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The 2012 Central Office & Information Technologies Seminar

The COIT Seminar took place in September on the Oregon Coast in Newport. We had good attendance and the weather, once again, was pleasurable.

"Rural Call Completion Issues" was the opening session with John Healy and Richard Hovey of the FCC discussing efforts to deal with Rural Call Completion and Least Cost Routing Issues on a national level. **Brandon Zupancic** of **Canby Telcom** provided an update on the problem here in Oregon, and reported on the status of recent efforts to mitigate this issue in our region.

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John Eiding of G & E Engineering Systems, Inc. provided a session focused on earthquake and tsunami hazards in the Pacific Northwest and the potential effects on utility systems and operations, sharing lessons learned and suggestions for structural modifications and disaster preparations.

FishNet Security's Colby Clark and Ron Burley addressed the ever-growing challenge of providing effective network security within our telecom operations and among our end-users and customers.

RJ DeMese of Moss Adams, LLP reported on the FCC's Broadband Plan explaining the implications and discussed the future role of pooling.

Brant Wolf, OTA's EVP gave his Legislative Overview and Regulatory Update focusing on issues of particular interest to the OTA and shared insights on how legislative contests are shaping up and the implications for possible shifts in the control of the Oregon Legislature.

Althea Cullen, the Assistant Attorney General, Consumer Fraud Division at the Oregon Department of Justice discussed how the DOJ helps Oregonians with consumer and common fraud complaints and offered information on protecting our credit and money from unscrupulous people.

Steve Wolszczak of JDSU spanned the last 25 years in his presentation on the various enabling technologies that have been developed, how each change in technology has impacted installation, provisioning, maintenance and troubleshooting. He also spoke about test equipment and test technologies that are needed now and in the future.

OTA would like to express our sincere appreciation to the following companies for their continual support of the OTA by sponsoring this year's event!

Mid-State Consultants

Norcom NW, Inc.

Western Independent Networks

Way to Run, Nate!!!

Nate Brentano (Stayton Cooperative Telephone Company) placed 2nd in his age group at the Oktoberfest 10K Fun Run in September. Age group ribbons were given out three deep.

The scenic courses begin at Humpert Park on the East side of Mt. Angel. From there, runners headed out into the beautiful countryside surrounding the village passing by hop farms and nurseries enroute to the finish. 10k participants also raced around the base of the Mt. Angel Abbey before crossing the finish line. The entire course is paved with some minor hills.



OTA COMMITTEE MEETINGS CALENDAR

Please keep in mind the possibility that these dates could change, so be sure to watch your email for meeting confirmation and details that are sent to all committee members the week prior to the scheduled meeting date.

NOVEMBER 2012

- 28th Consumer Services & Marketing Committee Meeting
Wednesday – 10:00 a.m. at Monitor Cooperative Telephone
- 29th Outside Plant Committee Meeting
Thursday – 10:00 a.m. at Cascade Utilities

DECEMBER 2012

- 11th Oregon Cooperative Day Luncheon
Tuesday – 11:45 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. at Willamette University
- 13th Accounting Committee Meeting
Thursday – 10:00 a.m. at AKT Office in Salem

JANUARY 2013

- 9th Central Office & Information Technologies Committee Meeting
Wednesday – 10:00 a.m. at Canby Telecom
- 10th Legislative Committee Meeting
Thursday – 9:00 a.m. via conference call
- 15th OTA Board & Small Company Committee Meeting
Tuesday – 10:00 a.m. at Monitor Cooperative Telephone
- 16th Safety Committee Meeting
Wednesday – 2:00 p.m. at Canby Telecom

2013 OTA EVENT CALENDAR

ITA Showcase March 6-7

Holiday Inn at the Portland Airport – Portland, OR

Outside Plant Seminar April 17-19

Best Western Agate Beach Inn – Newport, OR

OTA-WITA Joint Annual Meeting June 5-7

Sunriver Resort – Sunriver, OR

Central Office & Information Technologies Seminar September 18-20

Best Western Agate Beach Inn – Newport, OR

Mt. Angel Hosts Oregon's Premier Hazelnut Festival December 1 - 2

Mt. Angel Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring the first annual Mt. Angel Hazelnut Fest. The festival is the first event of its kind in Oregon and celebrates one of the Willamette Valley's largest agricultural crops. The Hazelnut Fest will include a holiday Kristkindle Markt featuring regional arts and crafts, Oregon wineries and breweries, as well as foods that highlight hazelnuts. The festival will be held in this Bavarian village's Festhalle.

The history of the hazelnut in the Willamette Valley of Oregon dates back to the arrival of early French settlers to the valley. Today, more than 600 hazelnut growers are located in the Willamette Valley – the prime growing region for hazelnuts in the United States. The small town of Mt. Angel, population 4,000, knows how to put on a festival. The first annual Hazelnut Fest is built on the chamber of commerce's tradition of working alongside a large team of volunteers to create one of Oregon's most successful festivals. Mt. Angel has celebrated its German heritage for more than 46 years during Oktoberfest when more than 350,000 people visit the village to attend the four-day festival.

LOCATION:

Mt. Angel Festhalle, 500 S. Wilco Hwy., Mt. Angel

DATE & TIME:

Saturday, Dec. 1 / 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. / Sunday, Dec. 2 / 10 a.m - 5 p.m.

COST:

Adults/\$5, Children 12 and under/Free

For more information, go to <http://www.hazelnutfest.com/>



Notification of OTA President of Any Antitrust Concerns

OTA members, representatives and attendees should promptly bring any antitrust concerns to the attention of OTA President. Because antitrust law and policy is legally complex (especially in view of the heavily regulated nature of the telecommunications industry), all OTA members, representatives and attendees are expected and instructed to seek promptly the advice of counsel for OTA in the event that there is any question as to whether any contemplated action, activity, proposal, or other course of action may be in conflict with applicable law.

OTA members, representatives and attendees should terminate any discussion, seek legal counsel's advice, or, if necessary, leave any meeting or discussion where improper subjects are being discussed and explain the reasons for departure to those still in attendance.

For a copy of OTA's Antitrust Policy in its entirety, please contact the OTA office.

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New Members

The OTA would like to welcome the following companies who have recently joined the association. For contact info and links to their websites, please visit the OTA website.

New Telephone Company Provider Member:

McMinnville Access Company



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OTA 2013 Membership Directory

Directory update request packets were sent out in mid-October. A good number of responses have already been received at the OTA Office and the process of compiling current contact information for all of our members is currently well underway.

If you have not as yet responded, please do so as soon as possible. The deadline for content submission is Friday, November 30. All ads & changes to contact information must be received by that date in order to be included in the 2013 edition.

If you have any questions, or if for some reason you did not receive a packet, please contact Susan Allen at the OTA Office at (503) 581-7430 or email sallen@ota-telecom.org. Thank you!

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