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2009 HCC Cable Tech Games

In February, the SCTE Hill Country Chapter hosted our annual Cable Tech Games. A diverse group of competitors, ranging from "first timers" to "old timers", competed in Coax Splicing, Fiber Splicing, MTDR, Drop Connectorization, and Cable Jeopardy.

Overall Winners

1st Place: Eric Von Quintus
2nd Place: Lewis Anderson
3rd Place: Rick Bible

MTDR

1st Place: Eric Von Quintus
2nd Place: Jose Negrodo
3rd Place: Lewis Anderson

Golden Amplifier Winners

Eric Von Quintus, Rick Garza, Rick Bible, James Turner

Coax Splicing

1st Place: Lewis Anderson
2nd Place: Rick Garza
3rd Place: Eric Von Quintus

Drop Connectorization

1st Place: Dennis Elrod
2nd Place: Ray Villa
3rd Place: Floyd Gooding

Fiber Splicing

1st Place: Scott Shelton
2nd Place: James Paris
3rd Place: Daniel Graham

Cable Jeopardy

1st Place: Barry Huston
2nd Place: Rick Bible
3rd Place: Eric Von Quintus



Eric Von Quintus receiving one of his four awards from Chapter President, Ed Tagg.



2009 Hill Country Chapter Golden Amplifier winners, Eric Von Quintus, Rick Garza, Rick Bible, and James Turner.

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Mark your calendar

Upcoming Events

8/19/09: Technical Seminar; Heat Dissipation in Peds and Ingress Reduction Passives
- **The Meeting Place**, 402 C.M. Allen Parkway, San Marcos, TX, 78666
- Registration is at 8:30am

8/27/09: North Central Texas Chapter Cable Tech Games

11/18/09: Technical Seminar

12/16/09: Technical Seminar

July Technical Seminar Recap

Len Takahashi, Solutions Engineer with Arris, facilitated July 15th's technical seminar. Len effectively covered a range of topics surrounding DOCSIS 3.0, including DOCSIS 3.0 basics, the physical interface, channel bonding, IPv6 and provisioning, IP Multicast, and security.

Certification Spotlight: Broadband Premises Installer

An entry-level technician who possesses the Broadband Premises Installer certification has the knowledge to install and troubleshoot telecommunications services (video, voice, and data) at the customer's premises. A successful certification candidate has the knowledge to carry out a *basic* "triple-play" installation but is not yet *proficient*. The BPI exam covers a comprehensive range of topics including:

- Basic analog cable network configuration
- Basic digital signal characteristics
- HFC cable system components
- Cables and wire used within the drop system
- Customer-provided devices
- Company provided devices
- Cable and wire handling techniques
- Customer premises passive and active devices
- Customer premises interfaces and terminations
- Customer premises security devices
- Hand tools
- Interior and exterior wire routing and installation
- Installing aerial and underground drop cable
- Attaching drop cable at the tap
- Customer Premises bonding practices
- Customer care and customer satisfaction
- Test equipment
- Divide and conquer method of troubleshooting
- Analog and digital signal impairments
- Basics of the provisioning process
- Regulatory standards
- Safety

Certification Spotlight

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Hill Country Chapter Receives National Recognition

SCTE presented the 2008 Chapter Awards recently at the 2009 SCTE Chapter Leadership Conference (CLC) in Salt Lake City. The “Chapter Achievement Certificate” was awarded for the first time, and the Hill Country Chapter was honored to be one of only three recipients.

Hill Country Chapter’s First Quarter Certifications

Name	Company	Certification
Mark Bedock	Time Warner Cable	Broadband Distribution Specialist
Scott Bird	Time Warner Cable	Broadband Distribution Specialist
Christopher Cardenas	Time Warner Cable	Broadband Distribution Specialist
Gabriel Castillo	Time Warner Cable	Broadband Distribution Specialist
Joe Martinez	Time Warner Cable	Broadband Distribution Specialist
John Miller	Time Warner Cable	Broadband Distribution Specialist
Michael Pina	Time Warner Cable	Broadband Distribution Specialist
Kenneth Quinn	Time Warner Cable	Broadband Distribution Specialist
Aaron Smith	Time Warner Cable	Broadband Distribution Specialist
Robert Spiller	Time Warner Cable	Broadband Distribution Specialist
Chris Willborn	Time Warner Cable	Broadband Distribution Specialist
Matthew Williams	Time Warner Cable	Broadband Distribution Specialist
Roberto Diaz	Time Warner Cable	Broadband Premises Installer
Tommy Donnelly	Time Warner Cable	Broadband Premises Installer
Dee Dryden	Time Warner Cable	Broadband Premises Installer
Steven Holloway	Time Warner Cable	Broadband Premises Installer
Brett Jabot	Time Warner Cable	Broadband Premises Installer
Matthew Mota	Time Warner Cable	Broadband Premises Installer
Jeremy Peel	Time Warner Cable	Broadband Premises Installer
Logan Pentecost	Time Warner Cable	Broadband Premises Installer
Robert Whiteaker	Time Warner Cable	Broadband Premises Installer
Alex Baca	Time Warner Cable	Broadband Premises Specialist
Daniel Cabrera	Time Warner Cable	Broadband Premises Specialist
Juan Castillo	Time Warner Cable	Broadband Premises Specialist
Gary Galland	Time Warner Cable	Broadband Premises Specialist
Kevin Henrie	Time Warner Cable	Broadband Premises Specialist
Jorge Herrera	Time Warner Cable	Broadband Premises Specialist
Bradley Hitchens	Time Warner Cable	Broadband Premises Specialist
James Morgan	Time Warner Cable	Broadband Premises Specialist
Robert Olivares	Time Warner Cable	Broadband Premises Specialist



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Hill Country Chapter's First Quarter Certifications (Cont.)

Name	Company	Certification
Daniel Ortiz-Rodriguez	Time Warner Cable	Broadband Premises Specialist
Gabriel Rodriguez	Time Warner Cable	Broadband Premises Specialist
James Rogers	Time Warner Cable	Broadband Premises Specialist
Rickey Stahura	Time Warner Cable	Broadband Premises Specialist
Leonard Starrett	Time Warner Cable	Broadband Premises Specialist

Hill Country Chapter's Second Quarter Certifications

Name	Company	Certification
Joseph Cannons	Time Warner Cable	Broadband Distribution Specialist
John Castleja	Time Warner Cable	Broadband Distribution Specialist
Genaro Gonzales	Time Warner Cable	Broadband Distribution Specialist
Ted Hodge	Time Warner Cable	Broadband Distribution Specialist
Albert Reyes	Time Warner Cable	Broadband Distribution Specialist
Sobieslaw Wilkiewicz	Time Warner Cable	Broadband Distribution Specialist
Jeffrey Beriones	Time Warner Cable	Broadband Premises Installer
Albert Burrola	Time Warner Cable	Broadband Premises Installer
Dominic Cervantes	Time Warner Cable	Broadband Premises Installer
Michael Cox	Time Warner Cable	Broadband Premises Installer
Raymond Fabian	Time Warner Cable	Broadband Premises Installer
Paul Gillard	Time Warner Cable	Broadband Premises Installer
Daniel Harder	Time Warner Cable	Broadband Premises Installer
Darrell Hayes	Time Warner Cable	Broadband Premises Installer
Josh Hayes	Time Warner Cable	Broadband Premises Installer
Mariano Jimenez	Time Warner Cable	Broadband Premises Installer
Tim Nation	Time Warner Cable	Broadband Premises Installer
Christopher O'Quin	Time Warner Cable	Broadband Premises Installer
Martin Ramos	Time Warner Cable	Broadband Premises Installer
Jacob Garcia	Time Warner Cable	Broadband Premises Specialist
Justin Heinz	Time Warner Cable	Broadband Premises Specialist
Henry Maldonado	Time Warner Cable	Broadband Premises Specialist
Christopher Orta	Time Warner Cable	Broadband Premises Specialist
Reynaldo Perea Jr	Time Warner Cable	Broadband Premises Specialist
Francisco Vasquez	Time Warner Cable	Broadband Premises Specialist
Randy Alvarez	Time Warner Cable	Broadband Premises Technician
Joe Banda	Time Warner Cable	Broadband Premises Technician
Royal Pore	Time Warner Cable	Broadband Premises Technician
James Ray	Time Warner Cable	Broadband Premises Technician

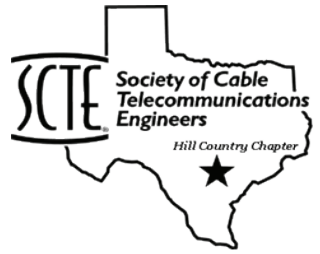




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