

SOCIETY OF BROADCAST ENGINEERS NEWSLETTER

SBE Chapter 122 Meeting Minutes 9/12/24

- Date 9/12/24
- Start 1:01 PM
- End 1:10 PM
- Number of Attendees: 7 SBE Certified: 3
- Presiding Officer: Bob Flis, President
- Motion to accept minutes from last meeting: No meeting last month
- Treasurer Report: Mike Orto report on Chapter finances, \$132.00 rebate check received from SBE headquarters
- EAS Report: John Clarke All testing normal, no issues reported.
- Frequency Report < 1 GHz: Wes Boyd, nothing to report.
- Frequency Report > 1 GHz: Bob Flis: nothing to report.
- Certification: nothing to report.
- Old Business: None
- New Business: Wes Boyd proposes Chapter meeting summer recess, No meeting July and August.
Proposal adopted by unanimous vote.
- Program Speaker: None

Motion to Adjourn: Wes Boyd / Seconded: Bill King

Join us at our next regular meeting at noon **October 10, 2024**

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Youngstown Area EAS Test Schedule 2024

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

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)

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-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.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

October 3 rd 1954 WFAR (now WLOA) 1470KHz Farrell, Pa. Went on the air
October 14 th 1924 WEBR AM (1230 -1240, to 1310, then 1340, and to 970 in 1947) Buffalo, NY
October 15 th 1955 WHOT AM (1570 / 1330) Campbell, Oh. Went on the air

October 18 th 1954 WNBC AM-FM (WNBT TV) New York City change calls to WRCA
(They switched back to former call signs in 1960)

October 24 th 1924 WAHG 880 AM (later WABC, then WCBS, now WHSQ) New York, NY
October 28 th 1934 WHJB 620 AM (now WKHB) went on the air

From: Broadcasters' Desktop Resource



by Barry Mishkind

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

10/1/24 – As hurricane Helene ran through the Southeast, it wreaked severe damage in many places, including radio station studios and towers – with at least one, in Erwin TN, totally submerged, and its tower washed away.

Other stations became a lifeline for many residents who were displaced and/or even flooded out. In many places there was no power, so there was no Internet, no television, no social media, and almost no way to get anywhere on the clogged streets. But, there was radio.

So it was that many stations went completely live to share news and information, directions on how to get help, and more. In some cases, the staff just stayed put and truly served their communities, carrying 5 gallon cans of fuel to keep a generator going. Interestingly, in some locations, it appears some people actually listened to AM for the first time! Whether this will have an effect on the Congressional action currently moving on AM radios in vehicles remains to be seen.

10/1/24 – As you know, there will be no EAS NPT this year, but this week is the deadline to check the Form One for your station(s). The forms should be mostly filled in, but you may need to update some items. Recognizing the tremendous problems, especially in the SouthEast, the FCC has now issued a [Public Notice extending the reporting deadline](#) to the 18th of October. Nevertheless, everyone should endeavor to get the form filed right away.

9/28/24 – FM stations (except those on 107.1 to 107.9) will be permitted to adjust their upper and low digital (HD) sidebands by consulting a table showing the maximum permissible levels and notifying the Commission on Form 335-FM – as soon as the OMB approval is obtained.

At the same time, in the [First Report and Order](#) the Commission did not as yet approve overall increases in digital power.

9/19/24 – When was the last time your transmitter site was visited? We hope it is a bit more than once in the Spring and once in the Fall.

An Atlanta radio station got a shock when a pair of squatters were found in their transmitter building, manufacturing crystal meth. After the cops came and removed the squatters, it was noted they had been there at least four months.

The [Public Notice](#) related to the fiscal year 2024 FCC fees has been released. Most broadcasters will be a bit happier to know that the rates are a bit lower again this year. And the web site to make electronic payments is now open, with a deadline of September 26th. There are two important things to know: (1) you must pay on the CORES (Commission Registration System), which requires jumping through several hoops to enable registration – so do not plan to pay at the last day, and (2) stations currently dark are required to pay the fee.

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Featured Posts

- [WCCO – 102 Years Old On The Air](#)

- [A Job Hunter's Quick Primer on HDTV](#)
- [Getting Ready for Spring – A Checklist](#)
- [Apple vs The Nautel Legacy App](#)
- [Belden 9451 vs Studio Hub](#)

Barry also has a great following on FACEBOOK. Information, updates and videos..

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

October 1, 2024

EAS participants are subject to the annual requirement to file Emergency Alert System Test Reporting System (ETRS) Form One. The [SBE previously reported](#) that while there isn't a nationwide EAS test this year, EAS participants are still required to file their forms. This year's original deadline of Oct. 4 has been extended to Oct. 18 because of Hurricane Helene and the resulting extensive damage throughout the southeast.

ETRS is an online filing system by which EAS participants submit their Form One information, which includes identifying and background information such as EAS designation, EAS monitoring assignments, facility location, equipment type, contact information, and other relevant data. All EAS participants – including Low Power FM stations (LPFM), Class D non-commercial educational FM stations, and EAS Participants that are silent pursuant to a grant of Special Temporary Authority – are required to register and file in ETRS.

Filers can access ETRS by visiting the ETRS page of the Commission's website at www.fcc.gov/general/eas-test-reporting-system.



SBE 2024 National Meeting Sept 10-11, 2024 Madison Marriott West; Middleton, WI

The annual Society of Broadcast Engineers National Meeting will be held in Middleton, WI, on Sept. 10-11, 2024, in conjunction with the **Midwest Regional Broadcasters Clinic**, presented by The Wisconsin Broadcasters Association and the Minnesota Broadcasters Association. SBE members from the region and across the country are invited to attend. The SBE national Meeting includes the SBE Annual Membership Meeting and annual SBE National Awards Reception and Dinner. Program details are below. Admission to the SBE National Meeting requires registration to the Clinic. (All times are Central Time.)

Has your SBE Certification lapsed? Here's a chance to get it back.

The SBE Certification Committee, in recognition of the SBE's 60th anniversary, has created an opportunity for those who have allowed their SBE Certification to lapse to become SBE-certified once again. You can do this without taking an SBE Certification exam. The Diamond Project, named for the 60th anniversary, runs through the calendar year 2024 (January 1, 2024 to December 31, 2024). If your SBE Certification expired prior to January 1, 2023, you qualify for this project.

Applicants are required to complete the [Diamond application](#) and provide it with either a resume or a letter to the certification committee stating what he/she has done in broadcast engineering since the applicant's SBE certification expired.

All SBE Certifications are included in the reinstatement program. Note that there are two price points. All SBE Certifications except Certified Professional Broadcast Engineer (CPBE) can be reinstated for \$125 for each level of certification. If you held CPBE and it expired prior to January 1, 2023, you may either reinstate the senior level certification that you held prior to CPBE at the rate above, or you may choose to have your CPBE reinstated for \$200. All these costs are for current SBE members. If you are not currently a member of the SBE, then non-member fees apply, which is an additional \$85 for traditional membership or \$175 for SBE MemberPlus. Questions? Contact SBE Certification Director Megan Clappe at the SBE National Office.



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

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SBE 122 Elected Officers and Committees

President:	Robert Flis	Retired: Ex WFMJ TV CE <i>(leave a message, maybe I'll call)</i>
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	



KDKA Radio, Pittsburgh
 Radio station staff in the 1940s.