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On the Line with Rich Page:



ACRONYMS

One of the hardest tasks I have each month is deciding on what to write about each month. The task is made so difficult because I try to limit my article to telecommunication related subjects. The language of telecommunications is full of acronyms and is ever changing.

The days when I could write about POTS (plain old telephone service) that are available from the CO (central office) to the CPE (customer premise equipment), sometimes using BETRS (basic exchange telephone radio system) was about as hard as it got. Then the industry decided to make it really tough and come up with different acronyms for the same thing. What used to be POP (point of presence) became POI (point of interface) and then POT (point of termination), and if it has evolved since the mid 1980's to another term, I refused to keep up.

Today we throw around terms like DSL (digital subscriber line), ATM (asynchronous transfer mode), CPNI (customer proprietary network information), and ISDN (integrated services digital network) like we think everyone will know what we are talking about. It becomes a secondary language that not everyone can understand, but worse than being a recognizable secondary language, it is one that gets you real funny looks from those who don't speak it.

I really believe that sometimes when I'm talking to fellow PWST (person who speaks telephone - I made that one up), they make up new phrases just to see who gets a questioning look on their face, and who puts on a look like they understand.

This month I wanted to write about WiMax and how it differs from WiFi and can be used for WLL, but hopefully I've teased you into reading next month to see what these terms are and how they may come to Dell Telephone soon.



**Make plans to attend
Dell Telephone Cooperative's 49th Annual Meeting!**

Saturday, March 19, 2005

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This month's profile features our General Manager, **Rich Page**.

Rich was born and raised in Quanah, Texas and has a BA in Accounting from West Texas State University. He served in the US Army for over 12 years with tours of duty in Germany and Korea and was stationed in Fort MacArthur, CA; White Sands Missile Range, NM; and Fort Bliss.

In 2002, Rich brought 18 years of telephone experience to Dell Telephone Cooperative. Before moving to Dell City he worked for Cap Rock Telephone in Spur, TX and Canby Telephone Association in Canby, OR.

He and wife Teri have been married for 35 years. The couple has four children and five grandchildren and shares their home with pet dog, Quanah.

When he is away from the job, Rich enjoys reading fictional books, biographies and dabbling in genealogy. His favorite author is Tom Clancy.

Membership to Elect Directors at 49th Annual Membership Meeting

Our 49th Annual Membership Meeting is just around the corner! Membership packets will be mailed out the week of February 14th.

Your mail ballot, ballot envelope and postage paid return mail envelope are included in your membership packet. Please read the instructions carefully and contact our Business Office at 915/964-2352 if you have any questions. You may vote by mail or in person at the Annual Meeting.

The meeting will be held at the Cooperative in Dell City on Saturday, March 19, 2005. Registration will be from 9:00 A.M.—10:00 A.M. The Business Meeting will begin at 10:00 A.M. During the Business Meeting, members that did not vote by mail will vote for Directors of Districts 3, 6 and 7. The following candidates were selected by the Nominating Committee:

<u>District #3</u>	<u>District #6</u>	<u>District#7</u>
Larry Brewton	Bobby Jones	Jr. Hammack
Gregg Gardner	Ronald R. Jones	Buck Williams
Art Gonzales	Quentin Dean	Joe Mainello

Watch for your Membership Packet and if you do not receive yours, please contact our office at 915/964-2352.



Dell Telephone Board of Directors' Retreat

Dell Telephone Board of Directors met on Saturday, January 15 for an all day retreat at the company offices in Dell City to discuss Dell Telephone's future and do strategic planning to shape that future to something they want it to be.



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