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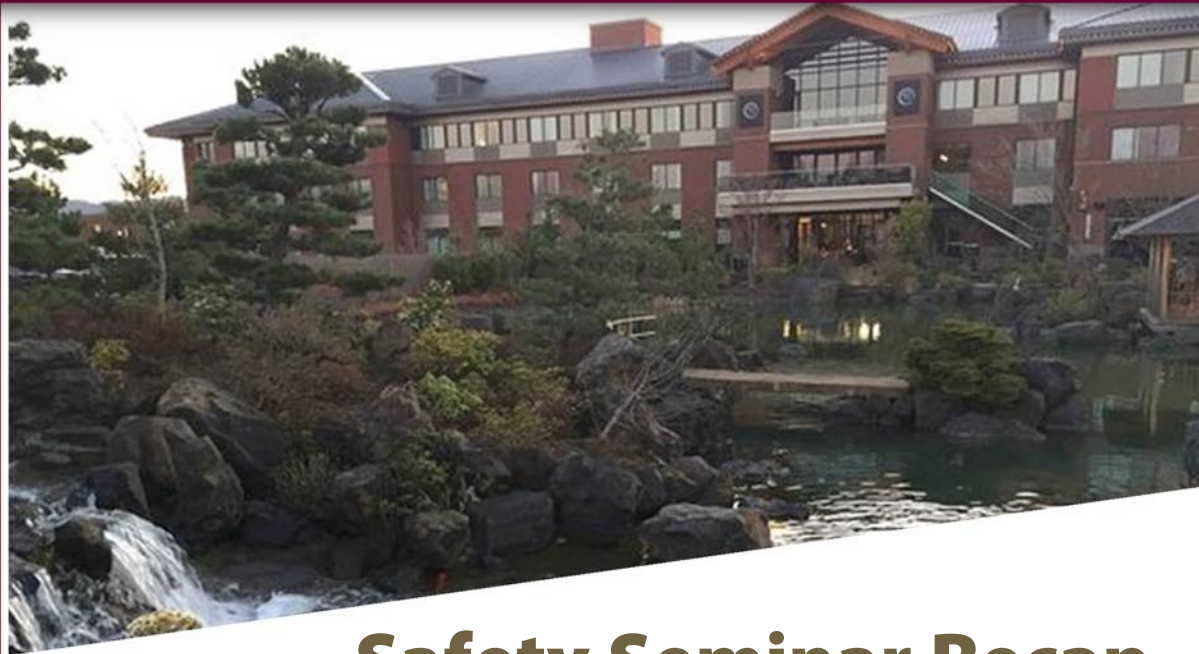
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## Safety Seminar Recap

November 14th • Best Western Premier Boulder Falls Inn – Lebanon, OR

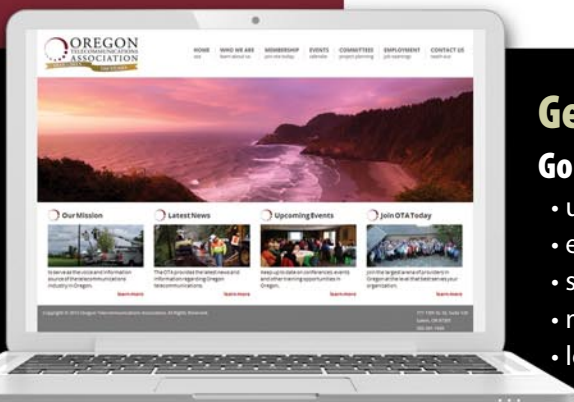
November 14, 2018 the OTA held its annual Safety Seminar at the Best Western Premier Boulder Falls Inn located in Lebanon, Oregon.

This fully packed one-day event started off with **“The Right Tools for the Job”** with **Blake Tally** from **Platinum Tools**. Blake discussed the importance of using the right tool for the job to ensure faster and safer results and came equipped with tools to provide some “hands-on” training.



Blake Tally

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## Show off your stuff...

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## Safety, Continued

**Dave Lindsay** with **Day Wireless Systems/Reliance Connects** followed up with **"Tool Tethering 101."** Dave talked about the new ANSI standard 121 and the importance of the need for tool tethering.



Dave Lindsay



Craig Rapp

The ever popular, **Craig Rapp** with **Utilicom Safety, LLC** returned to join us for **"Active Shooter – Have You Prepared Your Workplace and Staff?"** Craig presented some history, trends and proactive measures for safety and security. It is always good to have Craig back with us!

**Travis Leintz** from **Rycom Instruments, Inc.** provided a session on **"Locate Training."** Travis discussed how to navigate each jobsite, recognize risks and work safely to mitigate these challenges and get the job done not only safely, but effectively as well.



Travis Leintz

The OTA was pleased to announce **Kelli McAbee** of **Cascade Utilities, Inc. / Reliance Connects** as the recipient of the **2018 Ray Hawkins Memorial Safety Award**. Kelli has worked at Reliance for 15 years. Dave Lindsay, Safety Manager for Day Wireless Systems / Reliance Connects says "Kelli really cares about safety for herself and others. She is on our Safety Committee and is always checking for hazards, asking questions about safety to keep her co-workers and herself safe. She has a very proactive approach versus reactive. Thank you, Kelli."



Scott Stokley

**"Road Side Safety"** was presented by **Scott Stokley** from **North Sky Communications**. Scott shared his experience and expertise on this critical topic that affects us all on a daily basis.

**Joe Mullens, Safety Northwest, LLC** joined us with his presentation on **"Safety in Remote Areas."** Joe focused on being prepared and working on getting rescued if stuck in a remote area.



Joe Mullens

Finishing up the day, **Mike Hetzel** of **Unitel Insurance** talked about **"Contractor Risk Management."** Mike discussed the importance of how all communications operations that use contractors, need to understand the process of transferring risk and reducing operating exposures, as the "landscape" for the communications industry becomes more complicated each year.



Mike Hetzel

2018 Ray Hawkins Memorial Safety Award winner Kelli McAbee along with presenters Dave Lindsay (left) and Mike Hetzel (right).

*While we typically don't have the pleasure of the company of vendors at this event, this year one of our speakers decided to showcase their goods and our own Frank Mulhearn and Lee Sitton of Rep Com International brought some of their items and came to spend the day with us! It was great to have them there and we hope this is a continuing trend!*





*Photo courtesy of Clear Creek Communications*

# 2019 Outside Plant Seminar

## April 25 – 26, 2019

**Best Western Agate Beach Inn – Newport, Oregon**

The OTA Outside Plant Committee has planned a program of interests currently relevant to the telecommunications outside plant industry. Please plan to join colleagues from across the Pacific Northwest for this excellent educational and networking opportunity. **Mark your calendar, reserve your hotel accommodations by March 24th, and register to attend!**

- **Managed WiFi for Large Enterprise Deployments** presented by Dave Moore – Cambium Networks
  - **Licensed Microwave** presented by John Seaman – Cambium Networks
- **How to Address New Fiber Technologies with an Aging Fiber Plant** presented by Larry Johnson – Fiber Story
  - **Harvesting Solar to Power Your Network Devices** presented by Chris Wacker – ESPi
- **Fiber Optic Restorations and their Impact on Future Technologies** presented by Larry Johnson – Fiber Story
  - **The Oregon 811 Utility Notification Center** presented by Kevin Bissell – One Call Concepts
  - **WiFi Troubleshooting** presented by Jeff Woodman – VIAVI Solutions

**Register at [www.ota-telecom.org](http://www.ota-telecom.org)**

# OTA EVENT CALENDAR

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## 2019

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### **Outside Plant Seminar**

**April 25 - 26**

Best Western Agate Beach Inn – Newport, OR

### **OTA-WITA Joint Annual Meeting**

**June 5 - 7**

Salishan Spa & Golf Resort – Gleneden Beach, OR

### **Central Office & Information Technologies Seminar**

**September 19 - 20**

Best Western Agate Beach Inn – Newport, OR

### **Consumer Services & Marketing Seminar**

**October 9**

Best Western Premier Boulder Falls Inn – Lebanon, OR

### **Safety Seminar**

**November 14**

Best Western Premier Boulder Falls Inn - Lebanon, OR

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## 2020

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### **ITA Showcase**

**March 4 - 5**

(Exhibitor setup & Golf Tournament on the 3rd)  
Holiday Inn Portland Airport Hotel – Portland, OR

### **Outside Plant Seminar**

**April 16 - 17**

Best Western Agate Beach Inn – Newport, OR

### **OTA Annual Meeting**

**June 1 - 3**

Skamania Lodge – Stevenson, WA

## 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, just click on the web address or please visit the OTA website.

## Telephone Company Provider:

**Douglas Fast Net**

## Associate Member:

**RAL Corporation**

# OTA COMMITTEE MEETINGS CALENDAR



## APRIL 2019

- 24 Outside Plant Pre-Seminar Committee Meeting  
Wednesday – 6:00 p.m. – Best Western Plus Agate Beach Inn – Newport, OR
- 29 Scholarship Foundation Board of Directors Meeting  
Monday – 10:00 a.m. – Conference Call

## MAY 2019

- 8 CO-IT Committee Meeting  
Wednesday – 10:00 a.m. – DirectLink – Canby, OR
- 9 Scholarship Foundation Board of Directors Meeting  
Thursday – 10:00 a.m. – Aldrich CPAs + Advisors – Salem, OR
- 21 OTA Board of Directors Meeting  
Tuesday – 9:30 a.m. – location yet to be determined
- 21 Safety Committee Meeting  
Tuesday - 10:00 a.m. - DirectLink - Canby, OR

## JUNE 2019

- 11 Consumer Services & Marketing Committee Meeting  
Tuesday – 10:00 a.m. – Scio Mutual Telephone – Scio, OR

Mark your calendars now and plan to attend!!



## 2019 OTA – WITA Joint Annual Meeting

on the beautiful Oregon Coast!

June 5 – 7

Salishan Spa & Golf Resort – Gleneden Beach, Oregon

# Need to contact the Oregon Telecommunications Association?

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