

# SOCIETY OF BROADCAST ENGINEERS Chapter 122 April 2026 NEWSLETTER

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

**Join us at our next regular meeting at noon April 9 th, 2026**



**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

- Date 3/12/26
- Start 12:24 PM
- End 12:34 PM
- Number of Attendees: 6, SBE Certified:1 Guest: 1
- Presiding Officer: Bob Flis, President
- Motion to accept minutes from last meeting; Wes Boyd, Mike Heim seconds
- Treasurer Report: Mike Orto not present
- EAS Report: John Clarke, Melissa Limpose reports WYSU has been provided with a DASDEC EAS unit.
- Frequency Report < 1 GHz: Wes Boyd, nothing to report.
- Frequency Report > 1 GHz: Bob Flis: New Low Power TV applications filed across the region
- Certification: nothing to report.
- Old Business: None
- New Business: None
- Program Speaker: None
- Motion to Adjourn: Wes Boyd / Seconded: Melissa Limpose

## Meanwhile, in Ohio...



**KDKA 1020 Radio**

# MART CHART

THIS WEEK'S TOP RECORDINGS  
as featured by KDKA DEEJAYS

REGÉ CORDIC 6 to 10 A.M.  
ART PALLAN 10 to 12 Noon 6 to 8 P.M.  
BOB TRACY 12:15 to 3:00 P.M.  
CLARK RACE 3 to 6 P.M.  
RANDY HALL Mid-Nite to 5 A.M.

## National Record Marts

THE TRI-STATES LARGEST RECORD DEALERS

DOWNTOWN 324 DIAMOND ST. 701 Smithfield St. & 930 Liberty 100 Smithfield St., Pgh. 19, Pa. 507 Market St., 840 Liberty Ave. 1723 Murray Ave. 347 Fifth Ave. (Opp. B&O Station) Great Valley Center Cooper Bros. - Fifth Ave.

NORTH HILLS EAST LIBERTY OAKLAND NATRONA HEIGHTS MT. LEBANON WHITEHALL WASHINGTON, PA. BANKSVILLE PLAZA SHOPPING CENTER

McKnight Saibert Shopping Center 5927 Penn Ave. 3715 Forbes St. ROUTE 28 Heights Plaza Center Blvd. Shops, 300 Mt. Lebanon Blvd. Whitehall Terrace Shopping Center S. A. Meyer Co., Chestnut St.

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# EMERGENCY ALERT SYSTEM

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

MONTH	DATE	TIME	SOURCE(S)
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
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
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

### Matt Lightner PA EAS SECC

1771 Beaver Dam Road Claysburg, PA 16625 814-239-8323

[Matt@LightnerElectronics.com](mailto:Matt@LightnerElectronics.com)



**Not much new on the local AM radio dial EXCEPT**

**a local station, between 800 and 900 KHz seems to be experimenting with a NEW radio format..**

**“Only broadcasting the soundtracks of Silent Movies”**

**The format has been in operation almost 2 months now but at present audience reaction is very quiet !**



# Broadcasters' Desktop Resource

by Barry Mishkind

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

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

## NOTICE OF FCC VIOLATIONS

2/27/26 – **17.6, 17.50** – An [NOV](#) was issued to Iglesia Cristiana Ebenezer, Inc. in Garland TX. for issues related to its antenna – specifically that the paint was faded and not corrected. The owners were given 20 days to respond with corrections.

2/25/26 – **17.6, 17.23, 17.48, 17.49, 17.56, and 73.1560** – A New Jersey company is facing possible files for tower lighting and paint violations, inaccessible tower bases, running a daytime power of just 28% of authorized power, and an EAS unit that would not even power up.

[An NOV was issued to Morris Broadcasting Company of New Jersey operator of WIMG, Ewing NJ](#), has four towers with a variety of violations. Despite an inspection in May of last year, when inspectors returned in August, light were still out – and a NOTAM had expired. Additionally, the denseness of brush and vegetation throughout the property prevented ready access to the bases of all four towers. The FCC is expecting a letter detailing corrections within 20 days.

2/24/26 – A station owner in Texas – [Mekaddesh Group](#) Corporation, owner of **KZAM(FM), Pleasant Valley, TX** – and who has already lost or surrendered eight stations is in the FCC's spotlight regarding regulatory fees that have gone unpaid since 2024. A ninth station is in danger of license revocation unless they pay up within 60 days. Some \$18,500 in fees are involved.

2/18/26 – Operate from the wrong place – lose the license. In recent years, the FCC has deleted the licenses of several stations that had been off the air for over one year. The situation for [DKVSJ, Stockton, CA](#) was a bit different, but the result was the same.

When an STA and a CP ran out, the station, which had been off for some time, resumed broadcasting from a previous site, which was no longer authorized. The FCC says being in the wrong place is the same as being off the air.

2/17/26 – The FCC has been working this year to resolve a number of stations that have not been paying their regulatory fees. Two groups were targeted this last week – they must either pay up, or the licenses could be revoked.

- **Core Communicators North LLC and Core Communicators South LLC — licensees of WIPK-FM Calhoun, GA and WMRG-FM Morgan, GA —** have accumulated over \$28,000 in past due fees, from as far back as 2015.
- **Sovereign Communications, LLC**  
Licensee of **WKNW(AM), Sault Sainte Marie, MI; WNBY(AM), Newberry, MI; WSUE(FM), Sault Sainte Marie, MI; WYSS(FM), Sault Sainte Marie, MI; WNBY-FM, Newberry, MI; WMKD(FM), Pickford, MI and WSOO(AM), Sault Sainte Marie**
- Together, these stations have failed to pay over \$37,000 in regulatory fees – although there appears to be some funds that may apply to the balance. The FCC requires the stations respond and pay up or the licenses may be deleted.

2/8/26 – The FCC has made it clear that it is serious about EAS violations.

An **NALF penalty of \$369,190** was assessed against **KCWX (TV), Corridor Television LLP in Fredrickburg, TX.**

Specifically, the FCC found the licensee liable for several violations, including (1) failure to transmit the Nationwide EAS Test (NPT) over a three-year period; (2) failure to file the required EAS Test Reporting System (ETRS) forms; and (3) misrepresentation in the ETRS filings they did file.

The station's excuses were not persuasive to the FCC, hence the NALF.

## 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/>

**As usual.. Lots of great articles and podcast info.**

## 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](#).

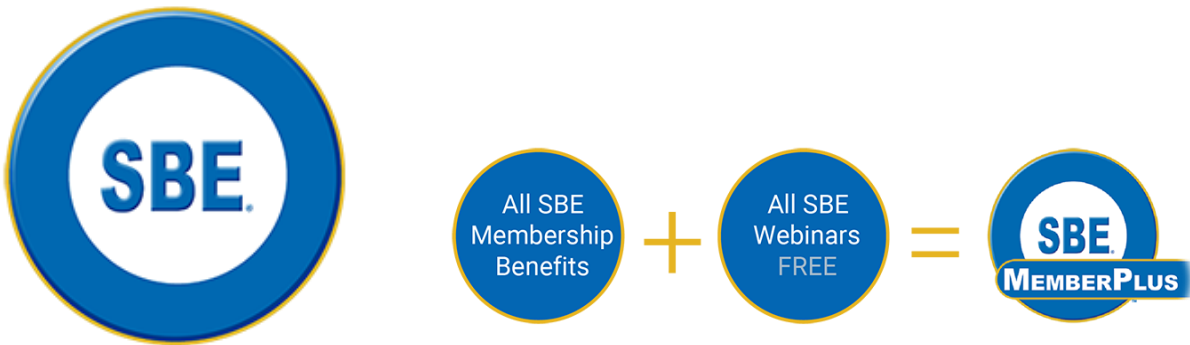
(So you can leave the local SBE 122 meeting, and then check into Barry' s meeting for the latest info.)

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

**As a bit of almost totally useless information..**

**Interestingly enough.. The AM Medium Wave Band is having a bit of rebirth in Europe with several NEW high power station going on the air. (High Power as in 500,000 watts and more !!)**



**[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.

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

And several good articles on the April issue of The SIGNAL.



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

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

*Las Vegas, Nevada*

(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      Officers and Committees**

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.
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