

# SCTE NEW ENGLAND

## CHAPTER NEWSLETTER

2021 – 4TH QUARTER

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### IN MEMORIAM

**WRITTEN BY JIM HEVNER, DIRECTOR NETWORK MAINTENANCE, COMCAST GBR**

Greater Boston Teammates,

The Network Operations team is mourning the loss of another teammate, Bob Colwell, CommTech 5 in Portsmouth, who passed away earlier last week.

Bob had been with Comcast for 34 years. He began as a Field Technician (I attended pole-climbing school with Bob in the late 80s) and had been in Network Operations for the past 26 years.

Bob leaves his wife Alice, his daughter Isabelle (8) and son Peter (6). They were an extremely close family, often hiking together, going to air shows, boating or going on vacations.

Bob enjoyed solving difficult cable issues and was always there when his team had questions. He put these skills to the test, serving as a member of Greater Boston's CommTech Jeopardy team for many years. He was extremely proud of being part of the 2018 "Wicked Clickahs" national championship team.

As an active member of the New England Chapter of the Society of Cable Telecommunications Engineers, Bob won many regional and national cable game events over the years, attaining Hall of Fame status in the New England Chapter.



Astronomy was one of Bob's passions. His teammate Ansel Huston recalled a time when they responded to a pole event overnight. As they completed the job, Bob pointed to a star in the sky and told Ansel it must be approximately 3:25 a.m. Ansel laughed, but when he got into his truck, he found that Bob was only two minutes off! Bob was also a storm chaser, always in search of the perfect photo.

Details on the memorial services will be shared once available.

You can send a note of sympathy to the memorial email box we're setting up, which is active in Outlook now: [Notes\\_for\\_Bob\\_Colwell@comcast.com](mailto:Notes_for_Bob_Colwell@comcast.com). We'll keep it open through Friday, January 21, at which time we'll compile the messages and present a memory book to his family.

Bob will be missed dearly by his Comcast family. Please reach out to me or your leader if you need anything and keep Bob's family, friends, and teammates in your thoughts.



*Photos provided by Jessica Brill from SCTE*

## IN REMEMBRANCE OF BOB COLWELL

WRITTEN BY JOE CUTRONA ON BEHALF OF THE NEW ENGLAND CHAPTER

I was truly saddened to hear of Bobs' passing. It was during my tenure as Chapter President, that Bob was becoming a STAR in the world of Cable Games, both at the New England Chapter, and at SCTE EXPO. His tenacious drive to succeed, to be better than before, was his key trademark at Cable Games. He was a nervous wreck, worried about how he would do, and always offering a self-critique on what he did wrong and how he could do better. There were competitors – then there was Bob! I know there is a video somewhere on Bob setting his Fiber Splicing record at our New England Chapter Cable Tec Games! His EXPO credits speak volumes: **2008 Cable Tec EXPO, 3rd place, 2009 Cable Tec EXPO, 1st place (SCTE 40th Anniversary, New England Chapter 25th Anniversary), 2010 Cable Tec EXPO, 2nd place, 2013 Cable Tec EXPO, 2nd place.** Bob joined a select few who had multiple Top 3 finishes at SCTE Cable Tec EXPO. He was also one of the few people I had to look up to – literally (he at 6'8" - me at a mere 6'7" -!! It was always great to see Bob and his enthusiasm and zest for competition.

Rest In Peace my Friend.



2009 Cable Games Team: Peter Lovasco, Craig Vavruska, Bob Fuller, Tony Blanco, Bob Colwell



Bob Colwell and Joe Cutrona



## 2021 BOARD OF DIRECTORS ELECTION

We reached our voting deadline on January 4<sup>th</sup> at midnight for the 2021 Board of Directors Election. Thank you to **Ryan Baker** – Access Advanced Engineering Manager Comcast, Northeast Division, **Bob Dunlap** – Director Global Customer Service, octoScope, **Rob Gillette** – Technical Operations Manager, Cox Communications, **Dave Hall** – Director of Construction & Planning, Cox Communications, **Carol Lisi** – Customer Experience Manager, Cox Communications, **Peter Lovasco** – Network Supervisor, Comcast Greater Boston, **Kevin Mailloux** – Director of Field Operations, Spectrum, and **Dan Nofs** – Engineering Manager, RCN for doing their part to support the success of the New England chapter. We will review election results at our Q1 2022 Board of Directors meeting later this month and will announce the new 2022 Board to the Chapter!



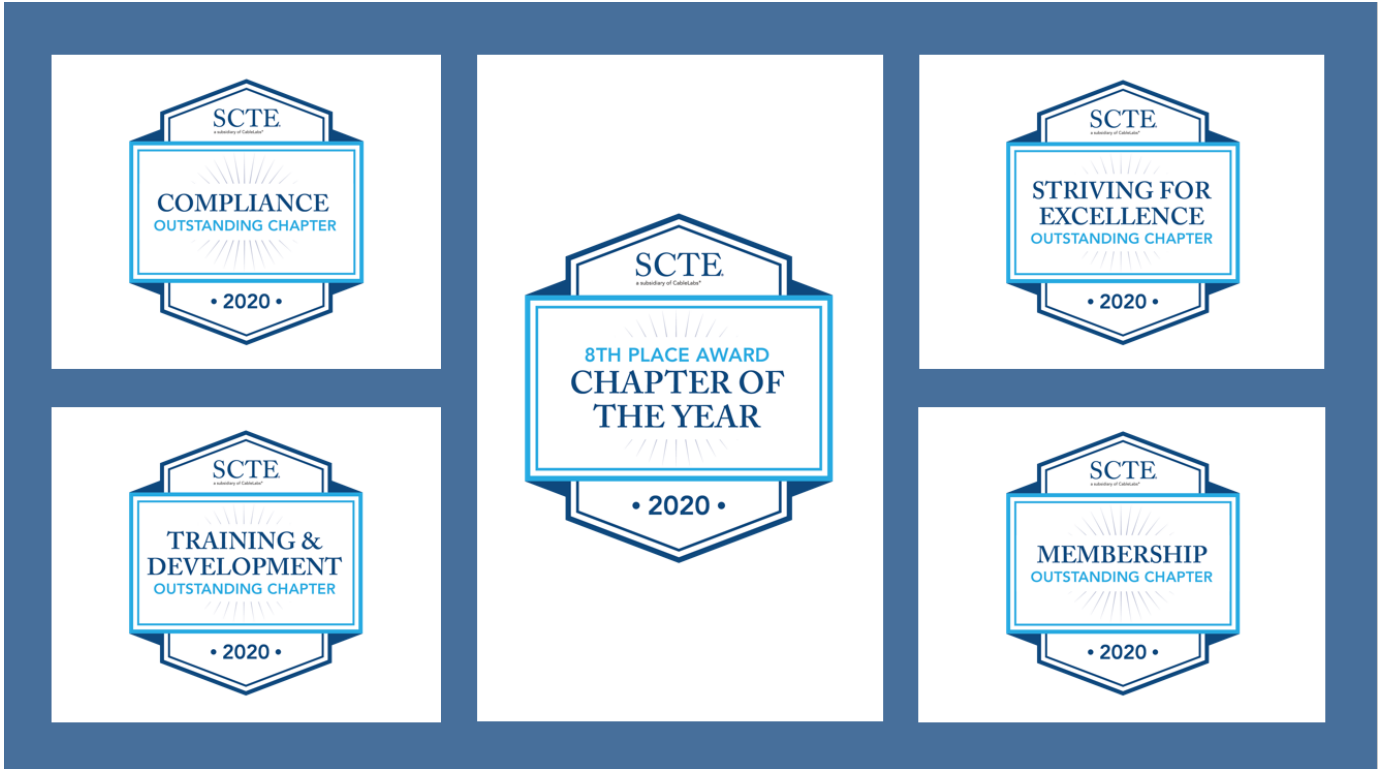
## Q4 TECHNICAL SESSION WRAPUP: MEMBERSHIP APPRECIATION & TEST EQUIPMENT ROUNDUP

SCTE New England hosted its Q4 Technical Session on Thursday November 18th. There were presentations from **Arcom Digital**: "Find that Leak, Fix that CPD", **Tempo Communications**: CS90/TV90E: The "Every Technician" TDR, **Triveni Streamscope** Video Quality Monitoring Solutions, **VeEX**'s Both-in-One C&D "WDM Channel Checker", and from **Viavi**: "Tools for Efficient DWDM Testing". There were also some great giveaways for attendees donated by 4<sup>th</sup> Wave, VeEX, Arcom, and Teracom! Congratulations to all our member appreciation participant winners!



**["Click Here"](#)** to watch the archived tech session. You can access any previous tech sessions from this link. If there is something you are looking for that you cannot find on the website, please let us know at [info@scte-ne.org](mailto:info@scte-ne.org)

## CONGRATULATIONS: 2020 NEW ENGLAND CHAPTER AWARDS



The 2021 Chapter Awards Ceremony will be held during the Chapter Leadership Conference March 23-24 in Indianapolis.

## THE NEED FOR SPEED: CHAPTER LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE 2022

The SCTE Chapter Leadership Conference program is specifically designed to address the issues most important to SCTE chapter volunteer leaders. Our goal is for each chapter leader to leave the conference with an arsenal of new ideas and best practices to drive the value of SCTE membership through continual engagement via chapter training and network activities. Attendees will leave SCTE Chapter Leadership Conference energized and encouraged by the successes of other chapters.

The 2022 Chapter Leadership Conference is March 23 - 24 in Indianapolis, Indiana, at the [Hilton Downtown](#). More details will be released soon.

# 2021-2022 Events

## Save the Date - New England Chapter



**Canceled for 2021**  
GOLF OUTING - Stowe Acres Country Club



**October 11-14, 2021**  
SCTE CABLE-TEC EXPO  
Atlanta, GA



**November 18, 2021**  
Member Appreciation & Test Equipment  
Roundup  
TECH SESSION - WebEx



**June 2, 2022 (Combined)**  
VENDOR DAY & CABLE GAMES  
Boxboro, MA - Regency Hotel

## Check Website & Newsletter for Updates



## NE Team Leads



**Bob Foote & Peter Lovasco**  
VENDOR DAY



**Gwil Jones**  
CABLE GAMES



**Karen Torrenti**  
GOLF OUTING



**Ryan Baker**  
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## National Events



**SCTE CABLE-TEC EXPO**  
ATLANTA, GA > OCTOBER 11-14

Register

## New England Timeline



**Q4 Board Meeting**  
TBD



**SCTE Chapter Leadership  
Conference (CLC)**  
March 23-24 2022



**2021 Golf Outing**  
Canceled - Stowe Acres



**Vendor Day/Cable Games**  
June 2, 2022 - Boxboro, MA



**Technical Sessions**  
Q1 Mar 30 - IoT Technology  
Q2 Jun 30 - Troubleshooting  
Fiber Deep RPHY Plant  
Q3 Sep 23 - What you need  
to know about vCMTS  
Q4 Nov 18 - Membership  
Appreciation



**SCTE Cable EXPO**  
Oct 11-14, 2021 ATLANTA



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