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## Long-Time Employee Retires

Steve Chigbrow began his career at PMT in July of 1990 in the Mobile Department. He later moved into the Central Office Department (CO), now called Network Operations Center (NOC). One of Steve's initial roles in the CO was coordinating Signaling Transfer Points, essential to routing calls and caller ID services being transmitted to and from PMT. He was also instrumental in implementing our Internet Service Provider business.

In his new-found spare time after retirement in February of 2016, Steve has plans to sleep-in, golf, travel, visit his son and daughter in Boise, and maybe catch a Boise State University game or two with his wife Lee Ann.

As the senior member of the team, Steve has a wealth of knowledge about the background workings of PMT, which will be difficult to replace. Steve said, "I was lucky to see the Internet and cell phone service come about."

We would all like to wish Steve well, and hope that he enjoys his retirement as much as we have enjoyed working with him over the last 25 plus years. He will be sincerely missed.



## WINTER 2016

### Introducing Clint Carter

PMT is pleased to welcome Clint Carter to PMT. Clint joins PMT as an Account Executive, where he will be working with current and potential businesses in our Twin Falls and Jerome service areas, to find communication solutions that fit their individual business needs. Clint has been in the technology field for the last 20 years, most recently coming from Integrated Technologies, where he was their top technical salesman. He is also an active member of the Twin Falls Chamber of Commerce, and sits on the Board of Directors for the Charity Anywhere Foundation.



"Clint has solid technical knowledge and will be an excellent addition to our sales team," states Sales and Marketing Manager, Shane Downs. "The addition of Clint will allow our sales team to better serve our business customers and to continue to grow our customer base."



# PMT Connection

## Message from the President

I want to reflect a moment on our PMT employees. Employees at PMT represent a vast array of experience and expertise and live locally within our Magic Valley serving areas. Our employees are a great example of our service commitment to our customers, regardless of the services we provide. PMT employees have been serving our Magic Valley customers for over 100 years in 2016, and we are very proud of this tradition. I recently sat at a table full of PMT retirees, some of whom I knew and others I had just met. One thing I noticed they all had in common was the fact that they were proud to have worked for PMT, and proud of the service they provided in their respective departments. My commitment to each of our customers is to guarantee the continuation of excellent customer service with our dedicated and remarkable employees. I am very thankful for each one of our PMT employees and the service they provide our customers each day.



Dan Hoover  
President and CEO,  
PMT

## PMT Annual Meeting

PMT's 2016 Annual Meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 22, 2016. A nominating committee has been appointed by the Board of Directors to select a slate of candidates to fill two, three-year director positions. PMT members can place their vote at any one of the three PMT business offices that day until 5:00 p.m. Absentee ballots are also available by written request.

If you have questions about the meeting, or the voting process, please call or stop by one of the three local offices.

## Has the Tech Fitness Trend Grabbed You Yet?

Exercise pros say wearable technology will be the number one trend in fitness in 2016. Most of us have seen this coming with all the gadgets that were flooded to the market before the holidays. Survey results today on these devices reveal that wearable tech overtook activities like body weight training (#1 in 2015) and HIIT (#1 in 2014). For most of us, these tech devices are now a central part of our daily lives. They help us change and plan our workouts. Since we all want to know more about ourselves now, most of these devices provide immediate feedback that make the wearer aware of their level of activity. This in itself can motivate the wearer to achieve their personal goals.



The new wearables track more than steps and heartbeats. The wearables of today track your habits, calorie burn, skin temp, perspiration, sleeping patterns and so much more. Some of the devices automatically know what activity that you are engaged in. These new wearable devices have also been introduced to the pet market. Yes, your cat or dog can wear them also. The device itself may just pay for that dog impoundment fee. Either being techy or not, these devices are usually easy to setup and operate. What's your take? Is one of these devices for you? Trend or here to stay?



## PMT Foundation Scholarships

Applications for the 2016 PMT Foundation Scholarships are now available at [www.pmt.org](http://www.pmt.org), or through participating area high school counselors' offices. The Foundation will award at minimum three \$2,000 scholarships in 2016.

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# PREMIER AUTOGROUP

## Business Spotlight

In 2011, four men came together to form a vehicle dealership based on a philosophy of "No pressure and no hype." The original founders of Randy Hansen Automotive are: Randy Hansen, Keith Hughes, Roger Far, and Clay McCombs. In 2016, Randy Hansen Automotive changed their name to Premier AutoGroup.

At Premier AutoGroup, they strongly believe that everyone should have a good experience when purchasing a vehicle. They understand that purchasing a vehicle is a major decision and requires a lot of work, but they also feel this should be a fun, exciting, and enjoyable experience as well. At Premier AutoGroup they stand by their philosophy, "We are the home of 'No pressure and no hype;' where buying a car can be fun." Employees at Premier AutoGroup enjoy the pleasure of assisting the people in the Magic Valley in their endeavor to purchase a vehicle. They feel there is no reason for the people of the community to have to leave the valley to purchase a quality vehicle. When they are able to help customers realize this and keep the money local, they've achieved success; they feel that in itself is a great success. The team at Premier AutoGroup enjoys finding the right vehicle for their

customers. Keith Hughes, Premier AutoGroup Business Manager, states "We enjoy seeing the smiles on people's faces when they leave in their new vehicle."

PMT was provided the opportunity to work with and build a professional ongoing relationship with Premier AutoGroup. Because so much of their day-to-day business is conducted either online or on the phone, they needed an Internet connection that was as fast as it was reliable. Keith said, "We needed something that would keep up with our business. PMT came highly recommended and has proven to be able to accommodate our needs." While working with PMT, Keith stated that, "When we first signed up, we were having a few issues with our Internet speeds, and every time we talked with PMT about our problems, they were right there to help us and get everything figured out; the way we wanted it. They have exceptional customer service and we have enjoyed working with them to keep our business running smoothly."

Premier AutoGroup's future plans are very similar to PMT's in that they plan to continue to invest in the local community in every way that they can; while providing top-notch customer service.

## 2016 Phonebook Work

Work has begun on the 2016-2017 PMT phonebooks. PMT is once again partnering with Legacy Community Pages to bring you the most useful phonebooks in the Magic Valley. To be sure your business is listed in the most widely used phonebook, contact a Legacy representative at 1(866) 616-4262 for yellow page information. If you have a change or correction to your directory white page information, please call or stop by any PMT office location.



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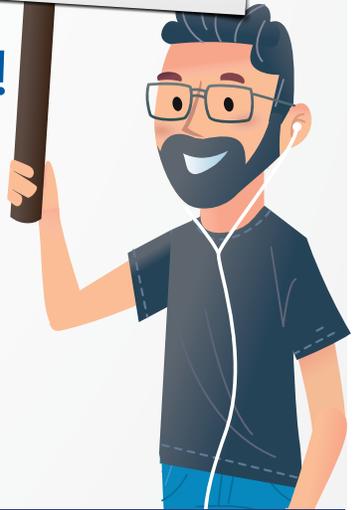


**PMT's January Community Rewards \$500 Winner and her selected non-profit organization, Grace Community Church, also receives \$500!**

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