

SOCIETY OF BROADCAST ENGINEERS Chapter 122
June 2026 NEWSLETTER

Join us at our next regular meeting at noon June 11, 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.

We have NO official meetings in July-August and December.

SBE Chapter 122 Meeting Minutes 5/14/2026

- Start 12:35 PM
- End 12:41 PM
- Number of Attendees: 4, SBE Certified:1
- Presiding Officer: Bob Flis
- Motion to accept minutes from last meeting; Ben Slagle Melisa Limpose seconds the motion
- Treasurer Report: Mike Orto not present
- EAS Report: John Clarke, All tests ran normally
- Frequency Report < 1 GHz: Wes Boyd, not present
- Frequency Report > 1 GHz: Bob Flis: not present
- Certification: nothing to report.
- Old Business: None
- New Business: None
- Program Speaker: None
- Motion to Adjourn: Melissa Limpose / Seconded: Ben Slagle

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>
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

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.

2026 PENNSYLVANIA EAS NETWORK REQUIRED MONTHLY TEST DATES

MONTH	DAY	TIME	
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

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Broadcasters' Desktop Resource

(WWW.theBDR.net)



by Barry Mishkind

Over 15 years of service to broadcasters

As always, many great articles to read



[Danger From Consumer Parts](#)



[Predicting Maintenance Needs](#)



[Coping With Overgrown Wild Vegetation](#)



[Beware of Killer Thumb Drives](#)

5/28/26 – Recent comments by FCC Chairman Carr reminding stations that they have – unlike many other sources of news and entertainment – stressed the responsibility of serving the Public Interest in their communities. The FCC for some time actually has been making more and more noise about the need for stations to be prompt and clear about the Online Public Information Filings. Carr’s comments seem to recall the old acronym PICON – the Public Interest, Convenience, or Necessity – as what should be guiding station operations. The FCC has encouraged broadcasters to review and modify their operations to ensure compliance with public interest obligations.

5/11/26 – The FCC has announced a plan for [an FM auction in early 2027](#). 132 CPs – on the commercial band (> 92.1) – are to be available.

While it may seem early, the [FCC has already put in a freeze](#) for any applications that might affect the list of potential CPs open for bidding next year.

5/11/26 – Probably, more and more of your accounts or applications have been requiring two factor authorization (2FA) to actually log in and/or access information. Sometimes it is a code sent to your cell phone, sometimes an email.

But now, **Google says they had [identified a zero-day exploit](#)** that uses a Python script to bypass 2FA on some popular admin tools. Perhaps more alarmingly, the report suggests AI was used to discover the vulnerability. All of which reminds us how dangerous it is for anything connected directly to the Internet.

NOV

5/30/26 – [17.23, 17.7, 17.57](#) – It is true, the FCC has done less field inspections on broadcast facilities ever since the Covid Pandemic started. However, that does not mean stations can just ignore requirements.

Benjamin Stratemeyer, in Grand Prairie, IL, owner of WIBV-FM and WKRO-AM [received an NOV](#), for having no obstruction lighting – for almost two years, failure to update ownership records and/or register with the FAA, paint that largely deteriorated, and general condition of a tower itself.

5/24/26 – **73.3526** – Each month we do see more fines and Consent Decrees coming from stations that have neglected the Issue & Program filings. Recent comments by FCC Chairman Carr reminding stations that they have – unlike many other sources of news and entertainment – stressed the responsibility of serving the Public Interest in their communities. While some have seen parts of the new emphasis on enforcement as political, the FCC actually has been for some time now making more and more noise about the need for stations to be prompt and clear about the Online Public Information Filings.

WXBU, Lancaster, PA was found by the EB to be missing or late on 12 Quarterly Issues/Programs Lists, 14 Commercial Limits Certifications (certifying compliance on children's programming), and 11 Children's Television Programming Reports – and they did not disclose this on the last renewal application.

The result: [a \\$41k “voluntary contribution” to the US Treasury and a Consent Decree.](#)

Carr's comments seem to recall the old acronym PICON – the Public Interest, Convenience, or Necessity – as what should be guiding station operations. Sometimes the automation needs to be stopped in favor of local needs.

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



THE SOCIETY OF BROADCAST ENGINEERS

The Association for Broadcast and Multimedia Technology Professionals

April 27, 2026

A slate of candidates for the 2026 [SBE election](#) has been assembled. The SBE Nominations Committee, chaired by Jeff Welton, CBRE, provided a list of candidates. Additional floor nominations will be accepted until June 21.

The slate of candidates:

Officers:

President

- Kevin Trueblood, CBRE, CBNT; Ft. Myers, FL (incumbent)

Vice President

- Geary Morrill, CPBE, AMD, DRB, CBNE; Saginaw, MI (incumbent)

Secretary

- Shane Toven, CPBE, DRB, CBNE; Antelope, CA (incumbent)

Treasurer

- Gregory Dahl, CPBE; Rockford, IL
- Charles "Ched" Keiler, CPBE, 8-VSB, ATSC3, CBNE; Ft. Lauderdale, FL (incumbent)

Directors:

- David Antoine, CBRE, CBNT; Charleston, SC (incumbent)
- Eric Hoehn, CPBE; Washington, DC
- Dustin Hapli, CBNE; Buffalo Grove, IL (incumbent)
- Joseph Geerling, CPBE, CBNT; St. Louis, MO
- Jeff Juniet, CBTE; Casselberry, FL (incumbent)
- Davit Robakidze, CBTE, CBNE; Tblisi, Republic of Georgia
- Dustin Tatro, CBRE; Abilene, TX
- Tom Ray, CPBE, AMD, DRB; New Windsor, NY

April 20, 2026

The Society of Broadcast Engineers has elevated SBE member Fred Willard of Dunkirk, MD, to the membership rank of Fellow. The SBE Board of Directors elected him at a meeting held in April 2026.

Madison Marriott West Middleton, WI

The annual Society of Broadcast Engineers National Meeting will be held in Middleton, WI, on Sept. 15-16, 2026, in conjunction with the Midwest Regional Broadcasters Clinic, presented by the state broadcast associations of Wisconsin and Minnesota. SBE members from the region and across the country are invited to attend. The SBE national Meeting includes the SBE Annual Membership Meeting and Awards Presentation. Program details are below. Admission to the SBE National Meeting requires registration to the Conference. (All times are Eastern Time.)

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 latest issue of The SIGNAL.

SBE HF HAMnet

The **SBE HF HAMnet** takes place on the **second Sunday of every month** at 2400 GMT. **Hal Hostetler, CPBE, WA7BGX**, serves as net control. The published frequency is 14.205MHz. Occasionally, that frequency is busy and you may need to move up or down (no more than 10kHz) to find the SBE meeting. Hal is a long-time member and lives in Tucson, AZ.

An email reminder list has been set up to send reminders and other notices about the net. Contact Scott Jones (kjones@sbe.org) to be subscribed.



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.
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	

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BIG BOY

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IS STOPPING IN
**STRUTHERS,
OHIO!**

— JOIN US ON —
JULY 12TH

COME VOLUNTEER WITH US
AND SEE THE WORLD'S
LARGEST STEAM LOCOMOTIVE!

BIG BOY NO. 4014 FAST FACTS

Twenty-five Big Boys were built exclusively for Union Pacific Railroad, the first of which was delivered in 1941. The locomotives were 133-feet long and weighed 1.2 million pounds. Because of their great length, the frames of the Big Boys were "hinged," or articulated, to allow them to negotiate curves. The massive engines normally operated between Ogden, Utah, and Cheyenne, Wyoming.

Big Boy No. 4014 was retired in December 1961, having traveled 1,031,205 miles in its 20 years in service. Union Pacific reacquired No. 4014 from the RailGiants Train Museum in Pomona, California, in 2013 and relocated it to Cheyenne to begin a multiyear restoration process. UP celebrated the restored Big Boy's inaugural run May 4, 2019.

DRIVING WHEEL DIAMETER
68 INCHES

ENGINE + TENDER WEIGHT
1.2 MILLION LBS

FUEL CAPACITY
6,100 GALLONS

WATER CAPACITY
25,000 GALLONS

TENDER TYPE
14-WHEELED

ENGINE + TENDER LENGTH
133 FEET

7,000
HORSEPOWER

WHISTLE
3 CHIME HANCOCK

BRAKE SHOES
CAST IRON

TOP SPEED
65 MPH

HEIGHT
17 FEET

