



Chapter 122

SOCIETY OF BROADCAST ENGINEERS

'Serving the Public through Quality Broadcast Engineering'

March 2014

SBE Chapter 122 Meeting Minutes 2/13/2014

Meeting begins at 12:40pm

7 Members present.

President Melissa Limpose begins the meeting by asking that the January 2014 meeting minutes as printed in the newsletter be accepted. Rick Foley moves to accept, Bill King seconds the motion.

Reports

Treasurer Report: February

Collection from Members \$9.00

Expenses: None

Checking Gross Balance \$256.69

Savings Account Balance \$1024.77

January Dividend .04

February 1 Balance \$1024.81

Frequency Coordination: No requests

Certification: No Report

EAS: Discussion of accidental Amber Alert sent by Ohio Highway Patrol. Investigation continues into incident by State EOC.

Old Business None

New Business None

**Bob Flis motions to adjourn meeting, Bill King seconds the motion.
Meeting ends at 12:47 pm.**

OHIO SEVERE WEATHER EVENTS

Severe Weather Preparedness Week Flood Awareness Week Lightning and Awareness Week Winter Weather Awareness Week	Mar 2-8, 2014 Mar 16-22, 2014 Jun 22-28, 2014 November 17-23, 2013
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PENNSYLVANIA SEVERE WEATHER EVENTS

Severe Weather Awareness Week Flash Floods and Flood Safety Lightning Safety Awareness Week Winter Awareness Week	Mar 3-7, 2014 Mar 16-22, 2014 Jun 22-28, 2014 Nov 10-15, 2013
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Monthly Meeting

Café 422

March 13th 2014

8586 South Ave Boardman

(about a mile south of the Clear Channel radio complex)

OR 680 to Western reserve Exit, turn right/west. Then right/north on South Avenue

Meetings: 2nd Thursday Monthly *Starting just after 12 noon*

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Broadcasters'DesktopResource

by Barry Mishkind (www.thebdr.net)

3/5/14 - [73.3526](#) - Public File violations brought a very cold day to Icicle Broadcasting: the message was in NALs for \$46k to four Icicle stations, [KOHO-FM, Leavenworth, WA](#), [KOSI\(AM\), Chelan, WA](#), [KOSI-FM, Chelan, WA](#), and [KZAL, Manson, WA](#). The normal \$10k fine was enhanced for three stations due to the length of the violations.

And, if that were not enough, the cold enforcement wakeup shower continued:
License renewals for four years, half the normal span.

3/3/14 - [11.45](#) - OK, one more time: *it is illegal to use EAS tones for anything but EAS activations*. No movie trailers, no news reports, no silliness. The FCC is not amused. This [NAL for \\$1.9 million](#) to Disney, Viacom, and NBCUniversal push off all excuses - include weasel-wording from lawyers saying it was not "transmitted," or it was not false, or it was "obvious." Broadcasters, cable networks, *anyone who transmits or causes to be transmitted* the EAS tones will find themselves in hot water. That is the FCC's strong message. Got it?

2/27/14 - 303(q), [17.47](#), [17.48](#), [17.51](#) - Kemp Broadcasting received [an NALF for \\$14k](#) for repeated lighting violations on their Moapa, NV tower. The fine was increased 40% because of repeated failure to call the FCC for a NOTAM and the six month delay in making repairs. The FCC agents were also unimpressed that the visual inspection was usually done "twice a month."

2/20/14 - A couple in Austin, Texas have tried a novel approach to avoiding the FCC's Regulations and a fine for operating an unlicensed station: Texas is not part of the US. While many observers might tend to agree with the basic sentiment, the FCC was not amused at Walter Olenick and Rae Nadler-Olenick's demand that they see a treaty between Texas and the International Bureau. [An NALF for \\$15k](#) is the result. However, it is likely this is not over.

2/20/14 - [73.1125](#), [73.3526](#) - The Commission's response is in, after Cochise Broadcasting's excuses for why a field agent was unable to locate a Main Studio no Public Files for KOMJ in Omaha, NE (See 8/1/13) below. [The NALF for \\$17k](#) notes that it takes personnel and equipment to equal a Main Studio and leaving a message on a phone answering machine in another state does not meet the requirement for Public Files to be available during business hours.

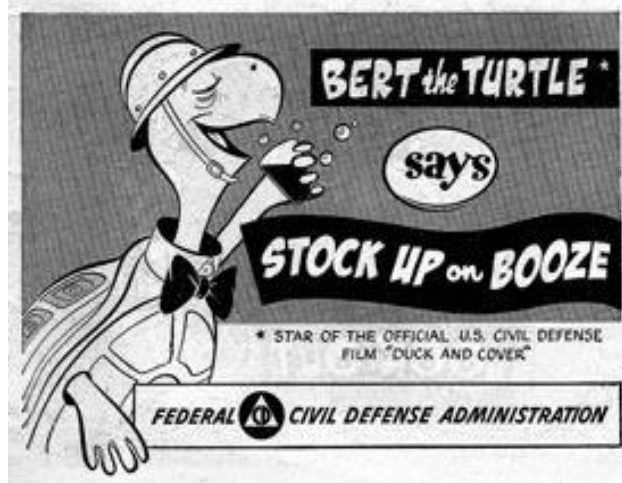
2/19/14 - [11.35](#) - Another station that apparently felt it did not need EAS gear. This time it was in a large market. JCE Licenses, owner of KBDX-AM in Dallas, TX received [an NALF for \\$9k](#) for not having an operational EAS receiver nor logs to indicate when and why a receiver was not operational.

Microsoft is pushing out reminders that support for XP ends on April 8th. [A free migration tool by Laplink](#) has been released to move personal information and files to a new Windows 7 or 8 machine.

There are reports of a spot for Kingsford Charcoal that contains EAS tones.

Good advice: do not run it!

Check with your production people to ensure it did not get into your system.



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