# SOCIETY OF BROADCAST ENGINEERS Chapter 122
# NOV 2026 NEWSLETTER

**Join us at our next regular meeting at noon November 12, 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 10/8/26

- Date 10/8/26
- Start 12:55 PM
- End 1:04 PM
- Number of Attendees: 4, SBE Certified:1
- Presiding Officer: Bob Flis
- Motion to accept minutes from last meeting: Melissa Limpose Seconded: Bill King
- 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, nothing to report
- Certification: nothing to report.
- Old Business: None
- New Business: none
- Program Speaker: None
- Motion to Adjourn: Bill King / Seconded: Melissa Limpose

# EMERGENCY ALERT SYSTEM

The national EAS Test this year. **November 17th.**

Public Notice:https://docs.fcc.gov/public/attachments/DA-26-989A1.pdf

For Your Information:

* All EAS Participants must file ETRS Form Two within 48 hours of the nationwide test. The deadline for Form Two filings is 2:20 pm ET on November 19, 2026, or, if the test is conducted on the alternative date, 2:20 pm ET on December 5, 2026.

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

| ***MONTH*** | ***DATE*** | ***TIME*** | ***SOURCE(S)*** |
|---|---|---|---|
| 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@tegna.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 | |
|---|---|---|---|
| NOVEMBER | 19 THU | 10:45 A.M. DAY, | EMnet |
| DECEMBER | 17 THU | 4:45 A.M. NIGHT, | EMnet |


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National Weather Service Technical Issues

The National Weather Service (NWS) is currently experiencing some technical difficulties with the execution of the Routine Weekly Test (RWT) on most of their transmitter locations. There is a problem with the proper encoding, transmission, and receipt of the tones that activate EAS devices at television and radio stations, as well as some consumer weather radios to errantly display an “INVALID LOCATION” message.

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.

This issue may also affect actual warnings as well. The NWS recommends that you have multiple ways to receive weather warning information, including a NWR receiver, local radio and TV stations, plus weather apps on your smart devices.





# Broadcasters' Desktop Resource

**(WWW.theBDR.net)**



**by Barry Mishkind**

## Over 15 years of service to broadcasters

**As always, LOTS of great articles…and other good stuff !**

The FCC has released a Public Notice rescheduling. the Window to November 4 – 17. LPFM stations, FM translators, and FM boosters will be able to file applications from October 2nd to November 17th

If adopted, the process will invite Comments due 30 days after the date of publication in the Federal Register. Reply Comments would be due 60 days after the date of publication in the Federal Register.

**THE NCE WINDOW IS NOW OPEN!**

NCE FM reserved band (88.1 to 91.9 MHz) translators can now be filed through the November 17th deadline (yes, same day as the EAS NPT). Applications should be filed as soon as possible on the FCC's electronic filing system. Similar to NCE FM and LPFM, the FCC's points system will be in effect, and should be carefully followed to have the greatest chance for success.

## 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/

**(Somebody should remind 1330 KHz Campbell,Oh of this !)**

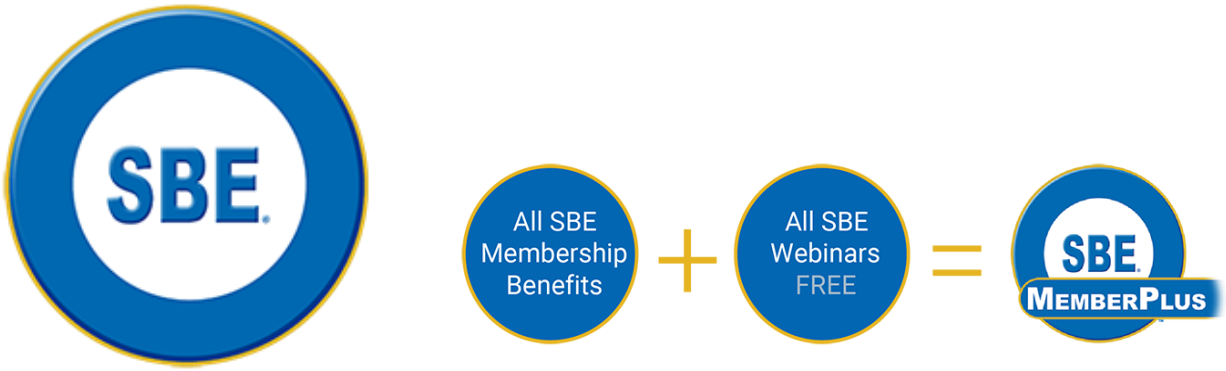
# The Virtual Lunch Gathering!

**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 Barrys meeting for the latest info.)**
**Thanks to Barry and the BDR, a great source for the latest news of the industry.**
**AND IT'S FREE !**




## THE SOCIETY OF BROADCAST ENGINEERS

**The Association for Broadcast and Multimedia Technology Professionals**

The FCC released a public notice announcing a National EAS Test will be held on November 17, 2026. With that, there are deadlines for stations to file Forms One, Two and Three relating to that test.

FEMA will transmit the nationwide test of the EAS at 2:20 p.m. Eastern Time (ET) on November 17, 2026, using the Integrated Public Alert and Warning System (IPAWS). If conditions on that date require the rescheduling of the test, it will be conducted on December 3, 2026.

The test will be disseminated in English and Spanish as a Common Alerting Protocol (CAP) message using the Nationwide Test of the Emergency Alert System (NPT) event code. The test message audio and text, which is designed to be identical to the greatest extent possible, is as follows: "This is a nationwide test of the Emergency Alert System, issued by the Federal Emergency Management Agency, covering the United States from 2:20 to 2:50 hours ET. This is only a test. No action is required by the public."

It is mandatory for stations to have the latest firmware loaded in EAS equipment. The required firmware version for Sage Endecs is 96.00 or higher and for DasDecs is 54.00 or higher. Stations with out-of-date EAS unit firmware will not be able to receive the test and the station operation will be consider as non-compliant, which could trigger enforcement action from the FCC.

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## SBE Webinars

From AI Experimentation to Reliable Broadcast Engineering Workflows

HDR Systems for Television – Part 2: Dolby Vision and HDR for Post-Produced Content

HDR Systems for Television – Part 1: Overview

AM Directional Antennas: The Care and Feeding of AM Directional Facilities

# SBE Releases Updated Radio and TV Self-Inspection Guides

The Society of Broadcast Engineers, the Association for Broadcast and Multimedia Technology Professionals, has released three updated Broadcast Station Self-Inspection Guides for AM, FM, and television stations. These revised Guides provide broadcasters with practical guidance for conducting self-inspection of their stations.

Developed jointly by the Society of Broadcast Engineers (SBE) and the National Association of Broadcasters (NAB), the guides reflect FCC rule and policy changes since the initial editions were released in 2024. The Guides are intended for use by station personnel, as well as contract inspectors participating in the Alternative Broadcast Inspection Program, which is administered by state broadcaster associations. Until 2003, the FCC published official self-inspection checklists, but ceased updating them although rules and policies had changed substantially since that time.

The updated Self-Inspection Guides are available as a free member benefit to SBE and NAB. Beginning July 8, 2026, SBE members may download the guides through the SBE Bookstore on the SBE website under the Resources tab. They will also be available from the NAB website.

“The SBE is proud to work with the NAB in preparing and updating these Guides for broadcasters, which help ensure station compliance with FCC Rules,” said Charles “Ched” Keiler, CPBE, 8-VSB, ATSC3, CBNE, chair of the SBE ABIP Committee. SBE President Kevin Trueblood, CBRE, CBNT, added, “Access to the Station Self-Inspection Guides is yet one more SBE member benefit. I hope all SBE members take advantage of this valuable resource.

# SBE Certification.. expired ???

### SBE Recertification Credit

The completion of a webinar from Webinars by SBE qualifies for 1 credit, identified under Category I of the Recertification Schedule for SBE Certifications.

**Registration and Pricing**

**SBE Members:** $90
**MemberPlus Members:** Free
**Non-Members:** $120

## 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.**

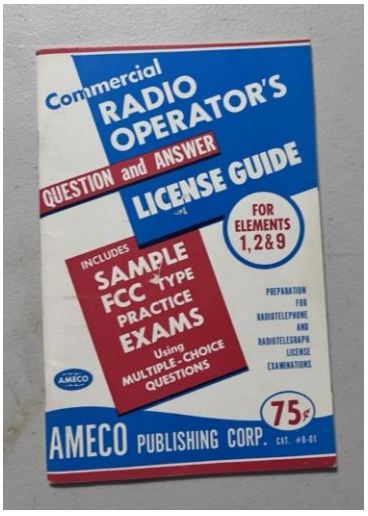
**And several good articles on the latest issue of The SIGNAL.**

## 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

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| **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** | **Retired: WYSU / Youngstown State Univ.** |
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| **Newsletter:** | **Wes Boyd** | |