Centennial Convention Recap

The centennial year of the Rocky Mountain Coal Mining Institute was celebrated in style at the 100th Anniversary conference held June 30 – July 3 in Vail, Colorado. We thank our many sponsors, speakers and program organizers who helped us look “back to the future” of RMCMI.

The centennial celebration was kicked off with a gala on Sunday evening. Life member and Past President Charlie Margoff, received a standing ovation for his remarks confirming that our national heritage of freedom will overcome the challenges faced by the coal industry. The legacy of the past 100 years was captured in a commemorative book of historic photographs and RMCMI memorabilia. Due to the generosity of Murray Energy Corporation, each conference attendee received this publication free of charge.

The program on July 2nd and 3rd focused on the next 100 years of RMCMI. Keynote speaker Steve Leer, Chairman of Arch Coal, addressed new markets and the “Global Outlook for Coal.” Chris Curfman presented Caterpillar’s perspective on “100 Years: Looking Back, Looking Forward” including technological changes anticipating the robotic and remote control mining equipment of the near future. Chris Frangione with the X-Prize Foundation announced that a $10 million prize is being developed as an incentive to encourage carbon capture and reuse technology. A utility forum addressed the future of coal as the base load supporting electrical energy generation. This panel, moderated by Bob Bartosh with Dakota Coal, included perspectives of Rich Walje, President of Rocky Mountain Power, Shawn Taylor, Executive Director of the Wyoming Rural Electric Association, and Robert King, President and CEO of Westmoreland Coal. The permitting and development of the Longview coal terminal, proposed to export western coal to new markets was addressed by RMCMI past President Ken Miller and Kristin Garner with Millennium.

On the policy front, Bruce Watzman, Senior Vice President of the National Mining Association, highlighted new trends in federal safety regulations. He challenged the industry to meet the goal of zero fatalities, 50% reduction of accidents within 5 years, through implementation of the CORE safety framework. Barry Smitherman, Chairman of the Texas Railroad Commission updated us on the Texas response to EPA regulations affecting coal and coal-fired utilities. Perry Pendley, Mountain States Legal Foundation, and Karen Budd-Falen discussed litigation strategies in response to the anti-coal campaign.

On a parallel track to these presentations, RMCMI sponsored a 4-day mine rescue event which included 130 participants. Staging the team mine safety scenarios presented a special challenge in the conference setting at Vail, Colorado. Organizers David and Cheryl Evans, with sponsor North American Coal, did a tremendous job and received great press from the Antler’s Hotel which produced a blog and photographs of the teams involved in mock rescues.

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David Evans, Texas Westmoreland Coal and Cheryl Evans, EMR Health & Safety, co-chaired the 21st Annual Mine Rescue Evaluation. Twelve teams participated, including three new Newmont teams. On Friday afternoon and Saturday morning, the teams participated in short course training, and then enjoyed the Mine Rescue Rodeo on Saturday afternoon. Scenarios continued on Sunday and Monday, including some areas of the Antler’s hotel. Please see the Antler’s blog for feedback from the hotel and their guests about the mine rescue evaluations. You can click http://www.antlersvail.com/2012/07/we-never-miss-out-on-the-fun/ or read on the following page.

An interesting addition to the short course this year was a “Guts and Gore” class, which used pig lungs and hearts to demonstrate respiration sounds and techniques. It was well received by all, and will be repeated again next year for those who were unable to participate this year.

Tuesday morning awards breakfast concluded the mine rescue events. North American Coal has continued to sponsor the Mine Rescue program, and Westmoreland Coal Company sponsored the Monday family lunch once again. We would also like to recognize Joy Global for providing water bottles for the event. We extend a huge thank you to these companies for your continued support.

A special thank you goes to Donna Jones and Charles Pankonien for helping the Evans with this event, and the added photographs. The work that goes into this event is amazing, and our appreciation is extended to the participants, evaluators, victims and volunteers.

2012 Evaluators:

2012 Participating Teams
The Town of Vail was overwhelmed last week with the arrival of The Rocky Mountain Coal Mining Institute (www.rmcmi.org). Hundreds of members of this organization chose Vail for their 100th anniversary conference. They arrived from all over the United States and Canada to participate in training and educational seminars. Of course the Antlers, a hotel and conference center that is always afraid of missing out on the fun, volunteered to host “emergency disaster training” for 2 days. This involved real life, re-enactments of rescue operations involving different scenarios around our property and common areas.

The pictures really don’t illustrate how life-like these situations were. Some guests actually thought there were live rescues occurring as they passed through the staging areas. What made it believable were the “victims” that were not afraid to scream as though they were in pain and the rescue teams shouting out instructions as they assured the “victims” that help was on its way.

As the second day of mock rescues were winding down, I was approached by a guest who had these comments. “My kids really were fascinated by all of this and I had no idea what went on behind the scenes. These people really are professionals.” His young son looked up at me and said “Mister, do you have a coal mine here?” “No we don’t, but there are some not too far away in the mountains” was my reply. He looked back at his dad and said ” too bad because I sure would feel safe if something happened in your mine.”
The 100th Anniversary event began with a dinner and celebration held on Sunday evening, July 1, 2012. Approximately 290 people attended. We were honored to have the following past presidents in attendance: Rich Bate, Bob Bartosh, Curt Belden, Alan Czarnowsky, Thomas Egan, Marcie Greenberg, Dean Jacot, Randy Lehn, Tom Lien, Loren Linville, Charles Margolf, Jim Mattern, Ken Miller, Clark Moseley, Bob Murray, Pete Nielsen, Gary Stubblefield and Dave Wolach. Doris G. Finnie, retired RMCMI Executive Director of 20 years, and honorary members Julie Cummings, Dr. Kim McCarter, and Jane Thomas were also in attendance. Also joining us for the evening was Beth Coen, former RMCMI assistant.

The highlight of the evening was a speech given by Charles Margolf, former RMCMI President (1985) and Life Member, which both moved and inspired us all. Charlie ended his talk with the following quote, “Our Nation’s heritage is a heritage of freedom. The question is not whether our Republic still stands, it does! Nor is the question whether the Republic is still worthy of our life’s blood, it is! And because of the dream of the Patriots who founded her, so will she ever be! The question is whether we are yet worthy of the great heritage of freedom bequeathed to us by those defenders of freedom who have gone before us. My profound hope is that we will not be found wanting in the great tests of our freedom which lie ahead.” Charlie was given a resounding standing ovation. Additionally, we were pleased to have members of Charlie’s family join us for the evening. Charlie’s entire speech is available on our website.

A panel discussion of “Sages and Ambitionists” followed, with Russell Hardy, Jamie Torske and Brandon Sullivan (all former RMCMI scholarship recipients) and Tom Lien, Clark Moseley, and Bob Murray (all former RMCMI Presidents) participating. It was an interesting discussion of what the mining industry and RMCMI has meant to each of them. Questions were presented to each panelist. Some of the answers are found on the “Favorite Quotes Heard at the 100th Anniversary Conference” page. We sincerely thank all of you for your participation and insight.

The evening finished with entertainment from the Danny Showers Band. It was quite a memorable evening to celebrate our past 100 years and begin the next 100 years!
The Technical Sessions

These presentations will be available on the website.

Global Outlook for Coal
Steve Leer, Chairman, Arch Coal

Core Safety
A New Direction in U.S. Mine Safety & Health
Bruce Watzman, Sr. Vice President, National Mining Association

Revolution Through Competition
Christopher Frangione, Sr. Director, XPrize Foundation

14th Annual Safety Awards
Jim Luther, Manager Health Safety & Environment, BHP Billiton

The Texas Response to EPA’s Attack on Coal, Plan for Energy Independence
Monday, July 2, 3:30 p.m.
Barry Smitherman, Chairman, Texas Railroad Commission

100 Years: Looking Back, Looking Ahead
Chris Curfman, Vice President Mining, Caterpillar Global

Fuel Hedging: Structure for Success
Peyton Feltus, President, Randolph Risk Management

Building A Coal Terminal in the Green Zone
Ken Miller, President, Millenium Bulk Terminals, Longview, LLC

Kristen Gaines, VP of Environmental Planning & Services, Millenium Bulk Terminals, Longview, LLC

Panel Discussion: Litigation Strategies
Denise Dragoo, Moderator
Partner Snell & Wilmer, LLC

Are We Paying Our Own Demise?
Green Pork
Karen Budd-Falen, Budd-Falen Law Office

Public Interest Litigation in the Age of Obama
William Perry Pendley, President, Mountain States Legal Foundation

Leading Edge Power Plant Technologies
Joel Dingman, Operating Superintendent, Basin Electric Power

Utility Forum
Bob Bartosh, Moderator
Senior VP & COO, Dakota Coal
Robert P. King, Operator’s Perspective
President & CEO, Westmoreland Coal
Rich Walje, Utility Perspective
President, Rocky Mountain Power
Shawn Taylor, Energy Policy: What the Hell are we Doing?
Executive Director, Wyoming Rural Electric Association America™.
Safety Awards

Jim Luther, Manager of Health, Safety and Environment, BHP Billiton and RMCMII Safety Committee Chairman presented the 14th Annual Safety Awards. The Award winners were:

Large Operator Surface Mine
Peabody Rawhide Mine

Large Operator Underground Mine
Dugout Canyon Mine,
Canyon Fuel Company LLC

Contractor Safety Award,
(Operational Support Services)
Wagner Equipment Company

Small Operator Surface Mine
Coal Creek Mine,
Thunder Basin Coal Co. LLC

Small Operator Underground Mine
King II, GCC Energy LLC

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RMCMII presented annual safety awards sponsored by BHP Billiton and centennial year distinguished service awards to Westmoreland Coal Company and Roberts & Schaefer, for their long time support of RMCMII. Bob Bartosh, Vice President of Dakota Coal Company, was recognized as life-member of RMCMII for his many contributions as Past President, Member of the Blue Ribbon Task Force and Conference Liaison Officer.

The scholars of RMCMII were celebrated with a luncheon on Monday. The Patron / Scholarship program, which has provided some 260 scholarships over the past 29 years, awarded two year scholarships to eight college students seeking degrees in engineering, science and mining-related disciplines. The highlight of the luncheon included acceptance speeches from the scholarship winners regarding their future in the mining industry. Funds to support the scholarships are contributed by the Patron / Scholarship program chaired this year by Clark Mosely with Amber Energy and co-chaired by Curt Belden, Peabody Energy, and Bob Burnham. With some “arm twisting” by Past President Mosley, contributions from a silent auction and live auction an additional $20,000 was added to the Patron’s fund during the centennial celebration. Overall, the Patrons have distributed over $650,000 in scholarships! In addition, RMCMII was able to place 7 of the 8 scholars with internships within the mining industry.

The anniversary program received many positive comments and resulted in the addition of new members to RMCMII. Overall, more than 75 new members have joined RMCMII this centennial year. This success was due in large part to the efforts of our new Executive Director Judy Colgan. Special thanks to her for demonstrating energy and grace under fire! I also want to personally thank each of the Board members and committee members for their hard work and accomplishments this year. Finally, congratulations to our new President, Brad Lewis, who assumed the helm of RMCMII at the close of the conference and annual meeting on July 3, 2012. Happy 100th to a great institution!
Thank you to the individuals and sponsors who continue to support the RMCMI Scholarship Program. The selected students not only receive a $5,000 tuition credit over two years, but also receive a free trip to the 100th Anniversary Conference in Vail this summer. Technical scholars receive $1,000 for those hoping to work in the industry in a technical field. Awards of over $600,000 have been given to student education. A special thank you to Clark Moseley, Patron Chair. Please help RMCMI continue this important program. Please don’t forget to ask your companies to match your personal donations!

Engineering & Geology Scholars

Danielle E. Taran
Arizona
University of Arizona

Kendra N. Hinton
Colorado
Colorado State University

Jake E. Hoffman
Montana
Montana Tech-University of Montana

Renee N. Kafka
New Mexico
New Mexico Institute of Mining & Technology

Houston J. Bashus
North Dakota
South Dakota School of Mines & Technology

Aaron Larry (Utah)
Texas
University of Utah

Andrew S. Carey
Utah
University of Utah

Mackenzie M. Nolan
Wyoming
South Dakota School of Mines & Technology

Tech Scholars

Brock Brown
San Juan College, NM

Austin Brookshire
San Juan College, NM

Jeremie Yazzie-Miller
San Juan College, NM

Karsten Vigessa
Northland Community Technical College, MN

Jackie Knudson
Bismarck State College, ND

Ethan Barthel
North Dakota State College of Science, ND
Scholarship Challenge

Clark Moseley, RMCMI Patron Committee Chair, issued a challenge during the Scholarship Luncheon to personally match up to $1,000 in patron donations during the conference. We would like to thank the following donors for taking him up on his offer!

Thank you, Clark, and all patron donors for helping to make this a great year. Please remember to ask for company matching donations, if eligible.

Rick Albin
Brad Bjerke
Denise Dragoo
Larry Goff
Marcie Greenburg
Wendy Hutchinson
Randy Johnson
Kim McCarter
Millcreek Engineering
Murray Energy Corp.
Butch Wright

Short Course
Sponsored by
Phillips 66 and P&H Mining Equipment, Inc.

On Saturday, sixteen people attended a short course on Coal Quality and Combustion presented by Rod Hatt, President & Chief Technical Officer at Coal Combustion, Inc. The workshop was designed to help people understand coal quality and the operation and performance of coal fired plants. Participants earned professional development hours for attending the class, and also for the technical session presentations.

A special thank you to Alan and Sally Czarnowsky for their help for this special 100th Anniversary.

Sunday Activities

In addition to our annual golf tournament, some attendees participated in a white water rafting trip; others took a tour of the Betty Ford Gardens or participated in a cooking class taught by the chef at the Vail Marriott, or went on a scenic jeep tour from the top of Vail mountain. It was a fun day for all with beautiful weather!
Monday Night BBQ

*Sponsored by Fenner Dunlop Americas, Cummins Rocky Mountain, Cloud Peak Energy, Micromine and McLanahan Corporation*

Almost 500 members and their families participated in the Monday night BBQ and events at the top of Vail Mountain. Walker Williams provided music for our dancing and listening pleasure. It was a great venue to enjoy a western welcome to the Rocky Mountains.
Auction to benefit Scholarship Fund a Huge Success!

We want to thank the generous donors and buyers for a fun event that raised over $12,000! The silent auction items were available for viewing until Monday evening, and then the winners were announced during the BBQ. The live auction was great fun, and generated more participation this year. A special thank you to Scott Forke, Rick Albin, Brad Bjerke and Larry Goff with CAT Auction Services for conducting the live auction during Monday night’s festivities.

We hope to make this an annual event that will include more items and more fun! Your contributions to this program continue to allow us to promote western coal through education, and encourage our youth to continue in the coal industry so important to all of us.

A special thank you to Jill Nelson, Downing Teal, for her help in soliciting auction items.

Silent Auction Donors
Atlas Copco/Cate Equipment
Tom & Karen Bailey
Bob Bartosh
Caterpillar Global Mining
Denise Dragoo
Downing Teal
Dyno Nobel
Jackson Kelly
Joy Western
Ken & Kathy Miller
Keystone Resorts
Komatsu
Lyntek, Inc.
Phil & Susan Patton
P&H Mining Equipment
Phillips
Rimpull
Roberts & Shaefer
Root Sports
Steamboat Sheraton
Bill Taylor
Tetra Tech
Vail Marriott
Vail Resorts
Westin Downtown Denver

Silent Auction Buyers
Craig Anderson
Jack Atwater
Steve Carey
Trent Colgan
Don Crank
Seth Crossley
John Disharoon
Joe Fine
Larry Goff
Kelly Hardy
Rick Hoggan
Randy Johnson
Jess Kindler
Karle King
A.J. Kuhle *
Buzz Kyle
Jim Luther
Jim Mattern
Hank McCabe
Ken Miller
Clark Moseley
Jill Nelson
Mike Quirk
Joaquin Roibal
Rusty Schoenherr
Ted Swenson
Sarah Wolach
Lyall Workman
103 players had a great day at the Eagle Vail Golf Club. The winners were:

1st Place Gross – William Barkley, Jeff Dale, Guy Horton, Robert Montgomery
2nd Place Gross – Brad Brown, George Schuller, Scott Motycka, Julia Motycka
3rd Place Gross – Bruce Lindsay, Kim Robinson, Clark Moseley, Butch Wright

1st Place Net – Mike Cochran, Randy Lehn, Hank McCabe, Steve Dylla
2nd Place Net – Ta Li, Tu Li, Bill Worwood, Jana Worwood
3rd Place Net – Brian Hoy, Roy Gunther, Ron Destefano, Art Conti

Longest Drive Men’s – Guy Horton
Longest Drive Women’s – Sarah Wolach
Closest to the Pin – Rick Albin

Hole Sponsors:


Golf Prize Donations:


Thank you all so much for your contributions in making this a great event!

Many thanks to Bruce Lindsay, Golf Chair, for his efforts in putting the pairings together and helping to manage the event. $1,560 in mulligans were sold for the benefit of the RMCMI scholarship fund.
President Denise Dragoo called the meeting to order at the closing luncheon of the Rocky Mountain Coal Mining Institute’s 100th Anniversary Conference and Annual Meeting held at the Vail Marriott Resort, Vail, Colorado. The purpose of the annual meeting is to inform members of the status and activities of the Institute during the year. The minutes of the previous meeting were approved as published in the 2011 Post-Conference newsletter. Denise reviewed the accomplishments of the committees this past year:

72 members were added to date this year.

David and Cheryl Evans continue to do an outstanding job as co-chairs of the Mine Rescue program. Twelve teams, including three new Newmont teams, participated this year. The program included a new class this year, “Guts and Gore”, that involved respiration techniques on pig hearts and lungs. This class was well received and requested again for next year.

Bruce Lindsay, Golf Chair, continues to make the RMCMI golf tournament a huge success. We had 104 golfers participate this year. $1,560 in mulligans was sold at the tournament to benefit the scholarship fund.

Curt Moseley took over mid-year as Patron Chair, and has done a great job in bringing the program up to date for the year. He issued a challenge to match funds, which created additional patron contributions during the conference. The silent/live auctions raised approximately $12,000, and with the additional contributions during the conference we added approximately $20,000 to the scholarship fund. As of the 100th Anniversary, over $1 million dollars in contributions have gone into the program through the years.

Curt Belden & Bob Burnham review the scholarship applications and interview the potential scholars. Eight engineering/geo scholarship awards and six technical school awards were given this year. We thank them for their efforts and welcome their continued management of the scholarship applications and promotion of our program at the various schools.

Brad Lewis did a great job in helping to secure speakers for this year. Brad and Joe Micheletti will serve on the program committee for 2013. The sessions were well attended on both days this year, and we encourage providing the quality of speakers that will continue to promote the industry.

Bob & Kathy Burnham did an outstanding job in securing the volunteers for the Welcome Committee. Thank you to all the great volunteers who help this year, you did an amazing job!

Brad Lewis gave a recap of the financial report.

The following nominations were voted upon:

Tom Durham – President Elect

Summer Belden – Board Member

With no nominations from the floor, the above positions were filled as presented to the membership.

Denise Dragoo passed the gavel to Brad Lewis, who announced his Presidency would focus on “Proudly Promoting Western Coal”. Brad will also provide details in the future of a type of promotional prize for the person who comes up with a good new idea to promote RMCMI and western coal.

Jenine Clonch won the drawing for two free “A” packages to next year’s conference in Steamboat Springs, Colorado.

Judy Colgan presented Denise Dragoo an engraved gavel in appreciation for her service as President.

Having no further business to come before the membership, the 108th Annual Meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Colgan
Corporate Secretary
“Our Nation’s heritage is a heritage of freedom. The question is not whether our Republic still stands, it does! Nor is the question whether the Republic is still worthy of our life’s blood, it is! And because of the dream of the Patriots who founded her, so will she ever be! The question is whether we are yet worthy of the great heritage of freedom bequeathed to us by those defenders of freedom who have gone before us. My profound hope is that we will not be found wanting in the great tests of our freedom which lie ahead.”  

Standing Ovation for Charlie Margolf – 1985 President RMCMI

“In some of the darkest days in my career, faith in God carried me through until the unfolding of my future revealed the how those dark days were building blocks for the better days ahead.”  

Robert E. Murray, CEO, Murray Energy Co.

“I want my mining industry legacy to be that I was a hard worker, environmental steward and a safety conscious team player.”  

Jamie Torske, Production Engineer, Thunder Basin Coal Company

“I actually have not been that good at balancing home life and career. It was my wife that has been instrumental in the balancing act in our marriage.”  

Clark Moseley, COO, Ambre Energy Corporation

“The biggest issue today’s leaders are missing is that they are not educating the public about the positive aspects of coal.”  

Russell Hardy, Project Engineer, CONSOL Energy

“Young engineers in the mining industry should seriously consider getting additional business/financial education to better prepare them for managerial work in their future.”  

Tom Lien, President, Lien Consulting

“If I were president of the United States, I would reduce regulations and promote capitalism.”  

Brandon Sullivan, Mining Engineer, West Elk Mine

“The United States has the opportunity to become energy independent and pay off our astronomical debt by allowing fossil fuel companies the opportunity to extract our energy resources and market them globally. No bailout monies or subsidies are required.”  

Steve Leer, Chairman, Arch Coal

“CAT’s distribution model will continue with the products that were acquired with the Bucyrus acquisition. The hottest R&D topic within CAT is fatigue management. In addition, expect to see new products relating to autonomous operation, electric drives and LNG powered trucks in the near term.”  

Chris Curfman, Vice President Mining, Caterpillar Global

“CORE Safety is a framework for companies to organize the various individual pieces of their safety and health management systems into effective processes and systems. This initiative is being led by several member companies of the National Mining Association and the goal is 0:50:5 (zero fatalities, 50% reduction in the accident incidence rate within 5 years). The essence of the program is Plan, Do, Check, Act.”  

Bruce Watzman, Senior Vice President, National Mining Association

“Using prize competition to solve a problem is paying for success rather than praying for success. XPrize is currently raising funds for a breakthrough project to capture and reuse 80% of the CO2 from a coal fired power plant.”  

Chris Frangione, Senior Director, X Prize Foundation

“Zero injuries is not the goal – Zero unsafe behaviors and conditions is the goal.”  

Jim Luther, Manager Health, Safety & Environment, BHP Billiton

“I was looking for a profession where I could help people. I found out that you can’t help more people than mining does every day. That is why I am going to become a mining engineer.”  

Danielle Taran, Scholarship Winner

“I am proud to be a coal miner’s daughter.”  

Kendra Hinton, Scholarship Winner

“The negative information about mining motivated me to research the industry. My research concluded that the general public is ignorant of the benefits of mining and that is why I have chosen a mining career.”  

Jake Hoffman, Scholarship Winner
“At first, I was kind of embarrassed to tell other students that I was majoring in mining engineering until I came across the slogan – If it is not grown, it has to be mined. I then realized how much our lives are dependent upon mining.”

**Renee Kafka, Scholarship Winner**

“I want to work for a company that takes care of their community and I am seeing that in my internship.”

**Houston Bashus, Scholarship Winner**

“My wife also sends her thanks to RMCMI for this scholarship.”

**Aaron Larry, Scholarship Winner**

“My first internship is where I found my love and passion for the coal mining industry.”

**Andrew Carey, Scholarship Winner**

“We are moving to a grass roots approach to get support for the coal industry by educating them with facts and figures.”

**Shawn Taylor, Executive Director, Wyoming Rural Electric Association**

“A generation of generation has been lost even if the future for coal improves.”

**Bob King and CEO, Westmoreland Coal**

“Americans are addicted to a lifestyle that includes affordable energy; yet they have very little knowledge or appreciation for the work horse nature of coal.”

**Rich Walje , President, Rocky Mountain Power**

“The coal industry does not need or want government bailouts or subsidies, just stop hitting us with non-scientific, non-factual based and politically motivated regulations.”

**Barry Smitherman, Chairman, Texas Railroad Commission**

“Hedging is an offset to a natural position to reduce risk and fix a cash flow. This tool can be used for diesel fuel, explosives, exchange rate and fuel component surcharges.”

**Peyton Feltus, President, Randolph Risk Management**

“The Millennium Bulk Terminal Project is a $ 600 million project that will ultimately export 44 million tons of coal per year via panamax vessels. Our biggest challenge is educating the public on coal. We have hired public relation professionals to lead this effort. Our message is jobs, tax revenue and trade. This message has been tested and is being rolled out to rotary clubs, community forums, retiree groups, invited tour groups and legislators (local county, state and national levels) in person; and the Southwest Washington region via radio, television, and print media.”

**Ken Miller, President, Millennium Bulk Terminals**

“The Dry Fork Station – Leading Edge Power Plant Technologies

- 385 mega watts
- $1.3 billion capital cost and 8 years of permitting and construction
- First coal fired power plant for Basin Electric since 1983
- Possibility of selling ash for use in oil and gas drilling
- Exceeding compliance with SO2 limits and the option to remove enough of SO2 such that it is ‘non-detectable’
- Mercury removal: pre-activated lignite removal system was 97 ppm and now with the removal system and injection of 50 lb/mw-hr. of activated carbon, it is 20 ppm
- During site tours when the plant is fully operational; people will argue with me that the plant must not be running because they cannot see anything coming out of the stack.”

**Joel Dingman, Operating Superintendent, Basin Electric Power**

“There are 600 foreign species on the American Endangered Species List and this includes species from countries that hate us. The Judgment Fund is a fund used to pay attorney’s fees to if an organization or person sues the government and wins. There is no public record of these expenditures – 10.5 % of the case decisions are sealed and 23% of the cases are settled which means attorney’s fees are not adjudicated by the court. The system is being abused by environmental groups in that our Government is paying the environmental groups to sue them.

**Karen Budd-Falen, Budd-Falen Law Office**

“Our regulations are being distorted and perverted beyond recognition by bureaucrats, activists and judges. Our current Administration is waging a war on fossil fuels, property rights and the 2nd Amendment. The environmentalism rhetoric is simply a back door approach to implement socialism.”

**William Perry Pendley, President, Mountain States Legal Foundation**
“The theme for our 2013 Convention is Proudly Promoting Western Coal and this will be my highest priority during my tenure as President. I need every member’s help in pursuing this challenge. This year’s speaker from the XPrize Foundation triggered the idea to set up an XPrize Competition within RMCMCI to educate the public on the value of coal. My personal commitment is that I work with the Board to create the appropriate competition and prize as well as $1,000.00 in funding. Exact details will be rolled out as soon as practical.”

**Brad Lewis, 2012-2013 RMCMCI President**

“We will come to find out the rabbits we have been chasing our entire life (money, looks, etc.) are not real. Refocus on contentment, relationships and character and chase an authentic life.”

**Corey Cochetti, Professor, University of Denver**

“What bought you to Vail? The RMCMCI Convention. They are a good group of humble people; we do not see that a lot here.”

**Trevor Platt, Marriott Bellman (assisting Brad Lewis with check out)**

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**In celebration of 100 years, RMCMCI proudly presented Distinguished Service awards to the following companies:**

**Roberts & Schaefer, A KBR Company**

Since 1903, The Roberts & Schaefer Company has been serving the coal industry both domestically and globally. R&S is both a founding member of RMCMCI and a founding patron of the Scholarship Program. In December 2010 R&S became part of the Kellogg Brown and Root family of companies. This is significant not only because they became part of a large, global and resourceful corporation, but that KBR, itself, has been serving the mining and energy sectors since 1908. Roberts & Schaefer has continually supported RMCMCI with sponsorship of our annual and regional meetings, patron donations and involvement in committee activity. Terry Sole accepted the award on behalf of the company.

**Westmoreland Coal Company**

Westmoreland is the oldest operating coal company in the United States. The Company’s mining operations include:

- **Dakota Westmoreland**, Beulah Mine, Beulah, North Dakota
- **Texas Westmoreland Coal Company**, Jewett Mine, Jewett, Texas
- **Western Energy Company**, Rosebud Mine, Colstrip, Montana
- **Westmoreland Kemmerer**, Kemmerer Mine, Kemmerer, Wyoming
- **Westmoreland Resources**, Absaloka Mine, Hardin, Montana
- **Westmoreland Savage Corporation, Savage Mine**, Savage, Montana
- **Roanoke Valley Power Facility**, Weldon, North Carolina

Westmoreland has continually supported RMCMCI with sponsorships, patron donations, Mine Rescue team participation and involvement in the RMCMCI Board of Directors and committees. We sincerely thank them for their support. Accepting the award was Joe Micheletti, Tom Durham and Robert P. King.
Denise Dragoo chaired the RMCMI Annual Meeting. Elections were held for the 2012-2013 officers and board members, and a financial report was given to the membership. This information is in the minutes of the annual meeting, included in this newsletter.

There was a drawing for two “A” tickets to the next conference in Steamboat Springs. Jenine Clonch was this year’s winner.

Denise passed the gavel to 2012-2013 President, Brad Lewis. Brad gave his conference theme for next year: Proudly Promoting Western Coal. Brad also issued a challenge for his own “XPrize” type of award for educating the public this year. Details will follow.

Corey Cochetti, Professor at the University of Denver, was the speaker for our closing luncheon. His message of chasing “authentic success” - in other words, a life filled with genuine contentment, strong personal relationships and integrity - was very inspiring. He challenged us to focus on the things that bring us true happiness in life.

The crowd was energized by having spent the last few days connecting with friends old and new, and we look forward to next year in Steamboat Springs, Colorado.

Life Member Award Presentation

Bob Bartosh was honored at the Closing Luncheon with the RMCMI Life Member Award. Bob is Senior Vice President and Chief Operating Officer of Dakota Coal Company and is responsible for the environmental, fiscal and operational matters of Dakota Coal Company and Wyoming Lime Producers. He was appointed to his present position in 1998. Since joining Basin Electric, he has held positions that included the responsibilities of fuel supply, real estate, contract administration and lime operations. He has been in Bismarck for over 33 years.

In 1991, Bob became a member of the Rocky Mountain Coal Mining Institute. In 1998, his daughter April received an RMCMI scholarship. Because his daughter was receiving the scholarship, he came to the convention in Snowmass, Colorado. He knew many members in attendance, and became more involved in the Institute, becoming the Vice-President for the state of North Dakota. Eventually he joined the Board of Directors, and became President in 2005-2006. He has also been instrumental in the 2007 Blue Ribbon Commission II, development of the Fiscal and Financial Policies of the Institute, and presently serves as Administrative Liaison Officer.

Bob has also served on the National Lime Association Board of Directors for over 11 years, and serves on the Bismarck Library Foundation Board of Directors.

Bob is the proud father of three children, and four grandchildren. His wife Deb and grandchildren Ethan and Alivya were able to join him in Vail for the 100th Anniversary celebration. We congratulate Bob and offer our sincere thanks for many years of dedicated service.
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