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President's Message



President
Thomas G. Durham
Westmoreland Coal Company

To those of you who attended the RMCMI 2014 Annual Meeting, I say thank you. I hope you found the speakers as interesting and informative as I. With the theme "The Western Coal Miner – Not an Endangered Species" our target for presentations was a look to the future. I believe the speakers hit the target. All of the presentations will be available on the RMCMI web site, and I encourage you to have a look. Review them for little gems to use when you are sitting in an airport next to someone who can't understand why we still need fossil fuels.

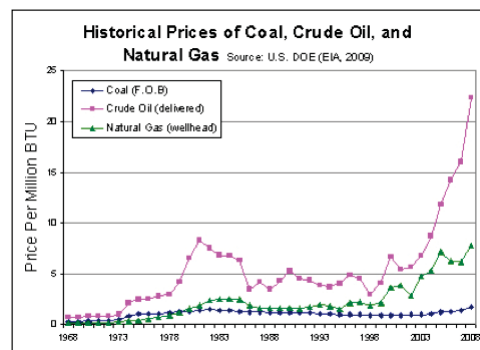
The keynote address was given by the President and Founder of the Center for Industrial Progress, **Alex Epstein**. Alex's presentation "Industry, Stand Up for Yourself". Alex put the proverbial mirror in front of our faces. He makes the perfect point; we have to stand up for ourselves, because it is painfully obvious that the anti-fossil fuels NGO's are not going to support fossil fuels. The following picture

taken from Alex's presentation shows us where we are headed if the fossil fuels industry is not represented in the energy mix.



Not a Pretty Sight!

Mr. Jason Bohrer, President and CEO of the North Dakota Lignite Energy Council, presented "Security, Prosperity and the Reinvention of Coal" which focused on what should be the future energy policy for the country. The following graph demonstrates two significant points; first, the volatility of crude oil and natural gas, second the substantial economic benefit of coal



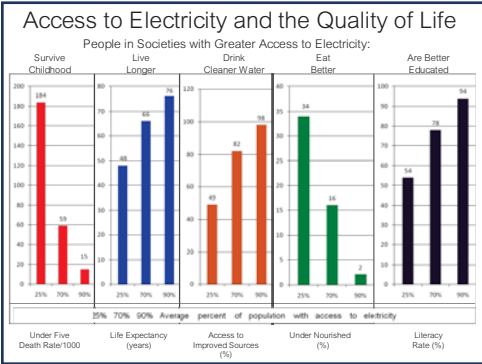
versus the other two fossil fuel sources. The real point is how many of you know someone on a fixed income who can take the economic hit to their energy bill that would come without coal in the mix? This is another point we should make while sitting in that airport.

Jason quotes Texas Senator Ted Cruz: *"The energy revolution that is already underway can produce the jobs and opportunities that our country needs to grow. A booming new energy economy can also provide the critical resources to our allies so they are no longer energy dependent on the petro-tyrants, such as Russia's Vladimir Putin. This is a win – win. The only thing the federal government needs to do is get out of the way and let Americans do what they do best: dream, innovate and prosper."*

Let me hear a big Amen for Senator Cruz! One only has to look at the economies of North Dakota and Texas to see the proof for this comment.

The retort is always, "Think of the societal costs of fossil fuels". One only needs to listen to the presentation by **Mike Nasi** of Jackson and Walker LLP, "All of the Above Energy Strategy – A Necessity Not a Slogan" to know how to respond. Access to electricity has brought benefits to all phases of human existence, from infant mortality to literacy rates. This electricity is brought to society principally by coal, not just in the US but globally. The following graph from Mike's presentation clearly illustrates the societal benefits

derived from access to low cost, reliable electricity.



Those of you who watched **Clark Mosley’s** presentation, know Clark to be a trouper. He took one for the team and made his presentation, “The Pacific Morrow Project” under significantly less than optimum circumstances. For that I say, Clark, thank you for hanging in there.

More to the point Clark gave the audience a good view of what will be a world class coal transloading and shipping facility. Ambre is going to great extents to construct a facility that will have little to no environmental impact while creating significant economic benefit to the Pacific Northwest. The following table illustrates the benefit of responsible industrial development. Would you rather be in a state that ranks 46th or 16th in tax burden? The answer is simple.

	Oregon	Louisiana
Population	4.6 mil.	3.9 mil.
Unemployment	7.7%	6.5%
Tax Burden Rank	16	46
Welfare Spend	\$3.9 bil.	\$2.7 bil.
Exports	\$18.3 bil	\$55 bil.
US rank	24	7

There is a future for coal. So where will the talent come from to fulfill the demand? **Dr. Samuel Frimpong**, Professor and Chair of the Mining and Nuclear Engineering School of Missouri University of Science and Technology, or as I still like to call it

Missouri School of Mines, addressed that point. MS&T’s Experimental Mine was recognized by Popular Science as the “Best out of 30 Awesome College Labs” in the country. Quoting the cover photo, “Why subject yourself to the dull buzz of fluorescent lights and endless data sets? Play with plastic explosives instead!” What young engineering student could resist?

In my real job, I have the pleasure of recruiting young talent for Westmoreland. MS&T as well as other outstanding engineering schools are preparing bright young minds to take over our industry. The talent pool while not huge in numbers is certainly at the top of the scale in quality and enthusiasm. The industry will be in good hands with these young people coming on board.

Finally it is time for me to say so long, not just in this letter, but to a 43 year coal mining career. My career has taken me from Sheffield, England to Kalimantan, Indonesia and a lot of points in between. My last day of work will be August 1st. I have had the pleasure of working with countless outstanding people in this industry. For that I am truly grateful and want to say thank you to all for your support, but most of all your friendship.

I want to thank the RMCMI Board, Committee Chairs and members for their work and support this last year. It is because of their hard work and dedication the Institute had a successful year. Also to borrow a phrase from my friend **Denny Kingsley** (in the interest of full disclosure), I want to thank **Judy Colgan** for her efforts during my year as President. Judy makes us all look good and for that we are grateful. Finally though I am saying goodbye to my official mining career, I will not be saying goodbye to RMCMI. Pam and I will remain active with the Institute.

We have too many fond memories and have made too many friends to walk away. So long for now, we will see you next year at Snowmass.

Letter from the Executive Director



Judy Colgan

The conference in Keystone was a success on many levels. We had beautiful weather, which made all our outdoor activities extra special. We were fortunate to listen to Jimmy Rose perform, and tell his story about how coal made a difference in his life. Fifteen mine rescue teams set a record for participation in the important safety training. More families participated this year. The auctions were hugely successful. All in all a growth experience for RMCMI.

The speakers gave us encouragement and tools for moving forward, which is something that I hope you all can use in your conversations about the industry. We are fortunate to have some of the top presenters in the industry speak at our meetings.

Next year we have even more exciting things planned! Please make plans to join us, and for our regional meetings as well. We strive to provide excellent educational and networking opportunities. Participation and sponsorship keeps the Institute strong, and we thank you for being a part of RMCMI.



Mine Rescue

*Sponsored by Westmoreland Coal,
North American Coal and Tetra Tech*

A record fifteen teams participated in this year's Mine Rescue Evaluation at Keystone, Colorado. Coordinated by **David & Cheryl Evans**, the teams participated in simulated rescue scenarios, and a simulated mass casualty incident. Kern Education Group presented a "*Guts & Gore*" class, and **Bob Pasley** taught a class on Hazard Recognition. The event was sponsored by **Westmoreland Coal**, **North American Coal** and **Tetra Tech**.



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Tetra Tech



David & Cheryl Evans



Kern Education



2014 Evaluators:

Dan Allerdings, Jerry Bonds, Bill Brown, Terry Davis, Cesar Escobedo, Sylvia Gallegos, Danny Graham, Brad Holligan, Kristine Kern, Robert Pasley, Willis Proctor, and Melanie DuBois. A special thank you to Donna Jones and Charles Pankonien for their assistance.

2014 Participating Teams



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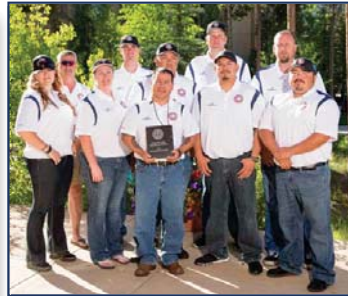
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Welcome Reception

Sponsored by PacifiCorp and Savage Services

The Welcome Reception was held on Sunday, June 29, and officially kicked off this year's conference in Keystone, Colorado. About 250 people enjoyed a beautiful evening of fun and networking, and enjoyed a great performance by **Jimmy Rose**.

Jimmy competed on last season's *"America's Got Talent"*, and finished third in the competition. His original song, *"Coal Keeps the Lights On"*, was a big hit with the crowd! Travel for Jimmy Rose was sponsored by **Peabody Energy**.



A huge thank you to the RCMCI conference staff for all their efforts and great attitude during a crazy week.

Trent Colgan, Chelsey Wilson, Richard Orf & Whitney Smith

The Technical Sessions

The Technical Sessions offered an outstanding group of speakers with an encouraging message to the group. A full house was energized and inspired to promote our industry and bring it forward to a healthy and thriving industry once again, in spite of continued challenges. *These presentations will be available on the website.*



Industry, Stand Up for Yourself

Alex Epstein, *President & CEO*

Center for Industrial Progress



Security, Prosperity & the Reinvention of Coal

Jason Borher, *President & CEO*

Lignite Energy Council



Mining: It's All About the People

Gwenne Henricks, *VP Global Technology*

Caterpillar



Friends of Coal West: One Year Later

David Moss, *Vice President*

Kentucky Coal Association



All of the Above Energy Strategy

Michael J. Nasi, *Partner*

Jackson Walker, LLP



Preparing Graduate Talent for the Mining Industry of the Future

Dr. Samuel Frimpong, *Professor*

Missouri University of Science and Technology



Investment Outlook for Thermal & Met Coal

Neil Mehta, *Senior Analyst*

Goldman Sachs Energy Equity Research



Update on the Morrow Pacific Project

Clark Moseley, *President & CEO*

The Morrow Pacific Project



16th Annual RMCMI Safety Award Presentations

Gary Learning, *RMCMI Safety Chair*



Coal Exports: Advocacy Efforts

Jason Begger, *Government Affairs*

Manager

Cloud Peak Energy



The Crisis of Confidence Affecting Coal

Harry Rhulen, *President & CEO*

Firestorm



Dakota Gasification Company: Success in Trying Times

Mike Just, *Engineering Manager*

Dakota Gasification Company



Natural Gas for Mine Haulage Equipment

Ron Crawford, *Director of Product*

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Safety Awards

Sponsored by Salt River Project

Gary Leaming, Safety Manager, Bowie Resources, LLC and RMCMI Safety Chairman presented the 16th Annual Safety Awards. The awards are determined by MSHA data that is carefully reviewed. The Contractor Safety Award is by nomination, and awarded to the company with the best safety record and most hours. This year, there was a tie for the Large Surface Mine Award.

The winners were:



Large Surface Mine (tie)
Spring Creek Mine
Cloud Peak Energy



Large Surface Mine (tie)
Three Oaks Mine
Luminant



Small Surface Mine
Calvert Mine
Walnut Creek Mining Company



2014 Contractor Safety Award
Nelson Brothers Mining Services, LLC



Large Underground Mine
Mountain Coal Company, LLC
West Elk Mine



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GCC Energy, LLC
King II Coal Mine



ROCKY MOUNTAIN COAL MINING INSTITUTE 29th Annual Scholarship Luncheon

Sponsored by

Peabody Energy Co., Rimpull Corporation, Salt River Project and Trapper Mining Inc.

The Scholarship Luncheon is one of the favorite events of the annual meeting. This year, the heartfelt stories from the scholars accepting the awards touched the entire group. Five students were in attendance: **Anthony Apodaca, Matthew Coen, Crystal Darger, Steve Piippo** and **Ericka Tucker**. **Curt Belden** presented the awards to the students, and each took a few minutes to thank the members of the Institute and donors to the patron program for their awards, and tell why they have chosen to pursue mining. Mr. Belden and **Bob Burnham** interview each student to narrow down the choices of those who will receive the honor. **Clark Moseley** continues to serve as our Patron Chairman to solicit funds for this very worthy cause.



Matt Willeford, General Manager, Drilling Solutions, Cate Equipment Co. came forward to speak to the group about the **Randy Schwandt Memorial Scholarship Award** that was given to **Hyrum Byers**, South Dakota School of Mines & Technology. Randy graduated from SDSMT, and was a member of ROTC, as is Hyrum. **Cate Equipment** and **Atlas Copco** generously donated the funds for this scholarship. **Teddy Schwandt**, Randy's dear wife, joined us in the celebration of Randy's support and commitment to RMCMI.



Monday Night BBQ

*Sponsored by: Cloud Peak Energy,
DSI Underground Systems, Inc. and McLanahan Corporation*

Monday's night family BBQ is the event that everyone looks forward to. All attendees, families, and mine rescue teams all join together for an evening of fun. This year's event was held at the Keystone Stables, with plenty of fun activities, the Walker Williams Band, and s'mores around the campfire. The auction and raffle were held at this time, and the results are included in this newsletter.



Auction to Benefit Scholarship Fund a Huge Success!

The silent and live auctions have become a big event during the annual meeting. The auction resulted in almost **\$31,000** in proceeds for the scholarship fund! We extend a special thank you to **Eric Draper**, RMCMI Auction Chairman, and **Scott Forke**, Cat Auction Services for providing the live auction. Eric Draper, **ESCO Service & Supply**, made a \$10,000 donation of services and supplies, and at the end of the auction offered to match the donation! A sincere thank you to all who participated and helped us raise these important funds for the students. In a time when donations are down, this auction becomes ever more important in maintaining the funding for the scholarship awards.

In addition to the auction items, we raffled an iPad Mini, which earned over \$700. The winner of the iPad was **Kathy Burnham**. A list of the auction donors and winners is below.



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Silent Auction Winners

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Emma Curley	Catie Kerns	Pete Nielson	Matt Willeford
		Sally Oates	Tim VanWyngarden

Golf Tournament – Sunday, June 29, 2014 – Keystone Ranch Course

The annual golf tournament kicked off Sunday morning at the beautiful Keystone Ranch Course. The tournament was sponsored by **Phillips 66**. Thank you to all who provided prize donations to make this tournament a success. Hole sponsors are listed on the sponsor page, we sincerely appreciate your support.

1st Place:

Denny Kingsley
Joey Berry
Derrell Ezell
Chesley Blevins



2nd Place:

Rodney Howery
Tommie Breeden
Taylor Murray



3rd Place:

Tim VanWyngharden
Jimmy Godfrey
Phil Schmidt
Christi Schmidt



Ladies closest to the pin:

Christi Schmidt

Ladies longest drive:

Marty Fagley

Men's closest to pin:

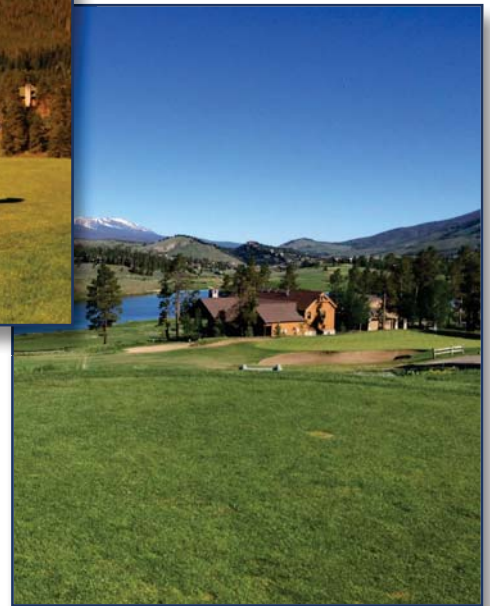
Jesse Noel

Men's Longest drive:

Jordan Sweeney

Longest putt:

Greg Mager



A special thanks to **Millcreek Engineering** for the goodie bags provided to each player.

A big thank you to **Bruce Lindsay**, Golf Chair, for his efforts in putting the pairings together and helping to manage the event.

“The Western Coal Miner: Not an Endangered Species”

Coal Keeps the Lights On — Coal Kept the Lights On

I was advised not to sing Coal Keeps the Lights On in the finale – I followed my heart and sang it and plan to keep singing it. Who knows where this is all leading. God's grace and hard work are the reasons for my successes to date.

Jimmy Rose – *Former Kentucky Coal Miner – US Marine (Iraq) - Songwriter – Guitarist*
First EVER Runner-Up of “America's Got Talent” singing his own song in the finale

Tom, on behalf of all the members of the Westmoreland Mine Rescue Teams over the years, we present you with this bronze stature honoring your career commitment to safety and to you and Pam for your paternal and maternal support of the team members as well your leadership and friendship. Jenni and I are honored and humbled in assuming your roles. Wishing both of you life's best in your retirement.

Joe Micheletti, *Senior Vice President Operations, Westmoreland Coal Company*

Because we are all so blessed and because it is Sunday morning, I have asked **Ken Miller** (former RMCMI President) to kick off our golf outing with a prayer.

Bruce Lindsay, *SVP Human Resources, Bowie Resource Partners*

How did your team score 57 and become the first ever team to beat a Bruce Lindsay team in the golf tournament? “My lawyer, who happened to be on my team, has advised me to plead the 5th.”

Denny Kingsley, *General Manager, Texas Westmoreland*

Everyone knows Friday is the birthday of our nation. We had the pleasure last night of listening to **Jimmy Rose**, a veteran and former coal miner. Without our veterans we would not celebrate that birthday and we want to take this time to thank all veterans. Everyone, please join me in saluting our nation with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Tom Durham, *President of the Board of Directors, RMCMI, Opening Remarks*

Why doesn't the coal industry stand up for itself? Lack of moral clarity. Courage comes from conviction which comes from clarity. Those in the coal and power industries take a useless form of rock (coal) and use human ingenuity to create value by mining, processing and converting it into electricity which has and continues to improve life for human beings around the world.

Alex Epstein, *President & CEO, Center for Industrial Progress*

Thirty percent of Caterpillar's workforce will retire within 10 years and the pipeline for replacing these workers is insufficient. Cat is addressing this problem primarily on two fronts:

- 1) Developing automation/robotic technologies that replace people as well as the skills deficit. Caterpillar's annual research & development budget is approximately \$2.3 Billion.
- 2) Working in their local communities to garner interest with school children in science, technology, engineering and math.

Gwenne Henricks, *VP Global Technology, Caterpillar Global Mining*

The Clean Power Plan only addresses .18% of the world's CO2 emissions. It is unprecedented legally and it will take 6 years to overturn it in the courts. Simply put, it is a switching from coal to gas rule. The US telling the world, “look at what we did to ourselves and you should do the same”, and expecting them to follow along is delusional. This approach is paternalistic and not leadership. A better option would be to lead with technology for coal utilization.

Mike Nasi, *Partner, Jackson Walker, LLP*

Investors will be rewarding coal companies with a low net debt/EBITDA ratio, good safety records and capital discipline. Coal is a wonderful buy opportunity in the next few years. Powder River Basin and Northern Appalachia look most promising in the near term. The Midwest will be good, but not as good as PRB and Northern Appalachia. Central and Southern Appalachia will decline. The met market is very negative in the intermediate term, but keep in mind it is a very cyclical commodity. This is a good time for smart acquisitions.

Neil Mehta, *Senior Analyst, Goldman Sachs*

How many people do you have in your safety department? 357 (everyone on the payroll)

Jim Miller, *General Manager, West Elk Mine, Arch Coal, winner of RMCMI safety award*

I am honored to be the recipient of a scholarship provided by Cate Equipment and Atlas Copco in honor and memory of long time RMCMI member Randy Schwandt, also a colleague in uniform. Because of my ROTC training, I am unable to accept this scholarship personally at the conference. I am sending my thanks via this video message to ensure you feel my gratitude.

Hyrum Byers, *Scholarship Winner, South Dakota School of Mines & Technology*

I was surprised to find out how under represented mining is in our everyday lives. As such, I joined a team and we have presented the SME K-12 Mining and Minerals Outreach program to over 2,000 students.

Ericka Tucker, *Scholarship Winner, University of Arizona*

I came to the **RMCMI** convention seven years ago with my Mom (Beth) who was working for the Institute at the time. It was a dream come true for me because I was getting the opportunity to hear my idol, **Gene Kranz**, speak. I bought an Apollo 13 ball cap, and Gene asked me if he could sign my hat. He did so with a note "Aim High". Matt then puts on his autographed ball cap and says, "That mantra, along with Gene's most famous mantra, 'Failure is not an Option', is the attitude I am taking into my mining career."

Matthew Coen, *Scholarship Winner, Eagle Scout, Colorado School of Mines*

My wife and I have 4 children. We lost everything in 2011 when my construction business collapsed. We decided that me going back to school in mining engineering was the logical next step because you are the people who power the world and what you do is good (create life in a real sense). My wife is the reason I am able to do what I am doing (tearfully spoken), and this scholarship is extremely helpful to us. I hope that upon graduation that I can be of use to those who work to create life.

Steven Piippo, *Scholarship Winner, Montana Tech*

I am a non-traditional college student: a single mom, 9 children, high school dropout and first family member ever to attend college. I was desperate and needed a better paying job. I applied at Kennecott and put on my application that I was studying for the GED. I was not hired. So, I started taking classes online and found out I was at an 8th grade math level. My daughter tutored me. I got my GED, and then a job with Kennecott driving a haul truck. Being a haul truck driver was awesome and I was able to support my family, but I wanted to know more about mining. Next year, I will graduate from Utah's mining engineering program. Two things I have learned - Believing in myself was and is the biggest challenge, and it is absolutely ok to change the decision on what you want to be later in life.

Crystal Darger, *Scholarship Winner, University of Utah*

My goal is to become a key contributor to the industry using my skills to introduce technology and help shape practical regulations for cleaner coal in the future.

Anthony Apodaca, *Scholarship Winner, University of Northern Colorado*

The US public does not understand: Supply and demand economics, gas price volatility, grid stability and integrity, economic (domino) impacts of increasing energy prices, subsidies to green energy, and the ineffectiveness of fast changes in the US power system. Predict, Plan, Perform is a simple method for solving problems and it is applicable to the resolving the problems above.

Harry Rhulen, *President & CEO, Firestorm*

President Obama's administration believes and is pursuing a plan such that America is controlled by a powerful bureaucracy who thinks they know best. They are realizing this goal by taking powers from the legislative branch. The House and the Senate need to claw back the authority they have been letting erode. Changing "D's" to "R's" is not the solution; we need to elect leaders who want a great America with a great energy policy.

Jason Borher, *President & CEO, Lignite Energy Council*

Please do all you can to get the crowd out for the EPA hearing in Denver on July 29 regarding the Clean Power Plan. Our industry is still doing too much preaching to the choir and not enough communicating with the general public.

David Moss, *Vice President, Kentucky Coal Association/Friends of Coal Kentucky*

We host three mining related summer camps for high school students. This effort is providing 75% of our incoming students. Our students are educated, coached and graded throughout their college career on our job readiness factors: knowledge 50%, experience 30%, and personal attributes 20% (communication, leadership, organizational and relationship skills).

Dr. Samuel Frimpong, *Professor, Missouri University of Science & Technology*

I thought this cowboy outfit Grandma made me was kind of goofy until my debut at the Monday night BBQ. I think I am going to grow up to be a third generation **RMCMI** president.

Evan Olberding (6 months old) - Proud grandparents are **Curt & Lona Belden**, Proud parents, **Marvin & Summer**

My ultimate thank you goes to my wife and better half Cheryl. Please give her our best Mine Rescue Team applause.

David Evans, *Mine Rescue Committee Chairman, Westmoreland Coal*

The Morrow Pacific Project is a \$300 million redevelopment of a brown field site that creates jobs, tax revenues and voluntary contributions to schools in the state of Oregon, all of which are desperately needed. Governor Kitzhaber has publicly stated on several occasions he intends to kill this project and is attempting to do so via regulatory chaos. These unprecedented stipulations have led to significant budget over runs and delays.

Clark Moseley, *President & CEO, Morrow Pacific Project*

A very effective approach Cloud Peak has used to garner support for our export business is to take union labor leaders on a tour of mines, load outs and power plants. They see first-hand the many precautions we employ, such as profiled car tops sprayed with surfactants, and we get a clearer understanding of their concerns during the informal tour conversations.

Jason Begger, *Government Affairs Manager, Cloud Peak Energy*

The Great Plains Synfuels Plant came on line in 1984. Today it is the largest coal gasification facility in the U.S., and is a zero surface discharge water facility. CO2 is captured in the initial phases of the process and not as a by-product of combustion. They have begun selling CO2 to the Bakken Oil Field producers to use in lieu of water in the fracking process. This is a tremendous upside for both parties with this new approach.

Mike Just, *Engineering Manager, Dakota Gasification Company*

Natural gas engines in haul trucks are like everything else in life, there are trade-offs. The first engines to come to the market will likely use a combination of natural gas and diesel. The fuel choice will be influenced by the price delta between diesel and LNG, engine demand, shift length, fueling distance/schedule, available real estate around the chassis for the tank, and rate of infrastructure development. We are targeting a 2016 rollout and the trucks will be based on Tier 4 architecture.

Ron Crawford, *Director of Product Marketing & Planning, Komatsu*

It has been a record breaking year for this year's conference:

- 15 mine rescue teams
- 100 children
- Approximately \$33,000 in proceeds from our auctions, golf mulligans and raffle

Judy Colgan, *Executive Director, RMCMI*

The opposite of success is quitting. Failure is over dramatized and an integral part of the process. Be sure to take your sense of humor with you in life's daily battles. With all the problems of the last 6 years, there has to be a lot of opportunities.

Joe Malarkey, *Humorist & Optimist*

Sunday Activities

Sunday provided many opportunities for attendees to enjoy the Keystone area. In addition to golf, there was a wine tasting luncheon at the Ranch at Keystone, a rafting trip in Brown's Canyon, and a wagon lunch ride to the back of Keystone ranch. It was a beautiful, fun day for everyone!



Closing Luncheon

Sponsored by Bowie Resource Partners, LLC and Thunder Basin Coal

Tom Durham chaired the RMCMI Annual meeting. Elections were held for the 2014-2015 officers and board members. This information is included in the minutes of the annual meeting. Tom passed the gavel to 2014-2015 President, **Bruce Lindsay**, Bowie Resources. Bruce has chosen “Coal: Powering the Way” for the 2015 theme for the Snowmass meeting.

Kathy Burnham won the drawing for the two “A” packages for the conference next year. Kathy also won the iPad Mini – this was her lucky year!

Joe Malarkey provided the closing entertainment. The “World’s Worst Motivational Speaker” reminded us that failure is only part of the pathway to success. The only real failure is in giving up. The most important thing as you strive for success is keeping your sense of humor intact.



Life Member Award Presentation

Pete Nielsen was given the Life Member Award at the annual Scholarship Luncheon. Pete joined the Institute as a member in 1977, and served as President of the Board of Directors in 1992. He has been a loyal contributor to our patron program since 1988. Pete has just celebrated 40 years with North American Coal, and is currently President of Camino Real Mine located in Eagle Pass, Texas. He has been married to Carole for 33 years and has one son, John, who grew up coming to the convention and was fortunate enough to join us to participate in Pete’s special award. We congratulate Pete and thank all the Nielsen’s for their contributions to RMCMI.



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