

# RMCMCI Reporter

August 2016

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2016 Post Conference Newsletter

## President's Message



**President  
Joe Micheletti**

*Westmoreland Coal Company*

As I reflect back on the past year, I would like to offer some words of thanks, encouragement and commitment.

**Thanks:** To every member of RMCMI for your support this past year, years past, and please continue on with RMCMI. Thanks to my fellow board members for volunteering your time, and the commitment you make to RMCMI and our industry. I can't thank our Executive Director, **Judy Colgan**, and **Chelsey Wilson** enough for everything they do for RMCMI. Judy has been persistently visible on representing RMCMI and Friends of Coal West at numerous events this past year, overseeing day-to-day operations, and they delivered an exceptional annual convention. The convention was energetic and the speakers were exceptional with topics ranging from the relevance of social media (**Honorable Greg S. Casey**), SaskPower's successes with CCS (**Mr. Ian Yeates**), and as always the best available Mine Rescue training and collaboration (**Mr. David Evans** and **Mrs. Cheryl Evans**).

**Encouragement:** Amidst difficult times in the coal industry, I'm encouraged by the endurance of our Institute and members. We have been fighting the War on Coal for a good long while. Being the competitive beings we are, I encourage everyone to continue to Fight, Fight, Fight the War on Coal; this can be best done by Educate, Educate, and Educate – the mission of RMCMI. When we share our message including our story on coal, what the impacts coal have on our communities, states, nation, and the world, we will Win, Win, Win the War on Coal. Each time I advocate for coal, and discuss the facts of coal's importance with a neighbor, acquaintance, friend, anyone, I most commonly hear "I did not know that". They did not know how important coal is, did not know how safe coal miners work, did not know how well coal mines reclaim, did not know the wealth of coal our country has, did not know..... (fill in the words)..... We simply need to educate. Please make sure to tell our story, coal's story. RMCMI's website [www.rmcmi.org](http://www.rmcmi.org) is well stocked with the positive facts of coal.

**Commitment:** The commitment we have to RMCMI cannot be better exemplified by the service and time put into RMCMI by **Mr. Bob Burnham**, recipient of the 2016 Life Member Award. Bob sets a very high standard for commitment to RMCMI, and a level of commitment we should all strive for. I would be remiss not to mention that Bob's passion and commitment to RMCMI is equaled

by his lovely wife, Kathy. They are an incredible team.

In closing, I am honored and privileged to have served as your 2016 RMCMI President. I am more committed to Fight, Fight, Fight, Educate, Educate, Educate, and Win, Win, Win for our coal miners. Our coal miners are so deserving of our thanks, they richly deserve our encouragement, and they are the most committed, best people in the world.

I passed the gavel to **Mrs. Summer Belden**, our new RMCMI President. Summer grew up in RMCMI, and is now following in her father, Curt's, footsteps as President. I'm encouraged and confident Summer will do an excellent job in leading RMCMI.

Stay SAFE and Happy Trails,

**Joe Micheletti**

## Letter from the Executive Director



**Judy Colgan**

Our time in Steamboat Springs was close to perfect. Everything went very smoothly, everyone was in a great mood and it was a great time for all. I am very appreciative of the efforts of

**David & Cheryl Evans** and the **Kern Education Group** for an excellent Mine Rescue Training and Evaluation. The weather was very cooperative for all of our events. From our golf tournament, to the Monday night

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event – people were positive in their attitudes and seemed to thoroughly enjoy being in the beautiful mountains.

We so appreciate the support of everyone who participated in our auctions, it is so important in funding the scholarship program. It is such a great experience for the students to be able to attend the meeting and learn more about the industry and how to network with colleagues.

We will have a booth at MINExpo this year. Please stop by the Friends of Coal booth in the North Lobby. If you have some time to work a short shift, please let us know.

We will be in Colorado Springs next year at the Cheyenne Mountain Resort. It's a great venue for us, and we hope to see you there!



Thank you to the RMCMI Conference Staff!  
**Chelsey Wilson, Trent Colgan, Richard Orf and Whitney Smith**



One of the highlights of the conference? Learning that our fearless leader, **Joe Micheletti**, has moves!



## Life Member Award

The Institute was pleased to present **Robert (Bob) Burnham** with the Life Member Award during our Scholarship Luncheon. Bob has been a member of RMCMI since 1979, and has served on several committees. Most recently, he has been a Co-Chair of the Scholarship Committee, and the head of our Welcome Committee.

Bob graduated from Colorado School of Mines in 1958 with an Engineer of Mines degree. He received his MBA from the University of Denver in 1979. He has more than 40 years' experience in the coal industry, working with Sunnyside Coal Company, BXG, Inc., Consolidation Coal Company, and Rocky Mountain Energy. He was a consultant for Wood Mackenzie, Inc., which was acquired by Hill & Associates. He retired in 2011, and began his own consulting company in 2012, Burnham Coal Company, LLC.

Bob has been married to his wife, Kathy for 47 years. Kathy has been very helpful on committee work with Bob as well. They have two sons and three grandchildren.

We sincerely appreciate the years of service Bob has provided to RMCMI, and we are proud to welcome him as a Life Member.



# Mine Rescue

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**David and Cheryl Evans**

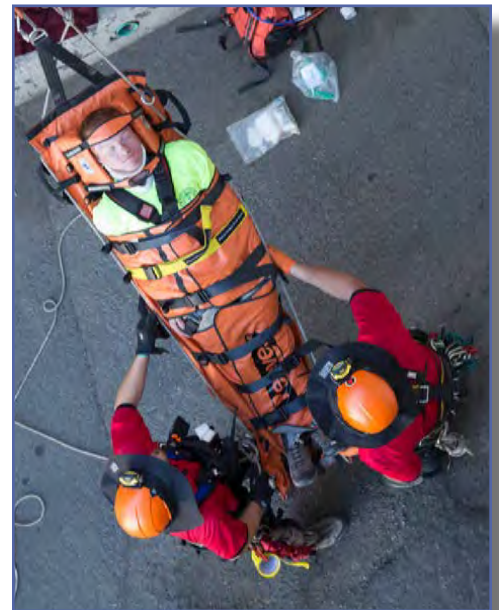
## 2016 Mine Rescue Evaluators

**We also thank the following evaluators:**

Jerry 'Bondo' Bonds, Bill Brown , Terry Davis, Melanie DuBois, Cesar Escobedo, Danny Graham, Brad Holligan, Aaron Johnson, Donna Jones, Kristine Kern, Charles Pankonien, Bob Pasley, Gerald Polacca, Kevin Ray, Shaine Reeder and Helen Treon.

**We extend our gratitude to the sponsors of this event –**

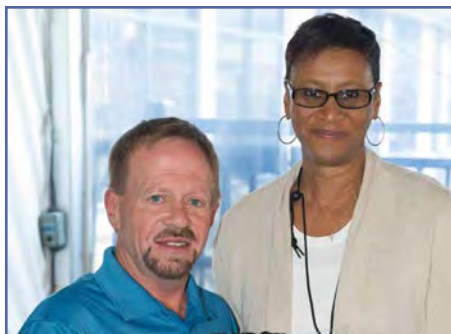
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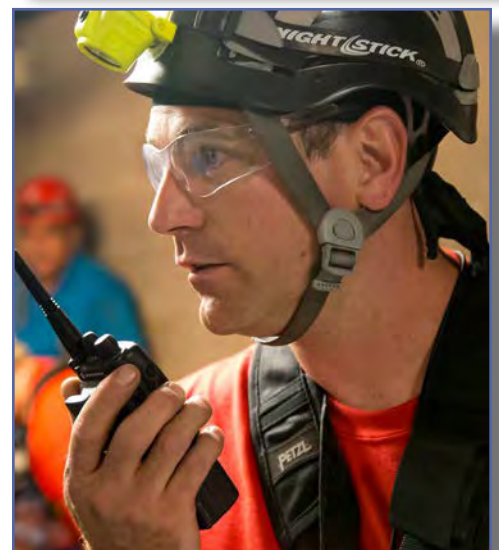
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# 2016 Mine Rescue Teams



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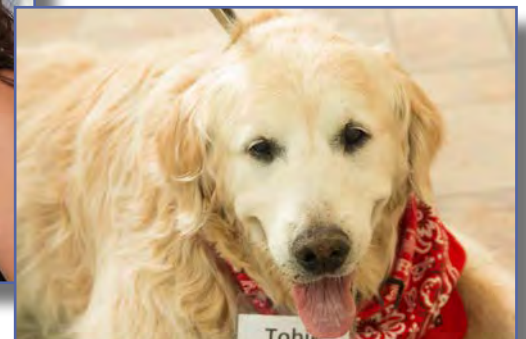
**Victims**



# Welcome Reception

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**Bowie Resources, LLC & Cloud Peak Energy**

The annual conference began with a Welcome Reception and Dinner, with the Welcome Committee attending the entrance. We had an extra member this year, Tobie Bate. Entertainment was provided by **Todd Musselman**.





# Technical Sessions

We had an excellent line up of speakers this year. A link to the presentations has been sent to all attendees, and the presentations will be on our website for members to access. Please contact the office if you have questions about any of the presentations.



## **Reclaiming the American Republic**

The Honorable **Gregory S. Casey**,  
Two LLC, former President BIPAC



## **When Drones Attack: Implications of Regulatory Inspections Using Unmanned Aircraft Systems**

**Laura Beverage**, Jackson Kelly, PLLC



## **Light at the End of the Tunnel? A Call to Action: Let's Be Energy Ambassadors**

**Michael J. Nasi**, Jackson Walker, LLP



## **Coal: Affordable Electricity & Tremendous Improvements in Air Quality**

**Jacob Williams**, Vice President of Coal  
Emissions and Conversion Technologies,  
Peabody Energy



## **21st Century Coal: Sustainable Mining, Energy Access and Clean Coal Solutions**

**Kimball Rasmussen**,  
President & CEO, Deseret Power



## **Climate Hustle: A Shakedown on Global Warming Science & Politics**

**Craig Rucker**, Executive Director, CFACT



## **Carbon Capture and Storage Initiatives - Update on first 18 months performance of BD3**

**Ian Yeates**, SaskPower



## **Innovation in Clean Coal Technology**

**Tom Woodward**, President,  
Advanced Power Control Solutions, LLC



## **RMCMI Annual Safety Awards**

**Corey Heaps**, General Manager  
Skyline Mine, Bowie Resource Partners



## **The Role of Fluvial Geomorphology in Surface Mine Closure**

**Alister Horn**, Principal Consultant-Mining,  
Millcreek Mining Group



## **Navigating the Environmental Assessment Process in an Anti-Coal Environment**

**Drew Kramer**, Senior Advisor of External  
Affairs, Tri-State Generation & Transmission  
Association



**Chris McCourt**,  
Mine Manager, Colowyo Mine

# Safety Awards

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**JoyGlobal**

RMCMC would like to congratulate this year's safety award winners. The selection for the awards are compiled from MSHA data. The contractor safety award is calculated by man hours work and no lost time incidents. We sincerely thank RMCMC Safety Chairman, **Corey Heaps**, for collecting and evaluating the data and making the presentations.



## Large Underground Mine

West Elk Mine (Mountain Coal Company LLC)



## Small Underground Mine

King II Mine (GCC Energy LLC)



## Large Surface Mine

Three Oaks Mine (Luminant Mining Company LLC)



## Small Surface Mine

Coal Creek Mine (Thunder Basin Coal Company LLC)



## 2016 Contractor Safety Award

SLS West, Inc.



# 32nd Annual Scholarship Luncheon

*Sponsored by*

**Rimpull Corporation, Trapper Mining Inc. and Western Fuels-Colorado, LLC**

Five scholars joined us this year for the conference; **Matthew Coen, Stephanie Panza, Arthur Kukowski, Connor Candrian, Joshua Munoz, Annaleigh Seeley, Schuyler Hamilton.** We sincerely appreciate the effort of Curt Belden and Bob Burnham for their continued work in selecting the award winners. The proceeds from the patron donations and silent/live auctions help to fund the annual scholarships. Thank you all for making a difference in these student's lives!

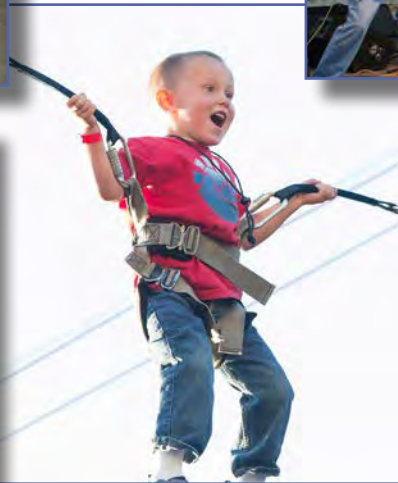




# Monday Night BBQ

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The Monday night family event was one of the best parties we have ever had! Plenty of activities, a great band, and lots of fun. **Mud Puppy** provided the entertainment.





# Silent Auction a Huge Success!

Once again, our silent and live auctions were a big success! It makes a huge difference in our ability to award the scholarships each year. Our silent auction raised just over \$6,500. The live auction raised a whopping \$35,600! The buyers and donors are listed below, and both have our endless gratitude.

## Live Auction

### Donors:

ESCO - \$10,000 services  
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 JoyGlobal - \$8,400 services  
 Dave & Sonia Smaldone - Park City Condo  
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 Steamboat Springs Condo

### Winners:

Kent Salitros, Western Energy  
 Clark Moseley, Navajo Transitional Energy Company  
 Shane Gant, Westmoreland Kemmerer  
 Jeff Kukura, Westmoreland San Juan  
 Donna Jones  
 Sarah Loomis

## Silent Auction Donors

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Wheeler Machinery	Jill Nelson , GeoPros
Ken Damon, All-State Fire Equipment	Cheyenne Mountain Resort
Ta Li	Mike Moehnke VR Steel
Scott Clary, Mill Man Steel	Vermeer



## Silent Auction Winners

Rick Wolfey	Daniel Munoz	Terry Davis	Deanne Sledge
Rick Hoggan	Dave Hughes	Wendy Hutchinson	Michael Morriss
Daniel Munoz	Emma Curley	Charles Pankonien	Kelly Hardy
Jim Mattern	Ken Damon	Greta Pierce	Donna Conrad
Jason Todd	Phil Patton	Lyall Workman	Kent Salitios
Phil Sledge	Donna Jones	Donna Jones	Jack Merritts
Gordon Shinkle	Cullen Pace	Cheryl Evans	Judy Colgan
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# RMCMI

Golf Tournament

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## Golf Tournament – Sunday, June 26, 2016 – Steamboat Springs, CO

Over sixty players enjoyed a perfect day at Rollingsstone Ranch Golf Club in Steamboat Springs. We sincerely thank **Phillips 66** for sponsoring the event, and all of the hole sponsors and prize sponsors listed below.

### 1ST PLACE:

**Matt Palmer**  
**Denny Kingsley**  
**Jeff Minden**  
**Bob Kulina**

### 2ND PLACE:

**Ken Damon**  
**Pete Nieman**  
**Brett Krage**  
**Rachel Krage**

### 3RD PLACE:

**Shane Gant**  
**Jason Todd**  
**Chris Cooper**  
**Tim VanWyngarden**

**LONGEST DRIVE, MEN:** Jeff Minden

**LONGEST DRIVE, WOMEN:** Sarah Loomis

**CLOSEST TO PIN, MEN:** Denny Kingsley

**CLOSEST TO PIN, WOMEN:** Rachel Krage

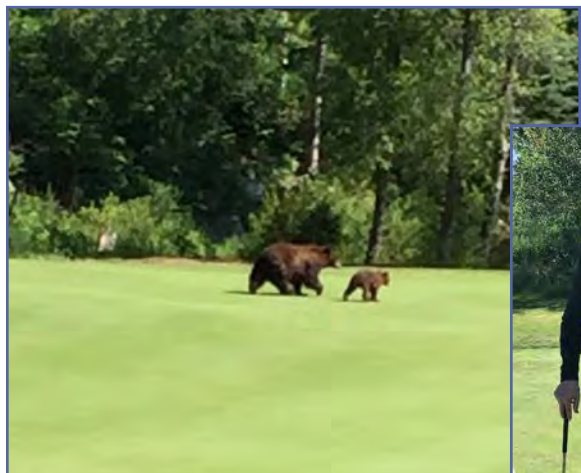
We sincerely appreciate prize donations from the following:

**Allstate Fire & Equipment**  
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**McLanahan**  
**Mill Man Steel**

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**Utah Mining Association**  
**Wagner Equipment**  
**Westmoreland Coal**  
**Rimpull Corporation**

A special thank you to Millcreek Engineering for providing goodie bags on the carts for each player. Thank you to **Matthew Palmer**, Rimpull Corporation, for helping to solicit prizes and coordinate the awards luncheon.



**Bruce Lindsay** took this photo of a bear and her cub on the course just the day before!



**Jeff Minden, Matthew Palmer,  
Denny Kingsley, Bob Kulina**



**Jason Todd, Tim VanWyngarden,  
Shane Gant, Chris Cooper**



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#### ***Welcome Reception***

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## Passing the Gavel

**Joe Micheletti** has passed the gavel to **Summer Belden**, RMCMI 2016-2017 President. Summer is a second generation leader of the Institute. Her father, Curt Belden, is a former President, Life Member and still co-chairs the Scholarship Committee. We look forward to Summer's leadership in the coming year.



## Thank you to our Generous Scholarship Program Sponsors

We thank the individuals and companies who continue to support the RMCMI Scholarship Program. Please encourage your colleagues and friends to participate in this outstanding opportunity. The selected students not only receive a \$5,500 tuition credit over two years, but also receive a free trip to the Annual Meeting & Conference. Technical scholars receive \$1,000, for those hoping to work in the industry in a technical field. Please help RMCMI continue this important program that has already given over \$758,000 to student education. **Don't forget to ask your companies to match your personal donations!**

### **Diamond Plus (\$3,000 and up)**

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Rich Bate

Summer Belden

Bob & Kathy Burnham

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Gordon Shinkle

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Western Energy

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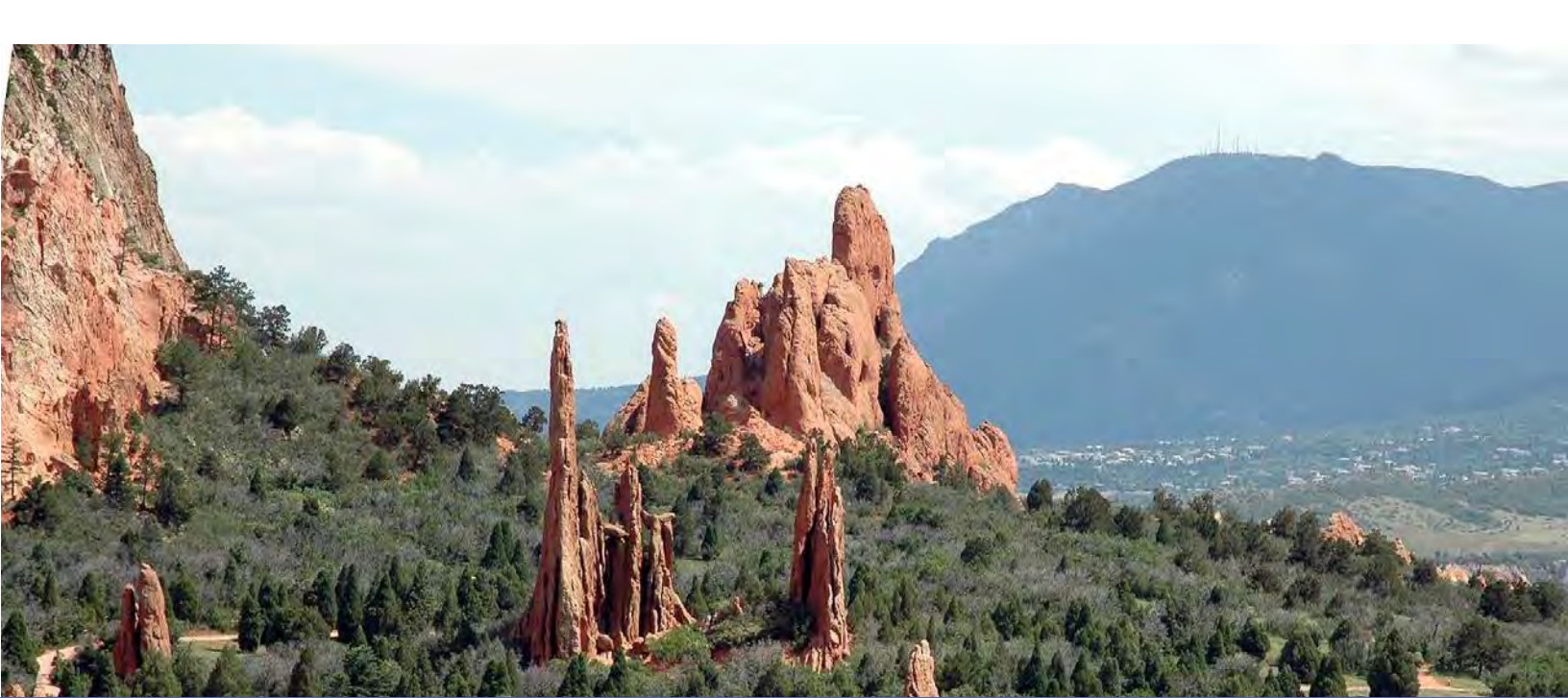
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