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The Alaska Chapter of SCTE

December 2017 Newsletter

Holy Cow I think we're gonna make it!

Another year is quickly falling behind us but we still have plenty to do and plenty to announce.

In 2017 our members helped us present 16 or so one hour training sessions on an incredible array of topics. Sadly we had issues with getting all this training out to all our regional members. I'm also willing to bet that our regional members conducted training in their area that we here in Anchorage did not get a chance to participate in. But yeah, 16 training classes by us, for us. A couple even made it out to Facebook Live.

In 2017 we also picked up our fourth Chapter of the Year Award. Can you say dynasty? If this was a sport we would almost have one hand completely loaded with championship rings.

Congratulations!

We reached out to you to ask for your participation on the board. We had five outstanding members reach out to say that they want to be considered, and since we just so happen to have five seats open I would like to announce our new leaders. I would, but I'm not because Mike Snyder, our current chapter president would like to make that announcement this coming Wednesday at our annual Membership Meeting.

If you haven't heard yet, or just haven't looked at your email in the past week (what in the world are you thinking?), then let me fill you in here.

There will be two presentations at our **Annual Membership Meeting on Wednesday, December 13th 2017**. There will be an 8:15AM and a 10:15 presentation (all Alaska Time) complete with donuts provided by Williams

Communications. The in-person presentations will be held at 5151 B Fairbanks Street in Anchorage. Current board members will be on hand to answer any questions you may have about training, certification, volunteerism and more! I also hear tell that there will be donuts and such in other regions as well.

Along with the announcement of our five new board members that have graciously volunteered to help lead our chapter over the next two years, we will have a comprehensive review of 2017 and discuss SCTE happenings at the local and national level.

New Year Resolutions:

1. Share training through Skype or GoToMeeting
2. Better communication between regions - Let's share our knowledge
3. Download and use Cortex
4. Take more training
5. Get Certified
6. Make Safety a priority
7. Follow through with my New Year Resolutions

Just wanted to share that we have a new SCTE membership brochure:

http://www.scte.org/SCTEDocs/Membership/SCTE21114_MemberBrochure_FNL.pdf



Stay Safe Behind the Wheel in Winter

Can't say this enough. We all see it and we've all experienced it. It's almost as if people forget how to drive. Then again, our winters can throw some incredible things at us. Valdez got the equivalent of ten inches of snow in an hour, Anchorage bowl is getting freezing rain and if you've ever gone from Wasilla to Seward you know that you can drive through four or five different weather patterns. Lisa Robinson with the National Safety Council published an article on the NSC website. Below is an excerpt from that article.

Q. How should I prepare my vehicles for winter?

A. Perform these checks at the first frost and throughout colder weather:

- Tires should have sufficient tread; colder weather deflates tires slightly, so they may need to be inflated to the proper pressure for optimal performance
- Make sure all fluids, including antifreeze and windshield washer solution, are topped off; windshield washer solution should be rated for winter use so it doesn't freeze
- Replenish your car emergency kit with basics including fresh batteries for your flashlight, bottled water, food, first aid kit, blanket, hat, gloves, ice scraper and even a shovel if there's room

Q. Some cars have features like traction control. How do I know what my car has and how it works?

A. Use the [MyCarDoesWhat?](#) website to ensure you are taking full advantage of all your car's safety features.

A. Not in a garage or enclosed building. Upon starting, vehicles begin emitting dangerous gases including carbon monoxide. These gases can hurt or kill you if they are inhaled in closed, non-ventilated areas like garages. Engines should not be running inside industrial buildings unless they are hooked up to an exhaust system that channels exhaust outside the building.

Check out the [NSC Winter Driving tips and resources page](#) for even more ideas.



Industry Veterans Assistance Needed

SCTE is looking for SCTE members and military veterans currently employed in the industry to take part in focused networking resource groups. Participants will provide insight and advice to veterans looking to break into the cable industry.

If you are a military veteran interested in serving as a mentor or providing input to the SCTE Veterans Initiative program, please e-mail membership at membership@scte.org.

Sponsor a Vet Program

Do you know a military Veteran who would benefit from this program? Sponsor them through an SCTE membership and help them get a head start in their new career. To sign up a veteran for SCTE membership, please visit our [Join page](#).

SCTE Certifications Exams are now approved for the G.I. Bill.* [Click here to learn more](#)

* SCTE Certifications Tests have been approved for Veteran Education under the provisions of Title 38, United States Code, Section 3689.

Attention SCTE Members: Get Recognized for Your Military Service

As part of this program, SCTE would like to better understand the status of military service currently within its current membership. Please take a moment to update the demographics in your member profile in relation to your military status. Completing this form is optional; however, your participation will be beneficial as SCTE continues to grow its services and programs for military veterans and active members of the United States Armed Forces.



To update your military status, follow these 3 simple steps:

1. Log onto www.scte.org with your user name and password through the secure login link
2. On your member profile page, click

section

3. Update your military status and then click "Update This Account" at the bottom of the screen

Thank you for your service to our country and your continued support of SCTE.

[Update your status](#)

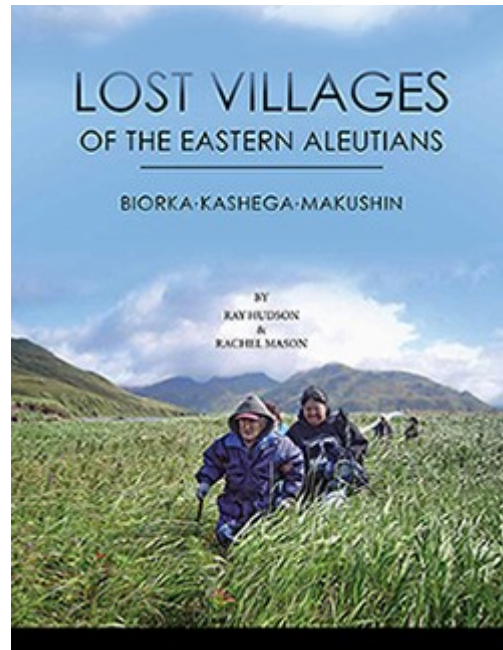
LOST VILLAGES OF THE
EASTERN ALEUTIANS
BIORKA | KASHEGA | MAKUSHIN -
by Ray Hudson

When World War II encircled the Aleutian Islands, the lives of the Unangan inhabitants and the communities they lived in were forever changed. Perhaps the most profound impacts were on three small traditional villages: Biorka, Kashega, and Makushin. *Lost Villages of the Eastern Aleutians* is the story of how these communities endured for centuries, how they survived the challenges of Russian and American ownership, and how war hastened their disappearance. It is the story of how the last



generation to live in these villages made lasting contributions to an enduring culture and way of life.

Download more information or visit the National Parks Service website at www.nps.gov to learn more about the Alaskan experience during World War II



Learning On The Fly

SCTE•ISBE LiveLearning Webinars™

Exploring Cable Mobility
Monday, December 11, 2017
10:00 AM AKT

Description:

The digital disruption has transformed the economy and created the perfect storm for MSOs to offer more than Wi-Fi, emerging as formidable wireless players. This

webinar will explore key factors that MSOs should consider and outlines viable strategies for successfully entering the mobile game.

Speaker:



Angela Logothetis

Vice President – Head of CTO for Amdocs Open Network

Who Should Attend:

- Network planners
- Network installers
- Contractors
- Others interested in all-fiber access networks

Component User Interface Training

(TIVO) training will be covered on **Wednesday, December 20th from 4:00pm – 5:00pm**. Don't miss out on your last chance to take part in what

has been a very popular session.

PJ Gomez and Billy Siekmeier with
GCI will be your hosts at 5151
Fairbanks St. Building B in
Anchorage.



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