



**CHAPTER 122**  
**SOCIETY OF BROADCAST  
ENGINEERS**

*'Serving the Public through Quality Broadcast Engineering'*

**March 2013**

## ***SBE Chapter 122 Meeting Minutes 2/14/2013***

Meeting begins at 12:16pm

8 Members 1 Guest present

Vice President Wes Boyd begins meeting by asking that the January 2013 meeting minutes as printed in the newsletter be accepted.

Bob Flis moves to accept, Chris Bell seconds the motion.

### **Reports**

#### **FINANCIAL REPORT FOR: FEBRUARY, 2013**

#### **CHECKING ACCOUNT**

Last Months Checking Account Balance: \$310.59

#### **INCOME:**

Collection from Members \$11.00

Frequency Coordination: No inquiry's for either low or high bands

Certification: No requests

EAS: No reported issues

### **Old Business**

None

### **New Business**

None

Bob Flis motions to adjourn the meeting, Chris Bell seconds the motion.

Meeting ends at 12:25 pm.

## **Monthly Meeting**

***THE MAGIC TREE*** 7463 South Avenue, Boardman, Oh 44512

(Just south of the Clear Channel radio complex)

Meetings: 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday Monthly

Starting shortly after 12 noon

# Area AM Band Update



**For those keeping track of the body count.**

**WGFT 1330 Campbell and WASN 1500 Youngstown, both pulled the big plug about mid Feb. So far no signs of much action towards new owners, etc.**

**Niles 1540 had some issues with neighborhood vandals so they are 120 watts at about 70% modulation with a non directional STA.**

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P.S. 10-49



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**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 back to report when the lights are restored)*

# West PA 2013 RMT DATES

MONTH	DAY	TIME	METHODOLOGY
MARCH 21	THU	9:15 A.M.	DAY, EMnet
APRIL 18	THU	12:35 A.M.	NIGHT, EMnet
MAY 16	THU	10:05 A.M.	DAY, EMnet
JUNE 20	THU	4:30 A.M.	NIGHT, EMnet
JULY 18	THU	10:15 A.M.	DAY, EMnet
AUGUST 15	THU	12:45 A.M.	NIGHT, EMnet
SEPT 19	THU	10:30 A.M.	DAY, EMnet
OCT 17	THU	4:40 A.M.	NIGHT, EMnet
NOV 21	THU	10:45 A.M.	DAY, EMnet
DEC 19	THU	4:45 A.M.	NIGHT, EMnet

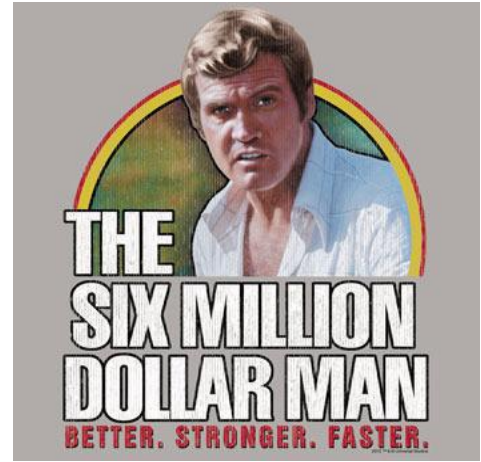
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## Y-town Operational EAS Schedule for 2013

3/14	09:50	
3/21	08:50	
3/27	10:50	
4/2	14:00	
4/10	04:50	RMT
4/16	09:00	
4/25	14:00	
5/3	12:30	
5/8	09:50	RMT
5/13	14:30	
5/23	17:30	
5/28	08:00	
6/4	16:50	
6/12	04:50	RMT
6/20	14:30	
6/25	12:30	

All are weekly tests except those marked RMT.  
March and October are usually state-originated RMT's.

For the entire list for 2013, go to [www.sbe122.org](http://www.sbe122.org)



**Stolen from:**

## ***Broadcasters' Desktop Resource***

*by Barry Mishkind  
(www.thebdr.net)*

3/11/13 - 303(q), [17.47](#), [17.51](#), [17.57](#) - The failure to report a tower with malfunctioning lights, as well as not updating tower ownership records brought [an NAL for \\$14k](#) to Latin Broadcasting Co. in Dallas Center, IA. The station claimed a report to the FAA was made, but the Operations Manager did not understand the process due to language. Interestingly, the logs for dates the FCC knew the lights were out indicated no problems.

3/7/13 - [73.1350](#), [73.3526](#), [73.1590](#) - Entertainment Media Trust was presented with a [Forfeiture Order for \\$8,500](#) - reduced from \$25K for infractions at St. Louis, MO area KZQZ was found to not be switching directional patterns, and with sister KQQZ missing Public Files and NRSC measurements. (Another NAL against sister stations WZQZ and WQQZ are also on deck.)

3/1/13 - [11.35](#) - Another [Forfeiture Order, this time for \\$8k](#) to KDDD AM&FM Dumas, TX for failure to have an operating EAS receiver for almost three years (7/6/12 below). The station asked for a reduction because they could not afford it. The FCC declined to reduce the \$8k fine.

3/1/13 - [73.49](#) - [A Forfeiture Order for \\$7k](#) was sent to KLRG, Sheridan, AR for a fencing violation. The original violation stated that as much as half the fence was down (see 7/20/12 below). The FCC did not accept any of the excuses offered by Wagenvood Advertising, and reaffirmed the fine.

2/28/13 - [73.3526](#) - Another set of fines are mounting for Mt. Rushmore Broadcasting in Casper, WY. Their four stations failed to put the Issues & Programs lists in the Public File for 23 consequent quarters. The \$40k in fines were enhanced to \$60k for [KASS\(FM\)](#), [KQLT\(FM\)](#), [KHOC\(FM\)](#), and [KMLD\(FM\)](#). The NALs included Forfeiture Orders. This is the same cluster that got \$63k in fines last July for improper STL operation - for as long as 15 years.

Thanks to Barry and the BDR, a great source for the latest news of the industry,  
a weekly e-mail report, and FREE !

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**Barry has a great section on [The Public Inspection File](#)**

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# SKYWARN Spotter Training 2013

March 20<sup>th</sup> Austintown Fitch High School (west entrance) Doors open 5:30, class 6 pm

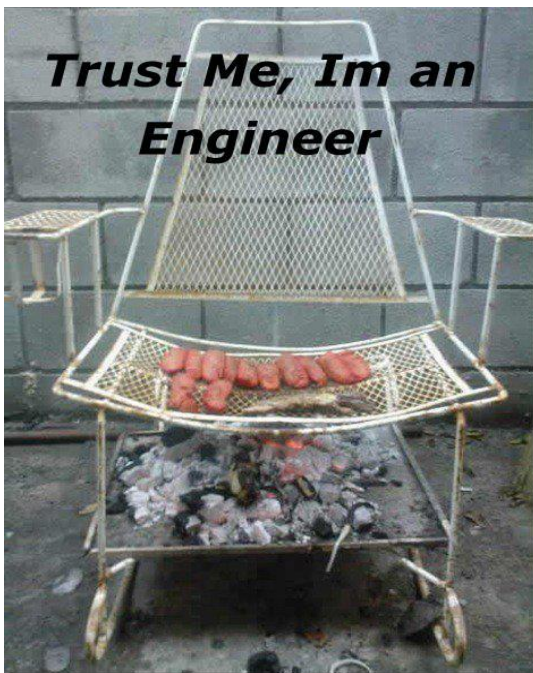
SKYWARN Training is FREE and open to the public.

You will be trained and enrolled in the program. You do not need to pre-register.

Mar 19	Warren, OH Trumbull County	6:30 pm	Tuesday - Kent State Branch - Technology Building Room 117 - 4314 Mahoning Ave. Warren, OH 44483
Mar 21	Akron, OH Summit County	6:00 pm	Thursday - American Red Cross-501 W. Market Street, Akron, Ohio 44303



Rare photo of Storm spotters in action !



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