

# SOCIETY OF BROADCAST ENGINEERS Chapter 122

## January 2025 NEWSLETTER

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**Soon as we get the info it will appear here..**

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**EBS**  
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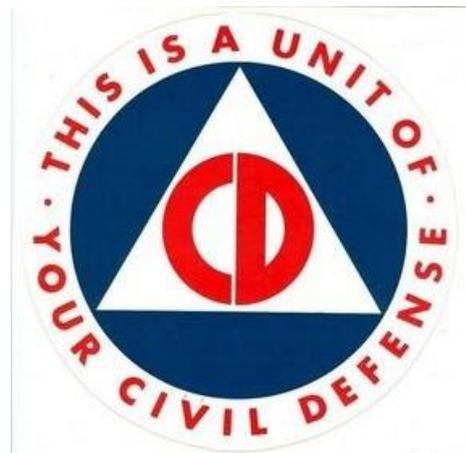
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12/19/24 – **1.1151** – The FCC has put another station on notice that it must pay its regulatory fees or lose its license. The [Order to Pay or Show Cause](#) was issued to **KIJN(AM) in Farwell, Texas** has not paid since 2013 and [owes the FCC a total of \\$27,492.48](#), plus interest.

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President-elect Donald Trump has picked Brendan Carr, a veteran Republican member of the Federal Communications Commission, to lead the agency that regulates broadcasting, telecommunications, broadband and other related industries.

## ***SBE NEWS***

The Society of Broadcast Engineers (SBE) has hired Michael Downs, CAE, CMP, DES, CED, as the new executive director. He begins his employment on January 6, 2025. Downs has 27 years of experience in non-profit management at an International level. Since 2012 he was the director of conventions and meetings of Kiwanis International, a global service organization. Previous to that, he worked for 10 years as chief staff executive of Key Club International. During his time with Key Club, the organization posted year-over year-growth in membership. His professional experience includes an extensive background in strategic plan development and deployment.

Downs holds several association-related professional certifications. He obtained his Certified Association Executive form the American Society of Association Executives in 2006. He is also a Certified Meeting Professional by the Convention Industry Council, a Certified Event Designer from the Event Design Collective, and a Digital Event Strategist from the Digital Experience Institute.

His association experience includes being a past president of the Indiana Society of Association Executives and a past vice-president of the Indiana Chapter of Meetings Professional International.

Outside of work, Downs has been married for 32 years and has three adult children and one granddaughter. He is a licensed soccer referee, a past trustee of the Pike Township School Board, and vice-president of the Pike Township Education Foundation. He is a resident of the Indianapolis metro.

On the announcement, SBE President Ted Hand said, "I welcome Mike to the SBE. His extensive association experience will be an asset to the Society as we look ahead to the coming year and continuing future. I look forward to working with him to continue furthering the goals of the SBE and providing superior services to our members. I also want to thank the members of the search committee, led by SBE Vice President Kevin Trueblood, for their work."

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The CEA and CEV were created for those people who perform the same functions as a CBRE or CBTE, but don't work with the RF or regulatory issues. This includes radio and TV broadcast facility production personnel, but also those working in production houses and live venues. This now includes those who work for streaming services. The candidate for Certified Audio Engineer (CEA) or Certified Video Engineer (CEV) must have five years of suitable experience in audio/video engineering or related technology. The Audio/Video Engineer multiple choice examination consists of questions on operating practices, problems, theory, safety, and basic electronics.



### 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



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

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**Stainless is going out of business after 77 years of serving the Telecom and Broadcast Tower Markets!**

Stainless ownership has decided to close the doors on all future Stainless Tower operations. As part of the wind-down, Stainless ownership is looking sell off 77 years of tower details.

- 15,900 total projects spanning from 1947 to present day covering over 7,250 Stainless built tower structures and 910 towers built by others.
- Project files include but are not limited to; erection drawings, foundation drawings, fabrication drawings, geotechnical data, engineering calculations and correspondence.
- Tower design standards (fabrication drawings) covering both self-support and guyed configurations utilized throughout Stainless' history.

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The Society of Broadcast Engineers has authorized a new SBE chapter to serve members in North and South Dakota and the bordering areas. The chapter has been given the Chapter number 63. While the Dakotas still cover a wide area, the next nearest chapters are a considerable distance from the two states. It's expected that some chapter members will attend meetings virtually.

To form a new SBE chapter, the SBE By-Laws require a group of at least 10 members to hold a minimum of three organizational meetings, which the group did earlier this year, submitting its final application materials in October. A group of 16 SBE members worked together, meeting the requirements to form the SBE chapter. Officers have been selected to lead that group. Chapter Chair Jake Bechtold, CBRE, DRB, CBNE; Vice Chair Eli Koppenhaver; Secretary Mark Heller, CPBE; and Treasurer Dustin Moore. Additionally, Mark Borchert will serve as Membership Chair, and Jake Bechtold will serve as Frequency Coordinator.

On the formation of the new chapter, SBE President Ted Hand, CPBE, 8-VSB, AMD, ATSC3, DRB, said, "We constantly strive to serve our members, and creating a chapter for the Dakotas helps fill a geographic void. I applaud the SBE members who worked to put this chapter together." Mark Heller, who previously served on the SBE national Board of Directors, was instrumental in coordinating the chapter efforts

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Not much new locally. I'm noticing that the latest version of traffic lights radiates quite a bit of interference for AMers. (Often making signals of 2 mv/m almost unreadable).

And all these little "pip squeek" low power FMers are filling up the band.

And a final observation dealing with AMers. So many got a low power FM signal and continue to ignore the technical problems with many stations. Its not uncommon to find a AM station withy n “no audio” for hours on end. (Personally I attribute it to the result of all the layoffs )

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Greetings from your broadcast friends out on the Desert...

This is BDR Newsletter 806, Volume 16, #26 for January 29, 2025

## **MT WILSON DODGES NEAR DISASTER**

The videos were clear, the Eaton fire in LA was right at the roadway surrounding the main transmitting building at Mt. Wilson – home to 49 broadcast stations. Fortunately, the flames did not cross the road. Unfortunately, a land-mobile communications building was destroyed, leaving only the power meter. Some damage to coax was reported on adjacent Mt. Harvard. Overall, the major concern at Mt. Wilson was keeping the generators running for several weeks, and getting enough fuel delivered to keep going.

## **THE AFTERMATH IS RARELY QUICK**

It often takes a while for communities – and broadcasters – to recover from a major event. Western North Carolina and surrounding areas are still recovering from Hurricane Helene, and even with the rains, some LA stations will be doing repairs for a while. In both places – and others – a number of broadcast workers have lost their homes. Reconstruction takes time and affected folks often find temporary housing difficult to find and expensive. Bottom line: as with other issues, it is a good idea for every broadcast company to consider emergency housing and repair protocols that will not only get the station back on the air, but provide for staff living arrangements.

## **GETTING THE WORD OUT**

For several decades, EAS has been the backbone for carrying warnings and information in disaster zones. In some respects EAS has been the doorbell or alarm to let people know something bad may affect them. In most markets, at least one station then takes the lead in providing updates and information needed. Results vary, often depending upon whether the local emergency managers make a point to cooperate with broadcasters. Sadly, the myriad of agencies and jurisdictions in many markets can make accurate information a scarce commodity in the middle of a panic situation.

So... what can be done? Is WEA going to replace EAS? Or, is there something stations can do to be more relevant and crucial to the well-being of their market? These are among the questions we will discuss tomorrow (Thursday) at 2PM /11 AM Pacific. We hope you will join us and perhaps even take part. The link, as usual, is at [www.theBDR.net/TLG/](http://www.theBDR.net/TLG/)

1/7/25 – The FCC has issued announced **ORDERS** to [increase the costs of fines](#) and, additionally, **adjust the [application fees](#)** to reflect inflation. The inflation adjustment from 2021 to now will be about 17.4%

12/17/24 – The FCC has announced the sunset for the CDBS. [Effective January 2nd](#), the Public Access Search functions will no longer be available for inquiries.

12/11/24 – The FCC has [proposed to update the Rules for broadcasters](#). The NPRM (FCC 24-126 / MB Docket 24-626) will seek to revise or remove outdated rules and legacy filing systems, along with some filing procedures. This might include AM/FM Query and CDBS and more paper forms. This is definitely something to watch.

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# FCC Chairman Joins Bipartisan Push to Keep AM Radio in Cars

By  
Cameron Coats     February 5, 2025



**For the first time since the bill’s original introduction in 2023, the FCC’s Brendan Carr is speaking up publicly in favor of the AM Radio for Every Vehicle Act. The Chairman issued a statement praising the bill after it was [passed from committee](#) to the Senate floor.**

**Chairman Carr said, “Millions of Americans depend on the value of AM radio and the local news that AM broadcasters offer in communities across the country. Just last week, I visited parts of North Carolina that had been hit hard by Hurricane Helene, and I heard firsthand the stories of people that could only access lifesaving information in the days following the storm by tuning their radios to the AM band.”**

**The AM Radio for Every Vehicle Act is now set for a full Senate vote after clearing the Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation. The bill, led by Senator Ed Markey (D-MA) and Commerce Committee Chairman Ted Cruz (R-TX), would require AM radio in vehicles **as a safety feature**. Over 40 senators have co-sponsored the new legislation so far.**

**Now the Act goes to new Senate Majority Leader John Thune’s desk to await a vote.**

**“That is why I want to applaud Chairman Cruz and Senator Markey for their strong leadership and the Commerce Committee for successfully advancing this bill. By ensuring that AM radios remain in new vehicles, their legislation will help keep this linchpin of our emergency response system in place and also ensure that Americans can continue to access relevant news, information, and entertainment programming. I hope the full Senate can move this bill forward quickly,” Carr added.**

**Carr joins the ranks of Commissioners who have voiced support for AM radio and the bipartisan legislation, including Democratic Commissioners **Geoffrey Starks** and **Anna Gomez**.**

## ***SBE NEWS***

***FEBRUARY 13, 2025***

### **Webinar: Maintaining Audio Quality for Streaming Audio and Podcasting**

**This webinar discusses techniques for audio quality assessment in streaming networks and interfacing streams to live and recorded content. The effects of lossy compression and cascaded encoders, audio encoder choices and settings, and compliance with the AES-71 Standard for loudness and peak control are also discussed.**

## Traditional SBE Membership

Traditional SBE membership includes bi-monthly issues of *The Signal*, the SBE's print membership newsletter and e-publications including SBE-News, SBE Legislative and Regulatory Alerts and Updates and the SBE Career Advancement Newsletter. Also included are SBE social media outlets, SBE JobsOnline, SBE Compensation Survey results and access to group life insurance, all at no additional cost.

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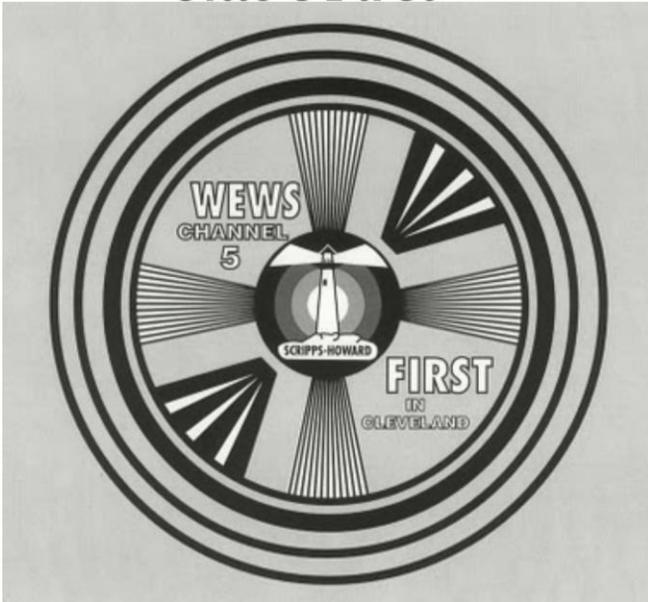
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# SBE Chapter 122 Meeting Minutes 9/12/24

- Date 2/13/25
- Start 12:40 PM
- End 12:47 PM
- Number of Attendees: 7 SBE Certified: 3
- Presiding Officer: Bob Flis, President
- Motion to accept minutes from last meeting: NA
- Treasurer Report: Mike Orto report on Chapter finances
- EAS Report: John Clarke All testing normal, no issues reported. Sage Alerting Systems to cease manufacturing new units, will continue to support and produce firmware updates.
- 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 new meeting location, a committee of one (Wes) will check out “What’s Cookin” restaurant for possible new location, menu choices etc. He will report his findings at next meeting.
- Program Speaker: None
- Motion to Adjourn: Mike Orto / Seconded: Ben Slagle

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Written by [Barry Mishkind](#) Posted in [Maintenance Shift](#)

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### February 5, 2025

The annual election of officers and directors to the national SBE Board of Directors will take place this summer. The SBE Nominations Committee seeks qualified candidates who are voting members (Member, Senior, Fellow or the designated representative of an SBE Sustaining Member) in good standing (dues paid). Candidates must hold an engineering level of SBE certification (CBT or higher, or CBNE) and maintain it the entire duration of service on the Board, if elected.

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If interested, contact SBE Nominations Committee Chair Jeff Welton at [jwelton@sbe.org](mailto:jwelton@sbe.org) or via the SBE National Office at 317-846-9000. A nomination slate will be assembled by the committee by April 1. Other qualified members may be nominated by members no later than June 30.

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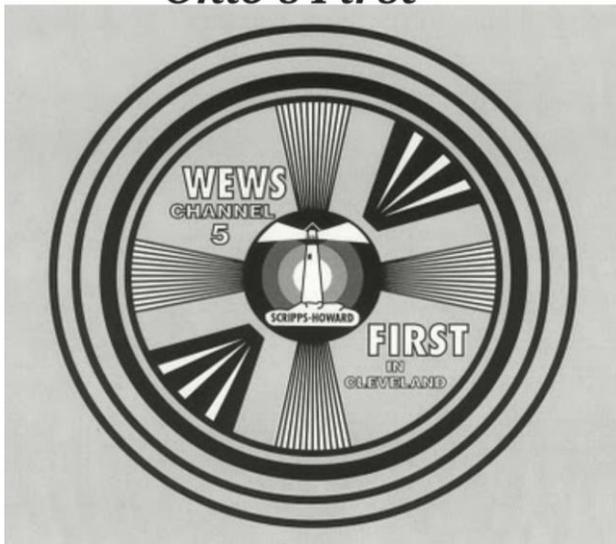


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### **IT WILL BE PIZZA ON MONDAY**

Plans seem to have settled on Pizza on Monday evening. As soon as the floor closes, we will meet and enjoy visiting one another and having some pizza. The RSVP link did fail last week, but it works now, so we have an idea of how many we might be: [rsvp@theBDR.net](mailto:rsvp@theBDR.net)

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You have heard that Nautel has been working on a new AUI for ... well, we won't say how many years.

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2/6/25 – You might recognize this biblical phrase and know it is important to be honest with one another. The FCC expects this, too. So, KMTP-TV in San Francisco ended up paying a [Consent Decree of \\$25,000](#) after filing a renewal application in which, among other things, the stations responded “yes” to that documents required were filed on time, when some items were as much as 4.5 years late.

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Part of [MB Docket 24-626](#), the FCC relates to AM issues, including one permitting power increases of less than 20%. Also, STA will now be issued for 180 days, instead of the 90 that has been normal for new STA requests. Filing speed for LPFMs is another item where the FCC is planning changes. There are a dozen more rules included. The FCC has been asking for comments on these and all other rules and requirements.

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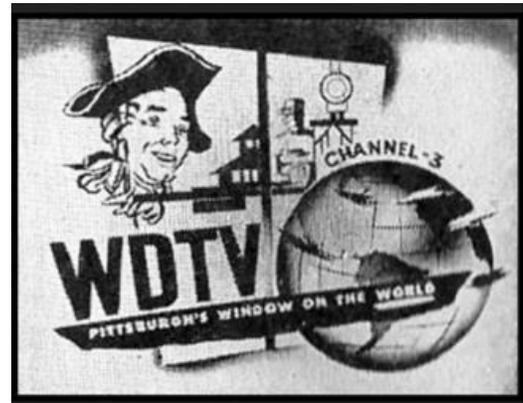
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Frank Conrad's garage  
station 8XK appearing on the  
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**970 KDKA 1926**  
Saxenburg transmitting  
station in 1932 showing  
transmitter building.



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The project was announced at the SBE National Meeting held in September 2023, and received widespread support from state broadcaster associations, many of which are actively involved in their own ABIP programs. The SBE Government Relations Committee, chaired by Charles “Ched” Keiler, CPBE, 8-VSB, ATSC3, CBNE, formed a working group of SBE members in April 2022 to begin reviewing and updating the Guides. Additional Guides for other broadcast services are under review and will be released later.

SBE President Ted Hand, CPBE, 8-VSB, AMD, ATSC3, DRB, said, “The committee has worked hard on this fourth installment in the Station Self-Inspection Guide series. The interest in the Guides continues, as does the work of the committee to develop additional editions.” The Guides are available for download from the SBE website under the Legislative/Regulatory and Resources tabs. They are free to SBE members.



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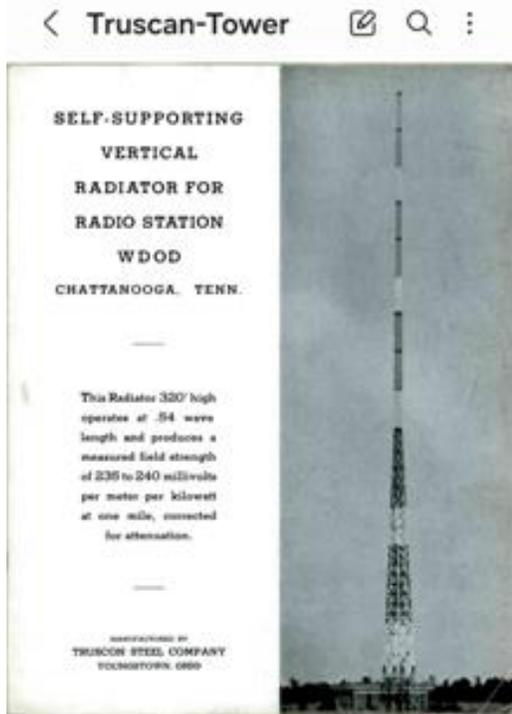
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Cumulus in particular has been very active on this front with an internal list privately shared with RadioInsight showing over 20 stations to be taken off the air within the company. Those shutdowns started on Friday, February 28 with 560 KZAC (formerly KSFO) San Francisco and “101.5 Jack-FM” WLXX Richmond/Lexington KY **going off-the-air**.

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**[The NOV is seeking an explanation.](#)**

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The Society of Broadcast Engineers has released the latest addition to the Broadcast Station Self-Inspection Guides. The new document covers low-power FM (LPFM) stations. The SBE released the AM, FM and TV Guides in 2024. The SBE partnered with the National Association of Broadcasters (NAB) to produce the Guides. 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.

The Guides are being developed to replace the FCC Self-Inspection Checklists that were first released in the 1990s, but had not been updated for nearly 15 years. While the previous Checklists only provided references to rules, the new SBE Guides include recommended practices for stations to establish policies and procedures for their own stations to ensure overall regulatory compliance.

The project was announced at the SBE National Meeting held in September 2023, and received widespread support from state broadcaster associations, many of which are actively involved in their own ABIP programs. The SBE Government Relations Committee, chaired by Charles “Ched” Keiler, CPBE, 8-VSB, ATSC3, CBNE, formed a working group of SBE members in April 2022 to begin reviewing and updating the Guides. Additional Guides for other broadcast services are under review and will be released later.

The interest in the Guides continues, as does the work of the committee to develop additional editions.” The Guides are available for download from the SBE website under the Legislative/Regulatory and Resources tabs. They are free to SBE members.

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## SBE Chapter 122 Meeting Minutes 5/8/25

- Date 5/8/25
- Start 1:12PM
- End 1:19 PM
- Number of Attendees: 6 SBE Certified:1 Guest: 1
- Presiding Officer: Bob Flis, President
- Motion to accept minutes from last meeting: Wes Boyd, ben Slagle seconds motion
- Treasurer Report: Mike Orto not present
- EAS Report: John Clarke All testing normal, no issues reported. FCC proposing to make EAS AI driven, no equipment standard.
- 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: Next month (June) meeting to be at Carmilla's Restaurant again
- Program Speaker: None
- Motion to Adjourn: Wes Boyd/ Seconded: Melissa Limpose



BERLIN CENTER — Douglas J. Henry, 62, passed away peacefully Wednesday morning, May 28, 2025, at home, surrounded by his loving family.

Doug was born Dec. 3, 1962, in Youngstown, the son of William Edward Sr. and Mary LoSasso Henry. After high school, Doug began working for WKBN. While at WKBN, he and his friend Frank Kovach started and owned Tri-County Tower.

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5/30/25 – [73.1820](#), [73.1870](#) – EAS is on the minds of many right now. Apparently not at **KPRR in Ada MI**. The Goodrich Radio station was found to have no EAS log. Also, there was no Chief Operator designation in writing. The [Notice of Violation](#) asks the station to explain/defend itself.

5/14/25 – [17.4](#), [17.48](#), [17.56](#) – **KSCO in Santa Cruz CA** has once again been cited by the FCC for improper operations. [The NOV](#) notes that not only were tower lights out for an extended time (well over a year), without a current NOTAM, but the station had not updated the proper phone number and email contact in Commission records.

5/14/25 – Section **511** – We have watched the FCC issue a lot of fines to pirate operators and/or their landlords. One actually agreed to pay. [Wilfrid Salomon in Lauderdale Lakes, FL entered a Consent Decree for \\$11k](#). Salomon agreed not only to pay the fine, but agreed to

pay \$345,667 if he were to engage in pirate operations again in the next 20 years.

5/9/25 – [17.6](#), [17.56](#), [17.57](#) – The FCC expects tower lights to be operational, checked daily, and registered properly in the ASR database. The [NOV issued to Trophy 1551 LLC in Pomona NY](#) asks Trophy 1551 to explain what happened.

4/30/25 – [1.1151](#) – WCND(AM), Shelbyville, KY received an [Order to Pay or to Show Cause](#) due to unpaid regulatory fees dating back to 2016. The station was directed to pay \$9,261.41 or risk the license being revoked.

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**My name is Jim Armstrong, Director of Eastern US Sales with the Telos Alliance.**

**We are hosting a meeting at our Factory on June 17th and showing off our new Demo Room. Lots of NAB Gear and all sorts of things to look at and touch. Please feel free to invite your chapter members.**

**Time is 6:00p**

**Telos Alliance**

**[1241 Superior Ave](#)  
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**We need an RSVP by June 12th.**

**Please tell member to let me or Blake Thompson know they would be attending.**

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# ***SBE NEWS***



**June 12, 2025 | 2 p.m. ET**

As the content demands of audiences and advertisers evolve, radio broadcasters are faced with the challenge of finding cost-effective solutions to create higher-level media in the audio and video space using limited budgets and resources. However, there are some cost-effective ways to accomplish this task using readily available consumer hardware along with existing station infrastructure and personnel.

This webinar focuses harnessing the resources you have at your disposal to compete with new-media companies to generate compelling and engaging content that will help expand the reach and impact of your legacy radio brand. We also look at creating opportunities for emerging content creators at your station without impacting your net operating costs.

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The Society of Broadcast Engineers (SBE) has released its popular CertPreview practice exams in a new, online format. SBE CertPreview allows people preparing to take an SBE certification exam to evaluate their readiness through the sample tests. The sample tests have been offered in software formats for decades. The new SBE CertPreview is a web-based system, which allows the sample tests to be used on nearly any device format.

SBE CertPreview sample tests are available for most levels of SBE certification. Each test level includes a range of sample questions that are based on the same questions used on SBE Certification exams. A user can take the sample test as many times as he or she would like. The system will grade the sample exam and provide basic feedback as to the correct answer

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## **JULY!**

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Will you be working on Thursday – all day ... half a day ... not at all? What about if you become ill?

Perhaps that means you need a backup person to keep an eye on things for you. Backup is good. And not only in terms of people. What about your backup transmitter? Generator? etc.

Also, you might be interested to know we are now booked until September, with one open week, with some great presentations. Check the same page for the list of upcoming presentations: [www.theBDR.net/TLG/](http://www.theBDR.net/TLG/)

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(Locally 1330 AM hasn't had a "legal" fence in over 5 years !)

6/10/25 – WREG – the first hispanic radio station in Memphis – now has been off the air for a full month (May 18th) after a trio of bad buys stole the copper ground system and damaged or destroyed the transmitter, phasor, and ATU. The station estimates over \$170k will be required to be the station back on the air.

6/9/25 – Over the weekend, a severe storm not only knocked over KTXS' tower, but dropped it onto the studio building. Between the tower and the storm, the entire room came off – in the middle of a weathercast, destroying the station. Fortunately, all staff got out safely from the scary situation. The station has had to abandon the building and is operating from another location while deciding how and when to rebuild.

5/22/25 – **The FCC has issued an NPRM seeking to auction off some 20,000 MHZ of spectrum in favor of satellite Internet delivery.**

Bands involved include 12.7-13.25 GHz, 42.0-42.5 GHz, 51.4-52.4 GHz, 92.0-94.0 GHz, 94.1-100 GHz, 102.0-109.5 GHz and 111.8-114.252 GHz. The FCC has labelled these as "underutilized."

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The **annual election** of officers and half of the directors for the national SBE Board of Directors begins on July 14 and runs through August 13. There is one candidate for the president, vice president and secretary. There are two candidates for treasurer, and there are 10 candidates for the six available director seats. A unique link to the ballot will be emailed to members. Those who have opted out of electronic voting will receive and cast their ballot through the mail. **Please be sure to vote!** These volunteers deserve your consideration.

## **SBE Compensation Survey Results Coming July 9**

Results of the annual SBE Compensation Survey of the broadcast engineering community will be available beginning July 9. The survey reports the latest available figures on salaries, benefits and other demographics for television and radio engineers. Included are survey results for those who provide contract engineering services. The SBE Compensation Survey is available free to SBE members. Access it via the **SBE Bookstore**.

## **2025 SBE Membership Drive Winners Announced**

The annual **SBE Membership Recruitment Drive** ended on May 31. For those who recruited a new SBE member, thank you! Through the generosity of several SBE sustaining members and the SBE, a range of prizes have been provided, and all the recruiters are in the drawing. The 2025 drive brought in 49 new individual members. 43 SBE members claim credit for being recruiters. The recruiters also earn \$5 off their 2025 SBE dues for each new member they recruited.

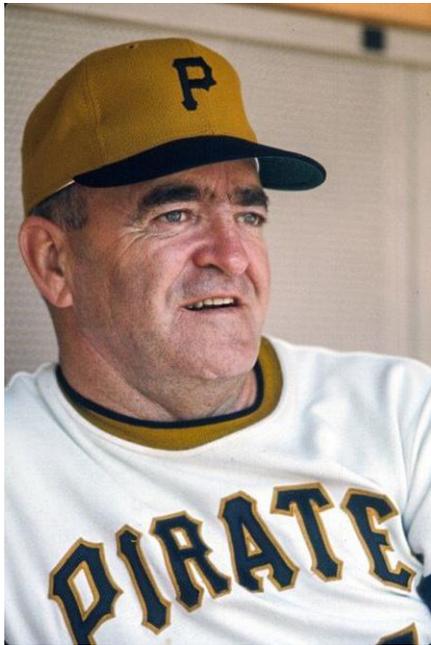
The Grand Prize is a trip to the SBE National Meeting, to be held during the Midwest Broadcast & Multimedia Technology Conference in Columbus, OH. Steven Bottkol of Norman, OK, is the big winner.

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If WCND does not act immediately, it will indeed become XWCND.

7/18/25 – There are a number of reasons why the control of a radio or TV station may change. In addition to sales, the death of an owner, making a change to a family member prior to retiring, a change in the Board of Directors, or company re-alignment all might require notifying the FCC – before the transfer. When it does not happen, fines can occur.

A Consent Decrees with [a Puerto Rico AM station](#) and with [a New York AM station](#) recently were published to resolve the stations’ unauthorized transfers of control – stations licensee were sold/transferred without seeking FCC approval. The Puerto Rico station will pay a \$5,000 voluntary contribution to the U.S. Treasury, while the New York station will pay \$10,000 because there were actually two different transfers without FCC approval.

7/11/25 – [73.3999](#) – A warning to all: Over time, stations may accumulate a number of Wi-Fi networks, (like we used to have all sorts of phone lines that no one knew about). A periodic audit – and documentation – of Wi-Fi networks is a wise move. TEGNA knows this now, after someone used an unsecured Wi-Fi network to connect to a TV monitor in the studio and switched to an obscene display during a weathercast. They had bought station in 2013 and were not aware of that particular network.

Acknowledging the failure, [TEGNA agreed to pay \\$222,500 and implement a Compliance Plan.](#)

7/8/25 – The FCC seems to actually have a pirate broadcaster paying up. Boston Area “Radio Tele Planet Compas” long time (20 years) owner, Jean Mariusa, agreed to a [Consent Decree and a \\$10,000 fine](#) for unlicensed operation resolved at \$587,775 fine.

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7/18/25 – Another closely watched matter relates to the recent rescission of money for the CPB. Some non-comm stations that rely on CPB money are worried, including 28 tribal radio stations in some of the most rural areas. Those can breathe a bit easier thanks to **Senator Mike Rounds (R-SD)** efforts. Understanding that these stations deliver critical emergency alerts and public safety information, Rounds worked with the Trump administration to reallocate some unused money into grants for tribal radio stations. It does not solve problems for every station, but provides a safety net and time for the tribal stations to plan ahead.

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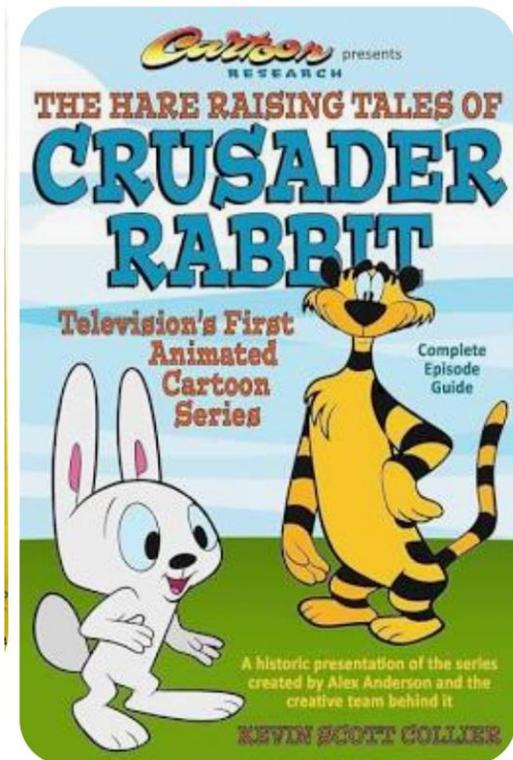
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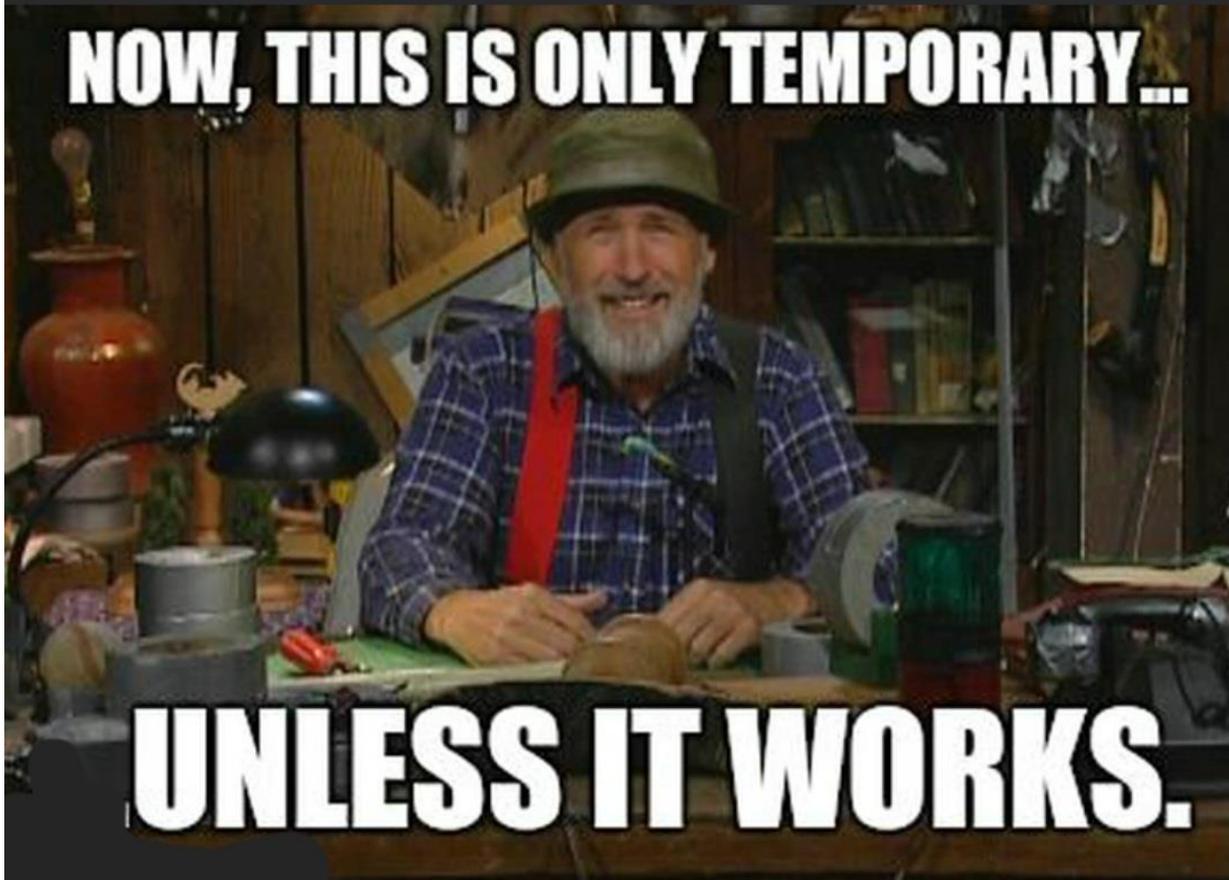


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However, please be reminded that these payments must be submitted electronically on the FCC's website, and use of the FCC's CORES2 Username and Password protocols will be required, so it is best not left to the last day/week. (It will also be two-step verification with a code to the email for the user, so is your contact information up to date in the LMS?)

(Hat tip to Cary Tepper)

9/2/25 – ATSC3 ... the proponents keep hoping the FCC will set a transition date to end ATSC1, while the consumer electronics industry is not so sure.

The Public Notice issued by the FCC lays out the current status and its desire to accelerate the transition.

8/25/25 – With the End of Life for Windows 10 in October a lot of users who cannot upgrade to Windows 11 may be seeking to continue on Win10. (It is true that many systems can use a hack to load Win11, but usually the system will become *very slow*.)

8/7/25 – The FCC took a lot of action, with almost 100 more old regulations dropped in the DDD initiative, and NPRM on EAS initiated, and a look into improving the DIRS.

On the other hand, the first 2025 list of EEO Audits were announced

## *Notice of Violation*

8/8/25 – 73.1350, 73.840 –The FCC continues looking at LPFMs to ensure they are (1) in the right place, and (2) using the correct power. **WVBH-LP** in Benton Harbor has received an NOV noting they are 1.2 miles from their authorized location and running 221% of authorized power. (Having a non-operational EAS decoder did not help)

7/25/25 – 1.1151 – The dreaded X is hovering over **WCND**, Shelbyville, KY. A Revocation Order was issued to the station for not responding to a demand for nearly \$10,000 in fees no paid since 2013.

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On his election, Kevin said, “I look forward to leading an association that is vital to the success of so many professionals. In the coming year I plan to focus on strategic planning, look at ways to expand our Ennes Workshops, and ensure our certification and education offerings match the demands of the modern engineering landscape.”

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Charles “Ched” Keiler, CPBE, 8-VSB, ATSC3, CBNE, of Chapter 53 South Florida, has been elected treasurer. Ched served three terms as a director from 2019 to 2025. He also served three terms previously from 2011 to 2017.



Elected to serve two-year terms on the board of directors, which also begin Sept. 25 are:

- Terry Douds, CPBE; Chapter 52 Central Ohio; Lancaster, OH
- Kirk A. Harnack, CBRE, CBNE; Chapter 103 Nashville; Nashville, TN
- Brad Humphries, CBT; Chapter 45 Charlotte; Charlotte, NC
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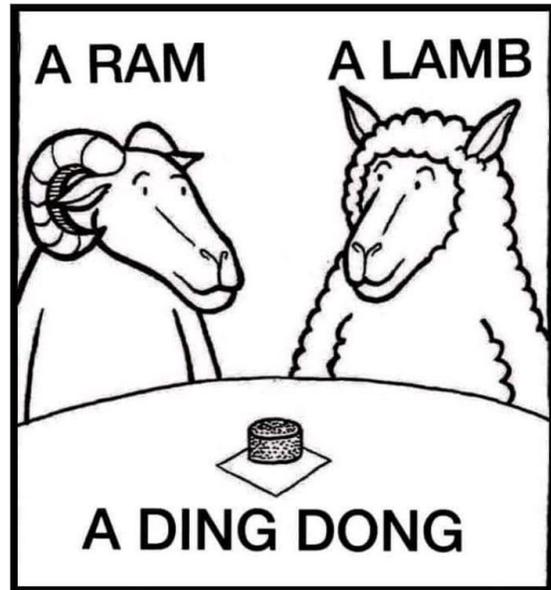
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- Date 9/10/25
- Start 1:03 PM
- End 1:17 PM
- Number of Attendees: 7 SBE Certified: 3 Guest: 0
- Presiding Officer: Bob Flis, President
- Motion to accept minutes from last meeting: No Minutes
- Treasurer Report: Mike Orto reports on Chapter finances
- EAS Report: John Clarke, Sage is providing a free download to ENDEC units, Rev 96-1. New event code Missing and endangered persons.
- 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: Meetings going forward to be at Carmilla's Restaurant. Wes inquires about cost of last Christmas party at Springfield Grille for planning. Mike Orto says it was \$445.00
- Program Speaker: None
- Motion to Adjourn: Wes Boyd/ Seconded: Melissa Limpose

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For more information, go to: <https://www.fcc.gov/document/impact-potential-lapse-funding-commission-operations-0>

9/15/25 – The ABA (Alabama Broadcasters' Association) reports the NWS says all is now OK, and all EAS Tests/Alerts should function normally.

9/11/25 – The ABA (Alabama Broadcasters' Association) Larry Wilkins posted this information today regarding an NWR issue...

It may not affect your area, but it might be worth knowing...

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Unfortunately, the problem is also being encountered at other locations around the country and may be related to recent configuration changes in our end-to-end communications NOAA Weather Radio (NWR) Communications path. There is a [national trouble ticket](#) out that is investigating the problem.

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The ABA will issue a report once the issue has been resolved

## NAL Watch: A Look at FCC Enforcement

9/12/25 – [73.1201](#) – The FCC requires stations to ID at the beginning and end of operations and hourly. **WMVX, Salem NH** received **an NOV** due to operation for at least two hours without programming nor station ID's.

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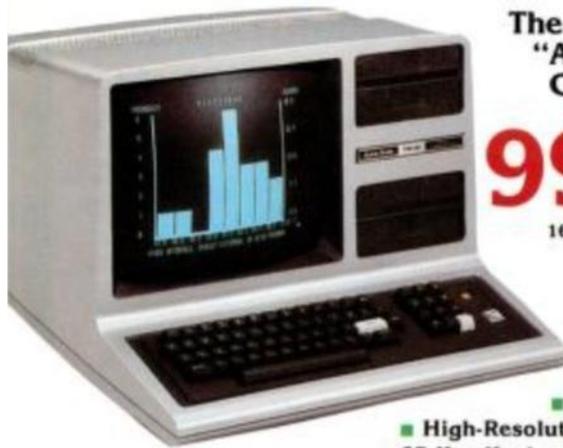
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- Start 12:23 PM
- End 12:41 PM
- Number of Attendees: 7 SBE Certified: 3 Guest: 0
- Presiding Officer: Bob Flis, President
- Motion to accept minutes from last meeting: Wes Boyd, Bill King seconds
- Treasurer Report: Mike Orto reports om Chapter finances
- EAS Report: John Clarke, No abnormal events
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**As I type this, the government is still in a “shutdown”.**

**The only thing I can verify is WKTU 830 AM is still off the air. I’m guessing they have asked to remain “off air” and silent till spring. (The 200 watt FM signal on 99.7 continues to operate)**



# Happy Birthday KDKA. East Pittsburgh Pa election coverage 1920



## WHEN BROADCASTING WAS A "PUP"

Here in this small room, twenty-five years ago, took place the most famous of all broadcasting events—the first regularly scheduled radio broadcast. This historic picture, at Pittsburgh, shows Westinghouse Station KDKA's studio, transmitter and entire personnel for the broadcast of the Harding-Cox election returns, November 2, 1920—the pioneer broadcast from which radio has grown into a billion-dollar-a-year industry.

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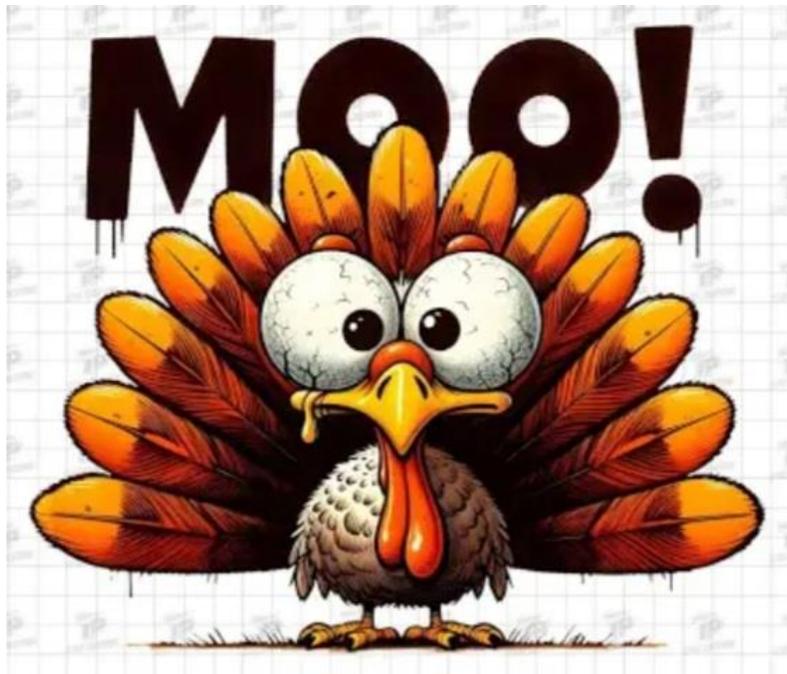
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I think the "western most" station with a "W" call is WVUV in American Samoa !  
(Check the coverage map on Radio-Locator.. LOL)

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**LONG-HAIRED FREAKY  
PEOPLE NEED NOT APPLY**

**EVERYBODY WELCOME COME IN  
KNEEL DOWN AND PRAY**

**DO THIS DON'T  
DO THAT  
CAN'T YOU  
READ THE SIGN?**

**THANK YOU LORD FOR THINKIN' 'BOUT ME  
I'M ALIVE AND DOIN' FINE**

SOCIETY OF BROADCAST ENGINEERS Chapter 122  
December 2025 NEWSLETTER

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**Join us at our next regular meeting at noon January 8, 2026**



**850 E Western Reserve Rd #8, Youngstown, OH 44514 (330) 758-0544.  
(680 at Western Reserve, then west about 1000 feet)**

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

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# **Youngstown Area EAS Test Schedule 2025**

## **2025 PENNSYLVANIA**

EAS NETWORK REQUIRED MONTHLY TEST

DECEMBER 18 THU 4:45 A.M. NIGHT EMnet

Matt Lightner PA EAS SECC

1771 Beaver Dam Road Claysburg, PA 16625 814-239-8323 Matt@LightnerElectronics.com

## **Emergency Alert System The State of Ohio 2025 RMT Schedule – LP Stations Reference & Transmission Guide**

MONTH DATE TIME LINK METHOD > LEAD SP

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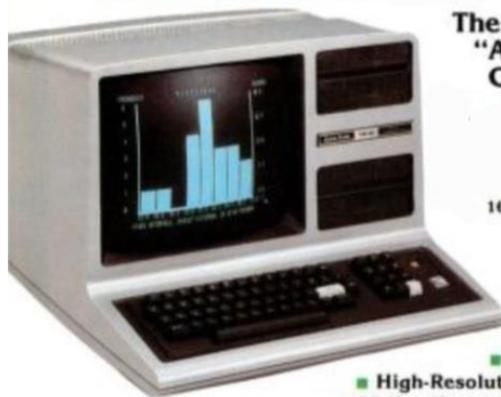
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- Date 11/13/25
- Start 12:23 PM
- End 12:27 PM
- Number of Attendees: 7 SBE Certified: 4 Guest: 1
- Presiding Officer: Bob Flis, President
- Motion to accept minutes from last meeting: Wes Boyd, Jim Roush seconds
- Treasurer Report: Mike Orto not present
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- Frequency Report < 1 GHz: Wes Boyd, nothing to report.
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- Certification: nothing to report.
- Old Business: None
- New Business: No regular December meeting
- Program Speaker: None
- Motion to Adjourn: Melissa Limpose Seconded: Ben Slagle

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# NOV

11/14/25 – Section 511 – While the FCC has mounted efforts to reduce pirate broadcasters, most of the time, we hear little if anything about the pirates actually paying a fine. While not a multimillion dollar fines, Robert Bellinger, a Cape Cod pirate, and the FCC have agreed on [a Consent Decree](#) and he has agreed to pay \$7,200 (\$200/month for three years) as a “voluntary contribution” to the US Treasury.

9/30/25 – [73.317](#) – While AM stations must do an NRSC measurement each year, FM is pretty much left alone after in installation. However, over time, some components may change value or fail completely, putting spurs on other services – including ATC (air traffic control).

This may have been the case recently in Virginia. **WJOE in Vienna, West Virginia**, was issued an [NOV for a spur](#) 7 MHz away from their assigned frequency – and in the ATC frequency group.

9/12/25 – [73.1201](#) – The FCC requires stations to ID at the beginning and end of operations and hourly. **WMVX, Salem NH** received an **NOV** due to operation for at least two hours without programming nor station ID’s.

## News of Interest

11/28 – There was no zombie attack, but for two stations it was enough to get some very nasty audio on the air, including an EAS set of tones (although the tones were way out of date). Reports include stations in [Houston](#) and [Charles City, VA near Richmond](#).  
NOTICE: If you follow the link, you may click on the feed. It is nasty. So be careful.

At least one other station reported the hack, which did not get on the air. [The FCC issued a Public Notice](#) urging stations to secure their STL codecs.

Curiously, at least one hack seems to have occurred on a unit where the user/password had been changed.

11/14/25 – The FCC has “reopened” although not all aspects are yet working. The LMS, for example, is only working internally at first. Staff is slowly turning it on for the public.

With so many applications, etc in limbo, the crush on the servers will be heavy for a while. Most all deadlines have been moved to November 18th at least.

10/28/25 – The attrition of copper wires in the telecom industry will continue as the FCC moved to accelerate the transition away from copper lines to all fiber IP interconnection for VoIP services. The [Commission is seeking comments](#) on how the transition can successfully happen without harming competitive, public safety, or consumer issues.

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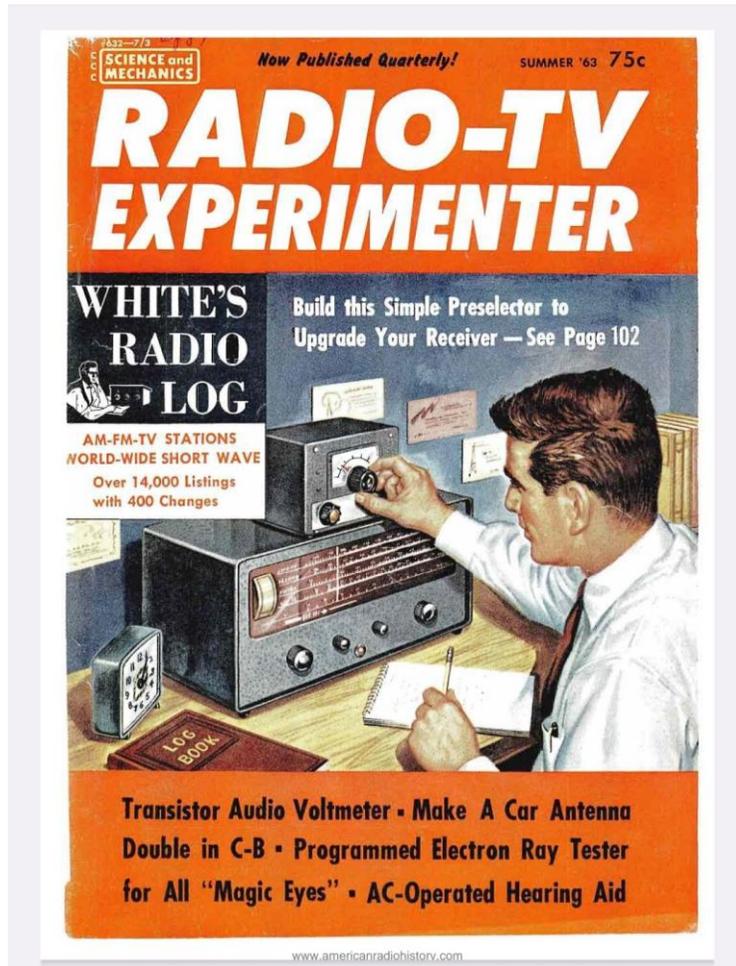
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## **Locally: Nothing new.**

We still have, as does 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 \$\$\$



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## **SBE Webinars**

[Building the Broadcast IP Content Network: Part 4 – Architecture and Integration](#)

[Building the Broadcast IP Content Network: Part 3 – Video Over IP](#)

[Building the Broadcast IP Content Network: Part 2 – Audio Over IP](#)

[A Brief Introduction to SBE Self-Inspection Guides](#)

[Building the Broadcast IP Content Network: Part 1 – IP Fundamentals](#)

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.

These guides are available for free download by SBE and NAB members as a member benefit. Site login is required. The guides should not be distributed by individuals.

And just a reminder..

The SHUTDOWN may be over BUT another is scheduled for the end of January 2026.

Plan accordingly !!!

**We don't need  
NO stinking  
fuses !!**

