



CHAPTER 122
**SOCIETY OF
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ENGINEERS**

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As seen in March 29 Radio World

Its that time of year again when the weather takes a high priority for our broadcast stations. Is your EAS equipment in operational condition? You are required by the FCC to have EAS equipment operational, and as we all know they always look at your EAS equipment if they do an inspection. On Page 78 of the March 29 issue of Radio World, there is an article from a speech given by Steve Davis setting the record straight about EAS operations. He makes a point that while the broadcasters have equipment in and working the notifiers such as EMA personnel, 911 or police departments have not connected their equipment or trained their emergency operators how to operate the equipment. I think our operational area is better prepared than many, as the engineering staff of Clear Channel has gone out and set up the units for the local notifiers, but tests and practice transmissions need to be on a weekly or monthly basis to make sure all of the notifiers know how to send an alert.

Another article in the March 29 issue is on the vulnerability of your station to a disaster. We all should be more aware of disasters after last years' hurricanes along the Gulf coast. The article, "How Vulnerable Are You?" is on page 72. Now would be a good time to bring up the subject with your manager or maybe your regional engineer.

Jim Hartzler

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BGS Show Prior to Dayton Hamvention

Broadcasters General Store is having it's second annual equipment show on May 18, 2006 in Dayton OH, the day before the start of the Dayton Hamvention. This year's expo will be at the Dayton Mall Holiday Inn from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and will include a continental breakfast and buffet lunch. There is no charge to attend, but reservations are required to prepare for how many are expected for breakfast and lunch.

There will be over 35 equipment vendors. There are two presentations...one in the morning and one in the afternoon. One will be presented by Kirk Harnack of Telos/Omnia/Axia on Processing audio for HD MultiCast channels. Chris Crump from Comrex will do a presentation on doing remotes over IP. Chriss Scherer, editor of Radio Magazine and President of the SBE, will be our lunch time speaker. Lots of door prizes. Watch for reservation forms in Radio World and Radio Magazine coming out soon, and also available soon on the BGS web site (www.bgs.cc).

Last year's show was well attended and well received. We are hoping this year's show will be bigger and better.

MINUTES OF March MEETING

The March 9, 2006 meeting was called to order at 12:14 pm at Jolly Joes Restaurant by President John Clarke. There were 12 members present. We also had 2 visitors, Todd Messer of WSAJ-FM and Ed Lightman of WBVP. Welcome guests!

Last month's minutes were approved as printed in the newsletter.

Mike Orto gave the Treasurer's report.

Jim Hartzler reported that Darren Morton sent in for certification study material for Radio Engineering certification.

Under Coordination, Mike Heim compiled a list of under-1 GHZ frequencies that are in use. It was done under the intention of posting this information on the SBE website.

There was no Old Business.

New Business: Clear Channel will be hosting the NAB Road Show again this year. There will be more audio vendors on display this year.

The State of Ohio is moving to datacast various information, including EAS. WMXY will be getting a link from TV Channel 45. This is a move to modernize and improve reliability of the Ohio EAS.

Tom Zoccolo motioned to adjourn and Jim Hartzler second, and the meeting was adjourned at 12:24.

Emailed newsletters are now sent in Acrobat .pdf format and are of high quality and in color!

EAS TEST SCHEDULE OHIO

Below you will find the EAS test times for the LP-1 station. The times and dates can vary

April			May		
4/3	11:30PM	RWT	5/5	3:30AM	RWT
4/12	4:50 AM	RMT (exact time)	5/10	4:50AM	RMT (Exact Time)
4/18	7:45 PM	RWT	5/15	8:45PM	RWT
4/27	1:00AM	RWT	5/23	10:10AM	RWT
			5/30	12:45 AM	RWT

The 3/29 Monthly EAS Test coincides with the State Tornado Drill. State Originates this Test.

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MONTHLY EAS TEST SCHEDULE FOR PENNA

All monthly tests via Emnet

April 20 @ 3:05AM via EMNET

May 19 @ 2:05PM via EMNET

Weekly tests from the LP-2 (WAKZ) are the same as the Ohio schedule.

WWGY is the LP1, and WAKZ, 95.9 FM is the LP2 for Mercer, Lawrence and Butler Counties in PA.

Certification Schedule for 2006

The purpose of the Certification exam is to permit you to demonstrate your comprehension of the prescribed body of knowledge for your particular experience level and field of specialization. The exams consist of 50 multiple choice questions drawn from a file of several hundred questions, ranging from basic electronics to state-of-the-art maintenance problems. All exams are conducted OPEN BOOK, and calculators are allowed. Working engineers on the SBE Certification Committee develop the questions.

Exam Dates	Location	Application Deadline
April 25, 2006	NAB - Las Vegas	March 3, 2006
June 2-12, 2006	Local Chapter	April 21, 2006
August 11-21, 2006	Local Chapter	June 9, 2006
November 10-20, 2006	Local Chapter	September 22, 2006

Thank You!

Thanks to everyone who is receiving the SBE Newsletter by e-mail which saves our chapter postage expense. We want to say thanks again to Clear Channel for picking up the postage expense for our newsletter for those receiving it by snail mail. At the present time we have over 60 persons on our mailing list, this includes broadcasters, cable and emergency management persons. If you DO NOT receive this via email and you would like to, please send an email to mikeheim@clearchannel.com and you will be added to the email list. (note: Your email address will only be used for official chapter business and will not be shared with anyone).

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MONTHLY MEETING

Our April meeting will be held at Jolly Joes on Sheridan Road in Youngstown. We will be meeting in the back meeting room. We will meet at noon on April 13th.