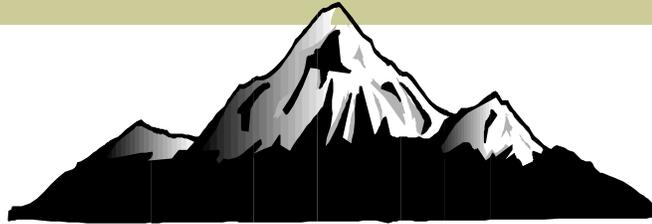# Shasta Rogue Chapter Newsletter Winter 2015

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2015 Has Been a Fantastic Year!

Hello Shasta Rogue SCTE members!

As 2015 draws to a close, it is a perfect time to reflect on our chapter's achievements. What a year it has been!

Chapter elections were conducted in February. New board members and energy were welcomed!

David Trautman updated the chapter web site and also converted the chapter's financial records to Quick-Books online.

Shasta Rogue received national recognition from the SCTE for our improvement in professional development.

As in years past, we co-sponsored the Northwest Tech Days with other Region 3 chapters.

The chapter provided an unprecedented number of training opportunities and hours to our membership! (More on this later in the newsletter)

Once again, the chapter met all of the national SCTE requirements and will be "certified compliant." A free Tech Expo pass is allocated to chapters for this achievement and is awarded to a chapter member by board vote.

Have you noticed how fast and furiously the technical advances come at us in the telecommunications industry? This pace of change is one of the things I have always enjoyed in my career, while at times it can be daunting!

Arming yourself with knowledge is the best thing you can do for your career and the SCTE is a valuable resource for information. Whether you use the resources found on the national website, local seminars or the networking you do with your industry peers, the SCTE provides an opportunity to learn.

"Thank you" and "cheers" to all for a great 2015!

Bring it on 2016!

Tim

ALERT—2016 Shasta Rogue Elections!!!!!!

Our board of directors annual elections will be conducted the week of **January 11 to 15, 2016.**

Four of the board's ten positions will be open and voted on. Anyone interested in helping steer the direction of our chapter is encouraged to submit a "Nominee Statement of Qualifications" to Micah Martin by **Jan. 4, 2016.**

To be a board member, you must be an SCTE member and involved in the cable telecommunications industry. Blank nominee forms will be available for download from the Shasta Rogue web site and distributed by email to our chapter member list.

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2015/2016 Training Efforts

Our decision to provide webinar-based technical training using recorded content from the SCTE Live Learning archives was a resounding success!

Micah Martin, Mike Smith, Joe Whisenhunt and Jaydee Husted formed a training sub-committee to select training topics. Local system supervisors and managers helped coordinate the training sessions, which led to astounding attendance. In fact, the Sept. 30 seminar on BER/MER measurements was attended by 187 technicians at 11 locations! Awesome!

In all, the Shasta Rogue chapter facilitated a total of 69 training hours, which includes the seminars at the Northwest Tech Days in Portland.

We look forward to even better things in 2016, as Bob Davis, Greg Leming and Micah have volunteered to develop a list of new training topics. Please contact any of the board members with your training ideas.

The goal for 2016 is a chapter sponsored training seminar every other month, beginning in February.

2015 Training

July 29—Nuts and Bolts of BER

Aug. 4—NW Tech Days seminars

Aug. 26—Digital Proofs or Not

Aug. 12 &13—Fiber optic transmitters, MUX/DEMUX, node operation

Sept. 30—Understanding Real World MER Measurements & Another Look at Signal Leakage

"An organization, no matter how well designed, is only as good as the people who live and work in it."
- Dee Hock

Go to www.SCTE.org

Why you ask?

Set up your member user account

Be sure you have listed Shasta Rogue, as your chapter affiliation

Learn about something you don't know:

- Tech Tips

- Tech Facts

- SCTE Bookstore

- Industry Publications

- White Papers

- Live Learning Webinar Archives

- Trainer's Resources

- SCTE Foundation

- Pocket Guides

"The only place success comes before work is in the dictionary"
- Vidal Sassoon

Web links of Interest

National SCTE

www.scte.org

Shasta Rogue web site

www.shastarogue.org/

Facebook

www.facebook.com/shastarogue

SCTE Foundation

The SCTE Foundation is a non-profit 501(c)3 organization dedicated to the advancement of knowledge by funding the technical and business education of industry professionals to further fuel the growth and strength of our industry as a whole.

The SCTE Foundation is a vital resource dedicated to providing educational grants across all professional levels designed to help our industry stay ahead of a rapidly changing landscape.

The Mission of the SCTE Foundation is to increase the technical, business and leadership skills of the telecommunications engineering workforce, attract and recruit women and minorities into an engineering career, and position the telecommunications industry as a desirable career opportunity for aspiring young people in the early stages of their careers.

Since its inception, the SCTE Foundation has provided grant money to technical professionals from all levels of the industry. It doesn't matter if you're a contractor, installer, or ops supervisor, senor executive or member in transition—SCTE makes grant money available for the pursuit of continuing education for members in good standing across all levels of an organization

Please contact any board member for additional information.

SCTE Certifications

The SCTE offers a wide range of certifications, which are recognized throughout the CATV industry. Currently, there are ten different certification levels, which go from Broadband Premises Installer, up to IP Engineering.

If you want to expand your knowledge and career opportunities, achieving SCTE certification is a great way to go.

One of the chapter goals in 2016 is to begin promoting the certifications and testing in our local systems.

Stay tuned for more information or go get it at www.scte.org.

"The best way to predict your future is to create it"

- Oscar Wilde

Got time for a laugh?

The Job Interview. As they reached the end of a job interview for an entry level engineering position, the Human Resources Officer asked the applicant, a young engineer fresh out of a top-notch Ivy League college, "*And what starting salary are you looking for*?" The engineer replied, "*Something in the region of $125,000 a year, depending on the benefits package*." The interviewer looked at him and said, "*Well, what would you say to that plus a package of five weeks vacation, fourteen paid holidays, full medical and dental, a company matching retirement fund to fifty percent of salary, and a company car leased every two years--say, a red Corvette to start with*?" The young engineer sat up straight and said, "*Wow! Are you kidding*?" The interviewer replied, "*Yeah, but you **started it**.*"