

Merry Christmas

CHAPTER 122
SOCIETY OF BROADCAST ENGINEERS
December 2008

'Serving the Public through Quality Broadcast Engineering'

OAB ENGINEERING CONF.

Several members of SBE Chapter 122 attended the 6th annual OAB engineering conference. A number of good sessions touched on subjects of interest to station engineers. Jim Bridgewater, the engineer in charge at the Detroit FCC office, highlighted areas that the FCC issues the most fines. He also spent quite a bit of time on the DTV changeover that is coming. Jack Layton, who does the simulated station inspections for the OAB. Jack had a number of stories of what he has found on simulated inspections. He made a point of violations if the areas of EAS, Tower Lights, AM directional patterns and Public Files. Fines often run between \$10,000 and \$40,000 dollars.

Certification Schedule

The SBE Certification Committee has established the following exam dates. Choose the exam period that is best for you.

Exam Dates	Location	Application Deadline
November 7-17 , 2008	Local Chapters	CLOSED
February 6-16 , 2009	Local Chapters	December 31 , 2008
April 21, 2009	NAB	April 1 , 2009
June 5-15, 2009	Local Chapters	April 17, 2009
August 7-17, 2009	Local Chapters	June 5, 2009
November 6-16, 2009	Local Chapters	September 18,2009

SBE NEWS – email

Do you receive the SBE NEWS email twice each month? If you are an SBE member you should already be receiving the bimonthly email. If you are a member and do not receive the email newsletter you can contact the National office and sign up.



EAS Test Schedule

Ohio:

November

11/12	9:50 AM	RMT	(Exact Time)
11/21	11:15 AM	RWT	
11/26	2:46 PM	RWT	

December

12/5	4:00 AM	RWT	
12/10	4:50 AM	RMT	(Exact Time)
12/18	10:30 AM	RWT	
12/24	6:15 PM	RWT	

The LP1 in Ohio (Trumbull, Mahoning and Columbiana Counties is WMXY (98.9). The LP2 is WYSU (88.5)

Pennsylvania:

The Pennsylvania weekly test schedule is now at random times due to changes in the traffic Dept at WWGY.

The Monthly test times are

12/18 4:45AM RMT Via EMNET *
The PA (Lawrence and Mercer Counties) LP1 is WWGY (95.1) and the LP2 is WAKZ (95.9)

JUST FOR FUN

The math teacher saw that little Johnny wasn't paying attention in class. She called on him and said, 'Johnny! What are 2 and 4 and 28 and 44?' Little Johnny quickly replied, 'NBC, FOX, ESPN and the Cartoon Network!'

HELP NEEDED



I'm looking for people with technical expertise to help at a phone bank on December 17th for the DTV transition. I realize most of you have radio backgrounds, but you all have a basic understanding of how RF operates. With a little coaching from me on the DTV conversion specifics and some notes I think SBE Chapter could provide a valuable service to our community. I'd like to get 7 people to help staff the phones with me. People with complicated problems would be offered the chance to call or be called back by me or Tom Zocolo during normal business hours.

Tower Light Outages

The number to call to report Tower Light Outages is 877-487-6867. Be sure to have your tower registration number handy, and the FCC requires you to log outages, and needs to include time and date of the observed outage, when it was reported and the initials of both the person reporting the outage and the person taking the report.

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SBE Chapter Website: www.sbe122.org

Monthly Meeting

The December meeting will take place at noon on Dec 11th. We will meet at the Youngstown Sports Grille on South Avenue in Boardman. Anyone with an interest in broadcast engineering are welcome to attend our meetings. Bring a friend! The meeting gathers around noon and the business meeting begins just after we order lunch. Remember to bring your promotional material for our Christmas exchange.

November Chapter Business meeting

11/13/08

11 people present

Meeting started at 12:20 PM, Jim Hartzler accepted the minutes for last month and Bill King seconds.

Treasurer's report:

\$9.00 income
\$320.45 checking balance
\$824.86 savings balance

Committee Reports:

Certification:
none

Frequency Coordination:
none

Old Business:

Nominations are:

Jim Hartzler – President
Bill King - Vice President
Rick Foley - Secretary
Bob Flis - Treasurer
Mike Orto - Assistant Treasurer

Bob Flis motions to accept nominations and John Clarke seconds

New Business:

File with IRS

-We are exempt from filing a tax return
-We must file an e-postcard on internet
-Jim Hartzler motions we e-file and Wes Boyd seconds

Mike Heim asks about having a general email address for the chapter

-Rick Foley volunteers email for anybody on sbe122.org domain

Wes Boyd motions to adjourn and Bob Flis and Bill King tie for second. Meeting ends at 12:41 PM.