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**HAPPY BIRTHDAY PENN-OHIO!**  
Our Chapter turns 30 years old this year. Here is a quick look back!

## 1990

Date	Event
2-Jan	All My Children broadcasts its 20th anniversary special on ABC. Joe and Ruth Martin sit down with Erica Kane, her mother Mona, and Phoebe Wallingford as they go through scrapbook pictures which segue into memorable clips from the series's past twenty years.
8-Jan	Deborah Norville makes her debut as co-anchor on NBC's Today (succeeding Jane Pauley) alongside Bryant Gumbel.
10-Jan	Time Warner was formed.
14-Jan	On Fox, The Simpsons airs their first regular episode, Bart the Genius.
15-Jan	Square One TV returns for its third season on PBS.
21-Jan	MTV Unplugged premieres on MTV with Squeeze as its debut guests. NBC broadcasts the National Hockey League All-Star Game from Pittsburgh. This was the first NHL game of any kind to be televised on American network television since Game 6 of the 1980 Stanley Cup Finals on CBS.

# Also in 1990,

General Instrument unveils its Digi-Cipher(TM) system on June 8 at the FCC's High Definition Television (HDTV) proceedings. The use of digital technology is so revolutionary; it erases the early lead by analog proposals from Japanese companies and dramatically changes the direction in standards taken by the television broadcasting industry. There is a flurry of predictions about rapid customer interest.

Cumulative Leakage Index (CLI) rules go into effect. These require cable operators to tighten maintenance standards and prevent possible interference to aeronautical users in the common frequency spectrum.

The satellite scrambling system comes under assault as pirates build clones and use duplicate addresses to unscramble signals.

In an attempt to counteract negative national attention on customer service, the NCTA Board of Directors recommends voluntary customer service standards for cable systems. Highlights include:

- Telephones must be answered in 30 seconds and after no more than four rings
  - Installations must be performed within seven business days of the order
  - Service interruptions must be responded to within 24 hours
- Customers must be notified a minimum of 30 days in advance of any changes in rates or service

To combat declining Pay TV subscriptions, a number of systems reduce rates for pay services and market them as competitively priced "packages." Competing technologies, including DBS and wireless cable (MMDS), begin to get attention from the industry and national media.

K-Prime Partners launches PrimeStar, the medium-power DBS service owned by cable operators TCI, Time Warner, Continental, Comcast, Cox, Newhouse and Viacom. The monthly price for programming (comparable to cable system pricing) includes a three-foot parabolic dish. The service is available to customers throughout the U.S. from the partners' local cable systems.

PTL becomes the New Inspirational Network. The International Channel launches in July. The Silent Networks becomes America's Disability Network in September.

Rainbow Programming launches SportsChannel Cincinnati [later becoming part of FOX Sports Net Ohio], serving Ohio, Kentucky and Indiana. SportsChannel Bay Area, later to become SportsChannel Pacific and then FOX Sports Net Bay Area, debuts with exclusive telecasts of the Oakland A's and San Francisco Giants.

ESPN carries its first Major League Baseball game April 9 – Baltimore at Kansas City.

Courtesy of [THE CABLE CENTER](#)

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## News & Updates

January 2020

**UPCOMING  
EVENTS**

2/20/2020—Annual safety Session

4/8/2020— Vendor show—Cable Games - Docsis

3.1 Session

4/22/2020— Tech Session- WiFi (Wednesday, not Thursday) @ Forbes Road CTC

5/21/2020- Tech Session - fulfillment - PNM

6/18/2020— Tech Session - Broadband Solutions for MDU's

7/16/2020 – Golf outing – Quicksilver Golf Course

9/17/2020— Tech Session –Docsis

10/22/2020—Tech Session-OSPM\Headend\Maint

11/12/2020— Member Appreciation & Elections

SCTE 30th Year Celebration!

\*please check for updates at

[www.sctepennohio.org](http://www.sctepennohio.org)



## TRAINING NOTIFICATION

# ANNUAL SAFETY TECH SESSION 2/20/2020

The Penn-Ohio Chapter has Scheduled the Annual Tech Safety Session for 2020 on February 20th 2020. We encourage our members to take this opportunity to gain an awareness of the dangers and safety measures needed to eliminate hazards associated with the industry. We hope that you will join us!

Additional Session information is available on the local chapter website [www.sctepennohio.org](http://www.sctepennohio.org)

This valuable training will assist those preparing for the following SCTE•ISBE Certifications:



Join us at: Comcast Tech Building  
Feb. 20th 2020  
1530 Chartiers Ave, Pittsburgh, PA, 15204

ONLINE REGISTRATION COMING SOON

## MEMBERSHIP

Take advantage of all the benefits the Penn-Ohio chapter has to offer and confirm that your membership for 2020 has been renewed. All corporate alliance members please contact your company ambassador with any questions concerning your 2020 membership renewal. For additional membership issues please contact Bob Stamm Penn-Ohio VP of Membership at [bstamm@agoc.com](mailto:bstamm@agoc.com) or a representative of the Membership committee.

### 2020 Membership Committee

Bob Stamm - Armstrong

Nicole Caldwell - Comcast

Mike Shaffer - Atlantic Broadband

Steve Trippe - Comcast

Tim Levinger - Comcast

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## Meet The 2020 SCTE Penn-Ohio Chapter Board Members



The SCTE Board of Directors would like to send a special thank you to those who have volunteered as a 2020 Associate Board Members. We are excited to have you as part of the team and your great ideas, suggestions and time that you are committing to benefit our membership. Thank You!

### 2020 SCTE Penn-Ohio Chapter Board of Directors

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## BOD SPOTLIGHT



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## Curtis Patrick

As our newest BOD Member Curtis brings a wealth of knowledge as the current Technical Support Manager for the Armstrong Group of Companies. Prior to joining Armstrong, Curtis served 8 years in the U.S. Air Force as an Electrical and Environmental Systems Specialist in the B2 Program. He joined Armstrong in 2002 as a Premise Technician and has held several positions over the years as System Technician, Lead Technician and Operations Manager. In his current role, he manages Armstrong's Network Operations Center, Commercial Network Operations Center and Centralized Dispatch. Curtis has been a certified SCTE ISBE member for 15 years, and is also a certified Senior Master Technician with NCTI. Currently Curtis holds the Chapter Content Knowledge Officer position and is up for re-election in November 2020.

## SPREAD THE WORD

**\*\*\*REGISTRATION IS OPEN FOR THE 2020 GOLF OUTING and VENDOR SHOW\*\*\***

### GOLF OUTING

<https://www.scte.org/event-detail/penn-ohio-chapter-golf-outing-1-1/>

### VENDOR SHOW KEYNOTE SPEAKER

### "RON HRANAC"

<https://www.scte.org/event-detail/penn-ohio-chapter-vendor-day-and-cable-tec-games-1-1/>



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