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RMMI Post Conference Newsletter

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A Message from Our President *Frank Pagura, WPI*



Another great annual meeting is in the books. Thank you to all that participated and a special thanks to Judy Colgan and Chelsey Voglewede for their flawless planning and execution of the events, as always.

This was the first annual conference under the RMMI name, and the attendance and participation were impressive. We also had such a great group of speakers this year. The topics presented were an informative mix of updates on key issues impacting our industry along with some exciting introductions to new applications and technologies tied to mining. The golf played in one of the most beautiful settings in the world didn't disappoint and neither did the willingness of our sponsors to donate to our auctions this year. The generosity of the bidders on the silent and live auctions along with the gun raffle (special thanks to Wendall Koontz) set a record this year. A heartfelt thank you to all that donated and bid. As you know, RMMI relies heavily on that generosity to keep us supporting the mining community.

Thanks for letting me serve RMMI this past year. I am excited to know that the RMMI Board remains in good hands going forward with Greg Mager taking the President role. His passion for life is contagious and is what we all need more of going forward.

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Technical Program

RMMI was pleased to present a very diverse and interesting group of speakers this year. We sincerely thank them for their time and efforts, and willingness to bring their expertise to the group.



David Gattie
University of Georgia
"US Energy Through the Lens of Security"



Josh Wagner
Komatsu America
"Mining Sustainability Solutions & Carbon Emissions Reduction"



Michael Nasi
Jackson Walker, LLP
"The State of Domestic Energy & Environmental Policy in a Changing and Challenging World"



Econo Alchemist
Upstream Data
"Bitcoin Proof-of-Work & the Power of Hydrocarbons"



Mark Compton
American Exploration & Mining Association
"Ridding Ourselves of the Albatross: Prospects for Good Sam Legislation"



Marty Weems
Western Rare Earths
"Rare Earths Supply Chain from Source to Metal and Its Mining Startup Challenges"



Robby Smith
Coalition for a Prosperous America
"American Prosperity & Security Demands on Minerals-- And Us Controlling our Own Future"



Mike Holmes
Lignite Energy Council
"Development Emerging Markets & Opportunities for Expanded Coal Use"



Matthew Babcock
Navajo Transitional Energy Company
"A New Era in U.S. Helium Production"

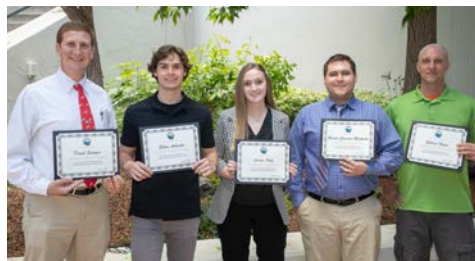
Welcome Reception

The Welcome Reception is the official kick-off of the annual conference. It was a cool and rainy evening, so we were pleased to have the rooftop tent for the event. Damien Smith was the musical entertainment for the evening.



Scholarship Luncheon

One of the highlights of our annual conference is the Scholarship Luncheon. A big thank you to Morgan Malkowski and Sean Hovorka for their efforts in reviewing the applications and interviewing all of our scholarship applicants. We were happy to have 5 of our scholars join us in Snowmass this year. The patron donations and auction proceeds go toward providing their scholarships, and the funds to bring them to the annual meeting. We sincerely appreciate all who contribute to this most important cause, and we thank the sponsors of this luncheon: Peabody Energy, Rimpull Corporation and Trapper Mining, Inc.



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Safety Awards

The Rocky Mountain Mining Institute is proud to present safety awards to both coal and metal/non-metal companies this year. The Rocky Mountain Mining Institute compared companies for the prestigious award using incident rate data including Non-Fatal Days Lost (NFDL) and No Days Lost (NDL) rates as reported to the Mine Safety and Health Administration, a division of the U.S Department of Labor whose mission is to foster safe and healthy workplaces in U.S mines.

We congratulate all of the awards winners for their outstanding safety performances!



Large Surface Mine
Navajo Transitional Energy
Company
Navajo Mine



Small Surface Mine
Peabody Energy
Rawhide Mine



Large Underground Mine
Wolverine Fuels
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Twentymile Mine
Peabody Energy



Large Surface Mine
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Small Surface Mine
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Large Underground Mine
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Small Underground Mine
Resolution Copper

Mine Rescue Evaluation

The Rocky Mountain Mining Institute was proud to present the 30th Annual Mine Rescue Safety Training & Evaluation during the 118th Conference and Annual Meeting. David and Cheryl Evans completed their 24th year of involvement with our program and continue to do an excellent job of coordinating this event. We also thank the following evaluators: Todd Olmstead, Bob Paslay, Charlie Pankonien, Gerald Polacca, Racheal Ellison, and Danny Graham. The Kern Education Group provided medical education & training. The effort required for an event like this takes months of prior planning, and we appreciate their dedication to provide great training scenarios.



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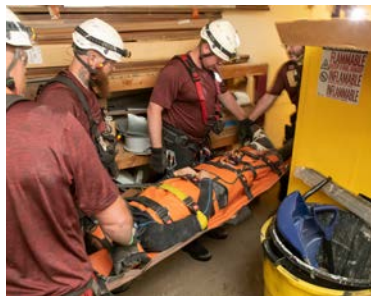
Coreau Properties



Mine Rescue Evaluators



David & Cheryl Evans



Not Pictured: NTEC North #1, NTEC North #2, Falkirk Mining Co., Danny Graham, Bob Paslay, Rachael Ellison & Gerald Polacca

Golf

The golfers enjoyed the beautiful scenery of River Valley Ranch for our golf outing during the annual meeting. We wish to thank Big Horn Tire, Barr Engineering and Certified Labs for their sponsorship of the event. Randy Eminger, Energy Policy Network, got a hole in one!



The winners were:

1st Place Tie –

Cody Harrod, Chad McPherson, Wicus Burger, Rio Franzman

Michael Morriss, Jeremy Bowles, Kenny Kuhn, Robert Smart

3rd Place Tie –

Matt Estes, Mark Compton, Randy Eminger
John Miller, Greg Shurbet, Frank Pagura, Todd Parks

Longest Drive Men – Cody Harrod
Longest Drive Women – Leanne Sidney
Closest to the Pin Men – Rio Franzman
Closest to the Pin Women – Megan Exley



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Monday Night Event & Friends of Coal Gun Raffle

We enjoyed a spectacular location for our Monday night party at Elk Camp on top of Snowmass mountain. The ride up the gondola and the scenery made this a special occasion. We always enjoy the camaraderie of having our families join us for this evening during our conference. Special thanks to Komatsu for sponsoring the event.



RMMI sincerely thanks Wendell Koontz for his efforts in promoting the Friends of Coal gun raffle this year. We sold 293 tickets, largely due to Wendell's efforts. The winner was an employee of Jay Kost, Falkirk Mine. Jay purchased 20 tickets for his employees, so we are sure the winner will be very excited. Thank you to all who participated in the raffle.



Patron Auction

The silent and live auctions are critical to the success of our program. The funds help with the scholarships and other programs that we promote during the year. Sincere thanks go to Mike Nasi, who is an entertaining auctioneer, and NTEC who sponsors both the silent and live auctions. To all who donate and purchase the auction items – THANK YOU!!



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Auction Winners

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Erich Bower
Mark Compton
Coteau Properties Company
DSS
Emma Curley
Ken Damon
David Evans
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Passing the Gavel, Reverse Expo & Save the Date

We thank Frank Pagura, WPI, for his year as President of the Board of Directors, and his leadership on the board over the past several years. We welcome Greg Mager, NTEC, into the role of President of the Board for the upcoming year and look forward to his focus on family being an integral part of success as his theme for next year. We appreciate the role that each of these gentlemen have taken in moving Rocky Mountain Mining Institute forward.



The first year of the Reverse Expo was a success. Both mining companies and vendors felt like it was worthwhile and we are encouraged to continue again next year. Thank you to all who participated, and look for more opportunities next year!

Thank you to Chelsey Voglewede and Richard Orf; the team that makes the dream work!



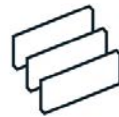
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