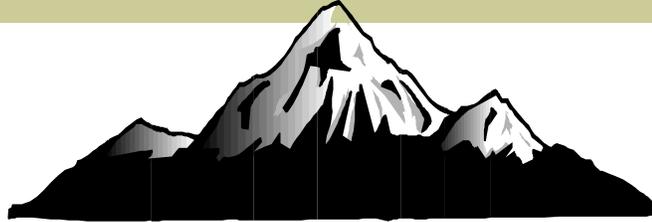


# Shasta Rogue Chapter Newsletter

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### Shasta Rogue Members,

Why SCTE Certifications and what's in it for me? This is a question I've been asked many times. SCTE membership offers many great benefits, most notably trainings for many career paths. If you are willing to put in the time it takes to become SCTE Certified, the answer to the question is "A Career Investment". The SCTE bylaws state:

"The Society is organized to develop, increase and spread both theoretical and practical technical knowledge of cable telecommunications and broadband com-

### Are You Certified?

munications systems thereby providing opportunities for the professional and technical growth of its membership and the industry!

Our local Shasta Rogue Chapter is here to support the above statement through networking, mentoring, local trainings & exam proctoring. Many of our employers now pay for, subsidize, or reimburse for SCTE training courses and certifications. I would encourage you to take full advantage of this great benefit. SCTE Certifications have been and will continue to be the resume' gold standard and something to be very proud of. Ask any hiring manager and they will tell you that a

candidate with SCTE Certifications will be seriously considered for hire/promotion. Certifications are knowledge. Knowledge that can't be taken away. Knowledge that can be leveraged for advancement. Knowledge that is coveted and recognized throughout our entire industry.

If you are not familiar with the training courses & certifications available, please reach out to any of our Shasta Rogue Board Members for guidance in your career investment.

Regards,

Mike Smith —President,  
Shasta Rogue Chapter

### 2016 Shasta Rogue Elections

Our annual board of directors elections was conducted last January. Thank you to everyone that voted. In our small chapter every vote is significant!

The new chapter leadership team is identified in the column to the left!

## 2016 Training Efforts

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*"Success seems to be connected with action. Successful people keep moving. They make mistakes, but they don't quit." -- Conrad Hilton*

The Shasta Rogue chapter covers an area from the northern Oregon coast, south to Redding, CA an encompasses all locations in between. To say we are "geographically challenged" is an under statement.

The days of bringing technicians to a central location for half day training sessions is no longer sensible for system operations. Our decision in 2015 to focus on web-based delivery of training content was a huge success and continues this year.

The seminars are typically one hour long and occur on Wednesday mornings. Training topics have been primarily recommended by our training sub-

committee of Micah, Greg and Bob.

The "Certifying the Drop" webinar conducted last April 27 was attended by 160 technicians at 10 locations. A very relevant topic and an outstanding success!

Be on the lookout for announcements of future seminars and plan to attend. A schedule of chapter training events is listed to the right.

We welcome all suggestions for additional training topics. Please contact members of the training committee or any board member with your ideas!

### 2016 Training

- April 27—Certifying the Drop
- June 22— Electrical Fundamentals CPE
- July 26 —NW Tech Days seminars, Portland
- Aug. 24 — Troubleshooting Home Telephone Wiring
- Sep. 26 to 29—SCTE Cable Tech Expo. Philadelphia, PA
- Oct.26 — WiFi

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## Go to [www.SCTE.org](http://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

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*"Successful people do what unsuccessful people are not willing to do. Don't wish it were easier; wish you were better." --Jim Rohn*

### Web links of Interest

National SCTE

[www.scte.org](http://www.scte.org)

Shasta Rogue web site

[www.shastarogue.org/](http://www.shastarogue.org/)

Facebook

[www.facebook.com/shastarogue](http://www.facebook.com/shastarogue)

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## SCTE—Region 3

Nationally, the SCTE is comprised of several different geographic regions and each region is comprised of multiple chapters.

Region 3 covers the states of Alaska, Idaho, Oregon and Washington. The Alaska, Cascade Range, Inland Empire, Mid-Columbia, Mt. Ranier, Shasta Rogue and Snake River chapters are all part of Region 3.

The membership of Region 3 elects a representative to the national board every two years. Randy Love, Comcast Portland,

has been our representative for the last two years and a strong advocate for the issues that concern the field technicians. Thank you Randy!

The regional election was recently concluded on June 30. Did you vote? If not, why not? Membership in the SCTE is best coupled with active participation!

Election results will be released soon!

### Remember your fundamentals!

Our industry is undergoing a tremendous technical revolution and you are probably hearing all the buzz words: DOCSIS 3.1, Gigabit, mid-split, 1.2GHz, OFDM, etc. More products for our customers, faster speeds, more, more more!

Get ready to learn many new things, but never forget what you already know!

What is the single biggest source of network failure, even in advanced networks?

The “lowly” F-connector!

Prepare them right and wrench tight!



## 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](http://www.scte.org).

*The early bird gets the worm, but the second mouse gets the cheese —*

Steven Wright

## Got time for a laugh?

### Order of Operations

The technical manager, the HR chief, and the area vice-president of a company are on their way to lunch when they stumble upon a beat up, but valuable looking brass container.

The technical manager picks it up and starts cleaning it with his handkerchief. Suddenly, a genie emerges out of a curtain of purple smoke. The genie is grateful to be set free, and offers them each a wish.

The HR chief is wide-eyed and ecstatic. She says, “I want to be living on a beautiful beach in Jamaica with a sailboat and enough money to make me happy for the rest of my life.”

Poof! She disappears.

The technical manager says, “I want to be happily married to a wealthy supermodel with penthouses in New York, Paris, and Hong Kong.”

Presto! He vanishes.

“And how about you?” asks the Genie, looking at the area vice-president. He scowls and says, “I want both those idiots back in the office by 2 PM.”

Moral of the Story: Always let your boss speak first.

