

# SOCIETY OF BROADCAST ENGINEERS Chapter 122 February 2026 NEWSLETTER

**REMEMBER SBE 122 has NO official meeting in July, August or December**

**Join us at our next regular meeting at noon **February 12, 2026****

**The day before Friday 13<sup>th</sup>, and 2 days before Valentine Day**



**850 E Western Reserve Rd #8, Youngstown, OH 44514 (330) 758-0544.**

**We're usually on the right, along the wall**

**(680 at Western Reserve, then west about 1000 feet)**

**Reminder: SBE CH 122 has 9 meetings a year.**

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## **SBE Chapter 122 Meeting Minutes 1/08/26**

- Date 1/8/26
- Start 12:38 PM
- End 12:46 PM
- Number of Attendees: 6, SBE Certified: 3 Guest: 1
- Presiding Officer: Bob Flis, President
- Motion to accept minutes from last meeting; No Meeting last month
- Treasurer Report: Mike Orto not present
- EAS Report: John Clarke, No abnormal events
- 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: 2025 Officers to remain for 2026 by unanimous consent
- Program Speaker: None
- Motion to Adjourn: Wes Boyd Seconded: Melissa Limpose
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# EMERGENCY ALERT SYSTEM

## The State of Ohio 2026 RMT Schedule PN Stations Reference Guide

<i>MONTH</i>	<i>DATE</i>	<i>TIME</i>	<i>SOURCE(S)</i>
February	2/11/26	3:50am	CAP + SP-2
March	3/18/26*	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, 3/19/26 at 9:50am, regardless of a NOAA Awareness Week test reschedule.

April	4/08/26	3:50am	CAP + SP-1
May	5/13/26	9:50am	CAP + SP-2
June	6/10/26	3:50am	SP-2
July	7/08/26	9:50am	CAP + SP-1
August	8/12/26	3:50am	CAP + SP-1
September	9/09/26	9:50am	CAP + SP-2
October	10/14/26	3:50am	SP-1
November	11/11/26	9:50am	CAP + SP-1
December	12/09/26	3:50am	CAP + SP-2

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

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.

### 2026 PENNSYLVANIA EAS NETWORK REQUIRED MONTHLY TEST DATES

MONTH	DAY	TIME
FEBRUARY	19 THU	4:15 A.M. NIGHT, EMnet
MARCH	19 THU	9:15 A.M. DAY, EMnet
APRIL	16 THU	12:35 A.M. NIGHT, EMnet
MAY	21 THU	10:05 A.M. DAY, EMnet
JUNE	18 THU	4:30 A.M. NIGHT,

EMnet

MONTH	DAY	TIME
JULY	16 THU	10:15 A.M. DAY, EMnet
AUGUST	20 THU	12:45 A.M. NIGHT, EMnet
SEPTEMBER	17 THU	10:30 A.M. DAY, EMnet
OCTOBER	15 THU	4:40 A.M. NIGHT, EMnet
NOVEMBER	19 THU	10:45 A.M. DAY, EMnet
DECEMBER	17 THU	4:45 A.M. NIGHT, EMnet

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## **Broadcasters' Desktop Resource**

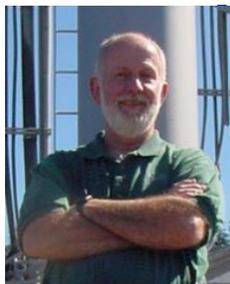
by Barry Mishkind

**The BDR Is Celebrating Our 16 th Year Of Dedicated Support For Broadcaster**

**As always, many great articles to read**

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## Keep Your Copper in the Ground



Written by [Clay Freinwald](#)

*[January 2026] Have you read any reports lately about copper theft from transmitter sites? Likley the weather has kept many of the thiever away for the moment. But you can be sure that as the weather warms up over the next few months, they will be back around. As Clay Frienwald originally wrote, site security is important, as just a relatively small amount of copper stolen can cost major dollars in repairs.*

## Critter Control

Written by [Jeff Welton](#)

## In Disaster Time, How Will You Fare?

Written by [Barry Mishkind](#)

## Avoiding Downtime When Disaster Strikes

Written by [Barry Mishkind](#)

## News of Interest

1/28/26 – The FCC has announced a vote on [February 18th to set up a window](#) for NCE FM translators.

NCE FM, Non-com AM, and LPFM stations would be eligible to apply.

On December 31st, MTV terminated its music video channels.

1/28/26 – The nationwide Verizon outage on January 14th has led the FCC to issue [a Public Notice](#) seeking information on the effects and possible actions should another such outage occur.

## Contacting the FAA:

The number to call for reporting tower beacon and side-light outages: 1-877-487-6867 (Be sure to get the NOTAM number and call and report when the lights are restored!)

Want to check to make sure your NOTAM got into the system?

Check out: <https://notams.aim.faa.gov/notamSearch/>

## 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

**Locally:** 830 AM has been back on the air about a month ..

We still have, as do many locations across the US, have AM stations having technical / off air problems while still using the FM translators to continue to operate and generate \$\$\$.

Notes of interest (to ME anyhow)..

WGR 550 Buffalo will no longer be broadcasting BILLS games. After over 10 years, the BILLS will move to a ALL streaming broadcast for football games !

WBT 1110 50 Kw Charlotte TALK Radio powerhouse has moved to 107 FM. The legacy AM station has been broadcasting an instrumental loop for about a month with announcements informing listeners of the frequency change.



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

Get notifications and information from the SBE about **SBE** Webinars

The Society of Broadcast Engineers has released new **Broadcast Station Self-Inspection Guides** for AM, FM, TV and LPFM broadcast stations. The SBE partnered with the National Association of Broadcasters to produce the documents, which are the first part of a planned series to cover all broadcast services. These Guides are designed to aid stations and Alternative Broadcast Inspection Program (ABIP) inspectors in evaluating a broadcast station's compliance with FCC rules and regulations.

Great article on maintaining station logs in the February SIGNAL (page 10)

**It's time to renew your SBE membership !!**

**And the annual drive for new members starts March 1<sup>st</sup>.**



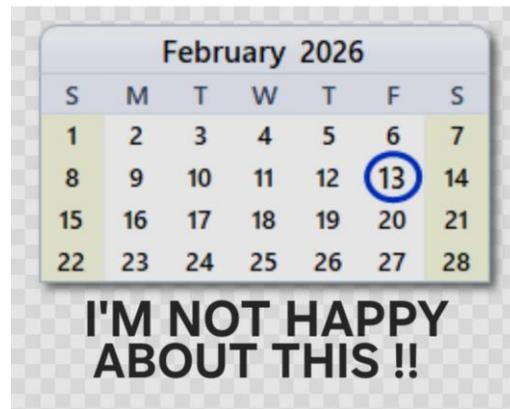
**NAB Show: April 18-22, 2026**

**SBE Ennes Workshop @ the NAB Show: April 21-22**

*Las Vegas, Nevada*

[Register for the NAB Show](#)

(SBE members: Use the SBE code **SBENAB26** for a free exhibits-only pass or \$150 off the NAB non-member rate for full conference registration.)



## **SBE 122**

President:

Robert Flis

Retired: Ex WFMJ TV CE

(leave a message, maybe I'll call)

Vice President:

Wes Boyd

Retired/ Semi Homeless, and happy !

(leave a message, but I won't call !)

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

## **Officers and Committees**



**Dunkin' Donuts** tasted a lot better when Fred baked them

**WHAT  
NORMAL  
PEOPLE  
SEE**



**WHAT  
COLOR BLIND  
PEOPLE  
SEE**



**only  
in  
Ohio**



*The  
"Shrake"*

**THE DAY THE  
MUSIC DIED**

