



CHAPTER 122

SOCIETY OF BROADCAST ENGINEERS

*Serving the Public through
Quality Broadcast Engineering*

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SBE Chapter 122 Meeting Minutes **Jan 8th 2015**

The January 8, 2015 meeting of the SBE chapter 122 was held at the Cafe 422 in Boardman, Ohio.

President Wes Boyd was unable to attend this meeting so Vice President Dave Brett procided over the meeting.

Vice President Brett called the meeting to order at 12:31PM and welcomed everyone to the meeting. Six members attended.

News Letter Minutes of the December, 2014 were approved by Bob Flis and seconded by John Clarke.

Treasurers report was read by Treasurer Mike Orto.

Frequency Coordination: No Requests Low or High Bands

Certification: Vice President Brett brought up the webinars on HD on February 4, 2015.

Old Business: None

New Business: SBE Chapter Website needs updated on officers.
The 50th SBE Anniversary Video was discussed for next meeting.

EAS: John Clarke will send new EAS schedule to members.

Bob Flis moved to adjourn the meeting and Melissa Limpose seconded.

Meeting was adjourned at 12:53PM.

Stolen from: *Broadcasters' Desktop Resource*
by Barry Mishkind (www.thebdr.net)



Radio Shack (You have questions, good luck with answers !)

2/5/15 - RS has filed for bankruptcy, has been delisted by the NY Stock Exchange, and has closed its Maryland distribution center, laying off 87 employees.

Standard General (RS's largest stockholder) is buying about 1700 stores, and plans to lease many of them to Sprint. The word is that the stores will have a Sprint name, but a "store within a store" will be Radio Shack. The filing indicates RS plans to close the rest of the company-owned stores. The future for franchisee stores has not yet been spelled out.

1/29/15 - As expected, during the FCC's Open Meeting, the Commission has now defined "broadband" as 25 Mbps down/3 Mbps up. The previous standard of 4 Mbps had only been in force for four years. Still, the US is not among the leading countries in terms of broadband speed, nor in economical pricing.

1/27/15 - [73.1740](#) - If you have a license, you are supposed to broadcast.

WTRI in Brunswick, MD received a [Forfeiture Order for \\$5k](#) for going "dark" a number of times since 2005, for as long as 359 days, without timely filing for STA permission within 30 days. The station has had financial issues, and went into trusteeship, but the FCC does expect to be apprised of the operation - or lack thereof - of stations

(Locally we have a station on 1540, off air for months. Another, at 1500, had been silent for many weeks, returned, but for the last several days has had an only an "open carrier".)

(More PIRATE activity. This time in Cleveland, one channel below a commercial FM station, on the "low end" of the band.)

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

WEBiNAR

Thanks to those who attended the Feb 4th SBE Webinar on HD radio. Our friends at iHeart media were nice enough to let us use a conference room for the event. And special thanks to the SBE for making it possible. If you missed it, it's available online via the SBE website.

Monthly Meeting

Café 422

8586 South Ave Boardman, Oh 44514 330-629 2422

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

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

Meeting: Feb 11th , 2nd Thursday Monthly Starting just after 12 noon



NEW SKYWARN TRAINING FOR 2015 FROM THE CLEVELAND NWS

Reprinted from the Cleveland National Weather Service Office website

http://www.weather.gov/cle/SKYWARN_schedule

SKYWARN spotter training sessions for Spring 2015 will be held through **Webinar** (online) training conducted by National Weather Service employees.

Please contact your local emergency management agency to determine which dates they will host training sessions.

Webinar based training will be held on the following dates:

March 4, Wednesday

March 9, Monday

March 18, Wednesday

March 23, Monday

March 26, Thursday

April 1, Wednesday

April 7, Tuesday

April 13. Monday

Each spring the Cleveland office of the National Weather Service trains members of police & fire departments, emergency management officials and amateur radio operators on spotting techniques.

Typically the training is coordinated by a local group (such as an emergency management agency), and a NWS meteorologist serves as the guest instructor. The goal of the training is not just to recognize tornadoes, but to have some understanding of storm structure, which in turn better prepares the spotter for the extreme and unusual circumstances.

SKYWARN™ Training is FREE and open to the public. Please attend any of the training sessions listed above.

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

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Youngstown EAS Test Schedule thru MAY 2015

1/8 08:50	2/4 08:30	3 /4 09:50 RMT (EOC tornado Drill)
1/14 09:50 RMT	2/11 04:50 RMT	3/13 09:30
1/19 09:00	2/20 09:30	3/17 08:50
1/29 14:30	2/15 14:00	3/26 10:50

4/1	14:00	5/1	12:30
4/8	04:50 RMT	5/7	14:30
4/15	09:00	5/13	09:50 RMT (EOC origion)
4/24	14:00	5/20	17:30
		5/26	08:00



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2015 PENNSYLVANIA EAS NETWORK REQUIRED MONTHLY TEST DATES

JANUARY 15 THU 9:05 A.M DAY, EMnet
FEBRUARY 19 THU 4:15 A.M. NIGHT, EMnet
MARCH 19 THU 9:15 A.M. DAY, EMnet
APRIL 16 THU 12:35 A.M. NIGHT, EMnet
MAY 21 THU 10:05 A.M. DAY, EMnet
JUNE 18 THU 4:30 A.M. NIGHT, EMnet

JULY 16 THU 10:15 A.M. DAY, EMnet
AUGUST 20 THU 12:45 A.M. NIGHT, EMnet
SEPTEMBER 17 THU 10:30 A.M. DAY, EMnet
OCTOBER 15 THU 4:40 A.M. NIGHT, EMnet
NOVEMBER 19 THU 10:45 A.M. DAY, EMnet
DECEMBER 17 THU 4:45 A.M. NIGHT, EMnet

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