May 9 th, 2024

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

SBE Chapter 122 Meeting Minutes 4/11/24

- Date 4/11/24
- Start 12:46 PM
- End 12:50 PM
- Number of Attendees: 4 SBE Certified: 1
- Presiding Officer: Bob Flis, President
- Motion to accept minutes from last meeting: Melissa Limpose, Mike Orto seconds.
- Treasurer Report: Mike Orto report on Chapter 122 finances
- EAS Report: John Clarke All testing normal.
- Frequency Report < 1 GHz: Wes Boyd, not present
- Frequency Report > 1 GHz: Bob Flis: nothing to report.
- Certification: nothing to report.
- Old Business: None
- New Business: Discussion of recent station changes in market
- Program Speaker: None
- Motion to Adjourn: Bob Flis / Seconded: Mike Orto

Youngstown Area EAS Test Schedule 2024

2024 PENNSYLVANIA EAS NETWORK REQUIRED MONTHLY TEST DATES
MONTH DAY TIME METHODOLOGY

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 State of Ohio 2024 RMT Schedule Participating Stations Reference Guide

MONTH DATE TIME SOURCE(S)

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
WBNS-FM is the alternate SP station (SP-2) 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-TheAir 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.

DON'T FORGET..



Or you be sleeping in the car awhile !

From: Broadcasters' Desktop Resource



by Barry Mishkind

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

4/30/24 – The Federal Trade Commission set out a ruling that [most non-compete clauses were not enforceable](#). One can expect a number of challenges in court as this could have a major impact on broadcasters. Non-disclosure agreements still seem to be OK.

4/29/24 – The Department of Labor issued a rule this past week [raising the amount under which salaried employees must be paid overtime](#). The new amount, starting July 1st is \$43,883 – \$844 a week, and it will be further raised on January 1, 2025 to \$58,656 – \$1,128 a week. Employees paid over those amounts are mostly exempt from overtime.

4/23/24 – **73.503, 73.1212**– Non-Commercial stations are prohibited from commercial messages, especially those with “action” words, **WBAI, New York** received a \$25k fine, a two-year license, and more in the Consent Decree in an [Order](#) affecting all **Pacifica Foundation** stations.

4/12/24 – **73.1216** – When stations run contests, they are expected to obey their own rules, as published. **KXOL, Los Angeles** ran a contest in October 2019, and failed to deliver a \$396 prize – and 97 others – within 30 days as promised.

In fact, the prizes were not fully delivered until May 2021.

The station admitted the delay, but claimed it was due to the pandemic and a hacking incident. The Commission noted the stated delays came *after* the promised prize distribution date and issued an increased [NALF for \\$8k](#).

4/10/24 – 1.17, 73.1635, 73.1745 – We see another station that decided on its own how to operate in recovering from some damage. An STA was originally obtained, but then the station operated at variance for 6-8 years without further authorization. The Commission ordered **Shelby Broadcast Associated of Tarrant, AL, operator of W2352BE** to pay \$10,000.

The station claimed economic hardship, but the FCC noted the station was in the process of being sold, and issued a [Forfeiture Order for \\$16,500](#).

4/2/24 – It is fairly well-known that the FCC takes its role in policing station owners' reputations seriously – especially when it becomes aware of a felony conviction. **Roger Wahl, owner of WQZS(FM), Meyersdale, PA** was convicted in November 2020, and when the FCC became aware, it revoked the station's license.

LOOKING BACK AT THE NAB SHOW 2024

According to the NAB, the stats were interesting. Approximately 61,000 attendees, with over half the attendees (54%) at this year's Spring Show were there for their first time. Over one quarter came from overseas, representing 163 countries.

Some 1300 exhibitors included over 200 showing off some form of AI tech and learning tools, which also were featured in over 150 sessions. If that were not enough, the whole show started with a Welcome Address featuring Ameca, an AI powered humanoid robot.

YES, IT WAS AI'S YEAR

Sure, programs, especially diagnostic ones, have been incorporating more and more AI in recent years. Nautel's "Phone Home" was not the first, but an early example of how a transmitter can communicate to the factor about needed parts, even before the engineer knows what he has to do. With literally thousands of new products and new technologies, AI is starting to become a partner with the engineer in diagnosing, optimizing, translating, and repairing all sorts of gear and applications. A number of experts urged broadcasters to learn more about how to use AI.

VIDEO MEETS THE RADIO STARS

An interesting use of AI is incorporated in the Insoft Radio Studio, which uses AI to control video cameras to follow the action and permit a number of playback options that can enhance a radio program beyond anything you have seen as yet. The days of the static studio shot may be over.

Featured Posts

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[Getting Ready for Spring – A Checklist](#)

[Apple vs The Nautel Legacy App](#)

[Belden 9451 vs Studio Hub](#)

FCC fines wireless carriers for sharing user locations without consent

The Federal Communications Commission has leveraged nearly \$200 million in fines against wireless carriers AT&T, Sprint, T-Mobile and Verizon for illegally sharing customers' location data without their consent

By The Associated Press April 30, 2024, 10:35 AM

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.

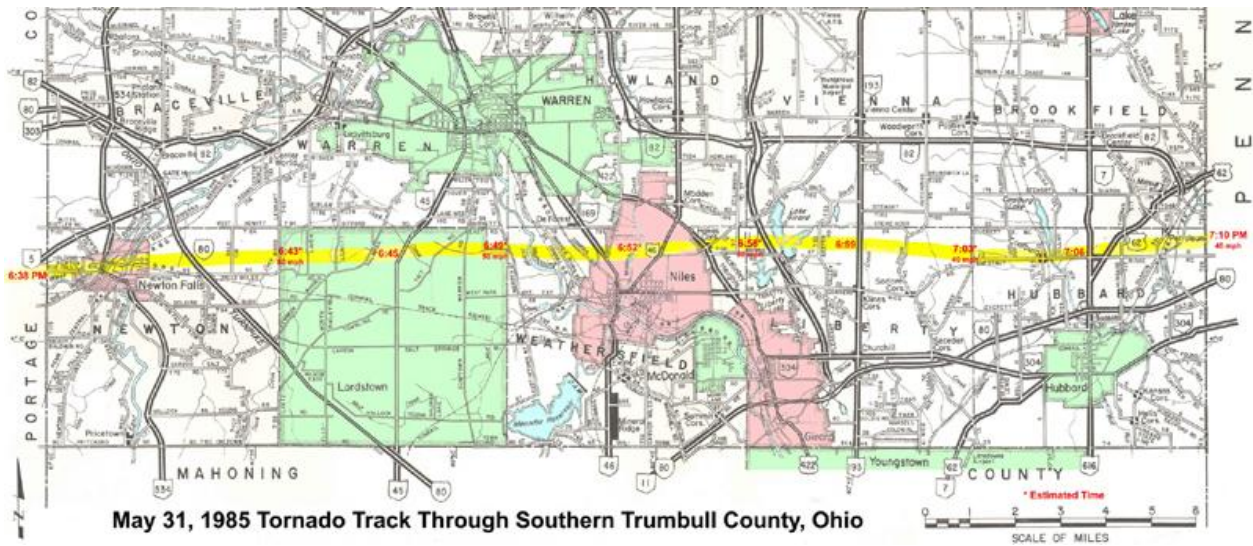
Broadcasters Are Invited, (Go to Barry's site) To Get An Invite.

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

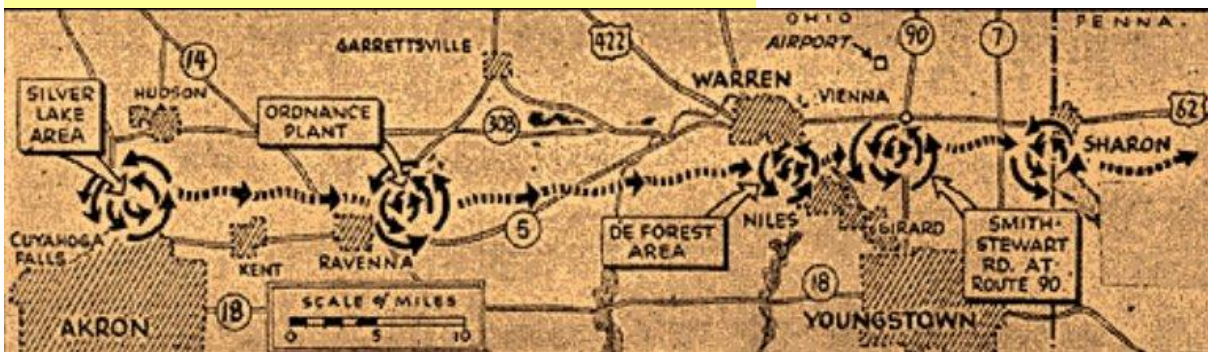
At this time, they are being posted at Youtube on [theBDRnet channel](#).
(So you can leave the local SBE 122 meeting, and then check into Barry's meeting for the latest info.)

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

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Path of 1947 tornado



Kim Godwin, the embattled president of ABC News, abruptly announced Sunday (5-5) evening that she will exit the network, capping a tumultuous three-year run at the outlet after staffers said her polarizing leadership led to plummeting employee morale.

"I have decided to retire from broadcast journalism," Godwin told staffers in a memo that rocked the ABC News newsroom.



SBE NEWS

With the theme, Shape the Future: Recruit a New SBE Member, running through May 31, 2024. As with Membership Drives in previous years, SBE members are encouraged to recruit new members, and in doing so, the recruiter could win prizes from the SBE and donated by SBE Sustaining Members.

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Don't forget to check out the SBE website. WWW.SBE.ORG

Through May 16, 2024, the Society of Broadcast Engineers will conduct a survey to determine salary levels and benefits among broadcast and media technology engineers. The SBE conducted its first survey in 2016. This ninth survey continues to help us establish a baseline for subsequent surveys and build compensation trends.

The complete results of the survey will be available at no charge to SBE members as a benefit of membership.

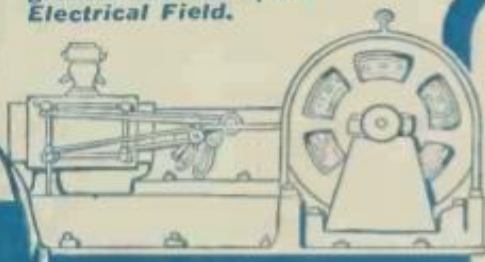
The survey includes questions about job titles, broadcast market size and compensation in dollars and offered benefits. SBE membership is not required to take the survey.

While all responses remain anonymous, demographic data collected will include market size, job category/title, age, years working in broadcasting, salary, benefits received, and any certification held. The data will be split into radio or TV results, with details on job category and market size.

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I wonder how fast this ostrich
was going when he hit the fence!

