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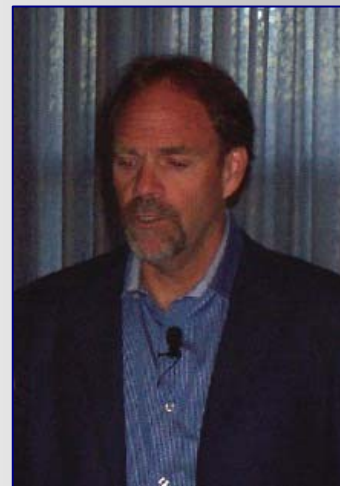
## HIGHLIGHTS

### 2009 TSTCI Futures Retreat

The 2009 TSTCI Futures Retreat was held August 5-6 at Harvey's in Lake Tahoe. Always a favorite destination for this meeting, Tahoe did not disappoint the attendees this year. Everyone enjoyed the conference and the beautiful scenery, and the short "cold spell" was a welcome break from Texas' current heat wave.

TSTCI Executive Director Roger Hutton welcomed attendees, and TSTCI President Kirk Petty, provided the invocation.

Kicking off this year's retreat was **Steve Harvill**, Creative Ventures. Steve's "Upside Down Thinking" was an insightful look at rearranging the normal way we view people, situations, conflict and creativity. Steve challenged the attendees to "step outside" the usual reactionary, emotional eyes most use to see their environment and turn it upside down. Steve's amazing, thought-provoking presentation created quite a buzz among the attendees!



Next up was **Carl Russo**, President and Chief Executive Officer of Calix. In Carl's presentation, "Industry Perspective on the Future of Telecommunications," he shared his insights on the future of the industry and how changing consumer behaviors and proliferation of IP will affect service providers' business models. Carl also touched on the strategic implications of the broadband stimulus program.

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The first day of the retreat was topped of with a reception for all attendees and their guests. Everyone enjoyed the good food and drink as well as the opportunity to catch up with old friends.





The second day of the Futures Retreat began with **Barak Harlan**, Director-Network Engineering, CHR Solutions, Inc., informing attendees on how to "Turn Bells and Whistles into Jingle". Barak provided an overview of the latest technology gadgets and services and explained what providers need to know to evaluate potential opportunities and minimize undesired impact on the network.



The Futures Retreat wrapped up with **Chris Ebert**, head of 4G Strategic Marketing Programs for Nokia Siemens. Chris provided insight into the new opportunities, threats and business relationships relative to an all-IP wireless broadband network. Chris discussed the resources that will be needed to enable society and personal communications in the changing world.

The 2009 TSTCI Futures Retreat continued its tradition of providing insightful, informative and entertaining speakers to the membership. TSTCI thanks everyone for attending and hopes you headed home with new ideas for your company's future.

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**TSTCI Annual Membership Meeting**  
**October 7-9 at the Omni Mandalay at Las Colinas in Dallas, Texas**  
**Register online at [WWW.TSTCI.ORG](http://WWW.TSTCI.ORG)**

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## **Upcoming Events**

### **August 2009**

30 – 9/2 Texas Telephone Association Convention

### **September 2009**

7 ***Labor Day (TSTCI offices closed)***

24 Texas PUC Open Meeting

### **October 2009**

***7-9 TSTCI Annual Membership Meeting – Dallas, Texas***

8 Texas PUC Open Meeting

22 Texas PUC Open Meeting

### **November 2009**

5 Texas PUC Open Meeting

19 Texas PUC Open Meeting

***26-27 Thanksgiving Holidays (TSTCI offices closed)***