

# RMCM Reporter

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2015 Post Conference Newsletter

## President's Message



**President  
Bruce Lindsay**  
*Bowie Resources*

Our 2015 Conference at Snowmass is now in the books. Those attending the conference were treated to energizing and thought provoking entertainment, and to excellent speakers who provided insight into many different topics relevant to our industry. The speakers provided thoughtful insight on topics ranging from carbon capture and utilization, up to the minute Supreme Court ruling regarding hazardous pollutants, Westmoreland's excellent environmental stewardship and the energy required to support the "cloud" as it applies to technology.

Beyond the speaker's presentations, I hope everyone had an opportunity to observe some of the interesting and very real mine rescue scenarios that were being performed around the village. Based upon their performance, it is easy to see that they are all well prepared to take on

any situation that they may be presented with. Congratulations to all of them!

We, the membership, received two challenges. First, we were challenged to have each member enroll a new member. We should really work hard this next year to see if we can meet the challenge and increase our membership. Additionally, we were challenged not to sit idle when it comes to speaking out about coal. We have been asked to communicate with our local, state and federal elected officials and provide them with meaningful input on any issues impacting our industry. We must be heard!

I would like to add one more challenge. I would like to ask that all members to become a RMCM patron by donating to the scholarship program. Remember it is tax deductible. As mentioned during the conference, had we not been able to raise \$46,535 through the silent and live auction, we would not have been able to reach our goal to provide for our annual scholarship commitments. To all of those who did donate this year, we offer our sincerest thanks.

I want to express my appreciation for being allowed the opportunity to serve as the RMCM President this past year. The RMCM is an outstanding organization whose

presence, along with Friends of Coal West, serves an educational need that is probably more important at this time than any time in our industry's history. The members of the board of directors are an exceptional group of men and women who are truly interested and dedicated to helping guide the RMCM.

Lastly, I owe a special debt of gratitude to **Judy Colgan** and **Chelsey Wilson** for their dedicated and tireless efforts toward seeing that the regional meetings and annual conference were successful. Not to mention taking the time to promote both the RMCM and FOCW at several external events.

## Letter from the Executive Director



**Judy Colgan**

Snowmass is one of the most picturesque locations in Colorado, and we were fortunate to hold our annual conference there this year. We had beautiful weather and a great group of friends who networked together and enjoyed the events.

Eleven mine rescue teams participated in rescue training. I really appreciate all that **David & Cheryl Evans** do to make this a very special event.

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*Letter from the Executive Director, continued*

The speakers presented one of the best programs we have had in a while. Their presentations will be emailed to the attendees, and be posted on the website. We thank them for their insight and encouragement to move the industry forward.

I wanted to extend a special thank you to all auction donors and buyers. This has helped our patron program more each year, and the students are the most grateful for your support. We had a great performance

by "Party Rock Project" at our Monday night event; we hope to bring them back at some point in the future.

Don't forget our Tri-State Regional meeting in Sheridan, Wyoming September 16-17, 2015. Our regional meetings are a great way to be educated about the industry, play a great round of golf and network with your colleagues. We strive to continue to provide support for the industry, and we appreciate your help with our efforts.

## Thank You!

Thank you to the amazing RMCMI team! Their help is invaluable, and we thank them immensely.



**Trent Colgan & Richard Orf**



**Chelsey Wilson & Whitney Smith**

## Friends of Coal West at Cheyenne Frontier Days

Friends of Coal West had an exhibit booth at Frontier Days in Cheyenne, Wyoming this year. We talked to many people involved in the industry, and several who were not familiar with the importance of coal in our energy mix. **David Smaldone**, President of Friends of Coal West, and his wife, Sonia, attended the Governor's Reception at Governor Mead's residence.





# Mine Rescue

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

Eleven teams participated in the 24th Annual Mine Rescue Evaluation in Snowmass, Colorado. Coordinated by **David & Cheryl Evans**, the teams participated in simulated rescue scenarios, vehicle extrication classes, a simulated mass casualty incident. **Kern Education Group** presented classes on “Guts & Gore” and “Escape the Mine”.



**Westmoreland Coal**



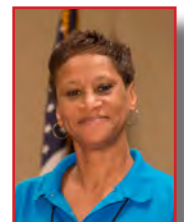
**North American Coal**



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**David &  
Cheryl Evans**



Evaluators were: **Jerry Bonds, Bill Brown, Terry Davis, Danny Graham, Tim Hedrick, Brad Holligan, Robert Paslay, Kevin Ray, Kristine Kern, Sylvia Gallegos, Melanie DuBois, and Helen McFee.** A special thank you to **Donna Jones, Dawn Carter** and **Charles Pankonien** for their assistance.



# 2015 Mine Rescue Teams



**BHP San Juan**



**BHP Navajo**



**Dakota Westmoreland**



**Falkirk**



**OCI Chemicals**



**Smoky Canyon**



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**Texas Westmoreland**



**Western Energy**



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## Welcome Reception

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

The Welcome Reception kicked off this year's conference in Snowmass, Colorado. About 225 people enjoyed a special evening of fun and networking. Entertainment was provided by **Todd Musselman**.



# Technical Sessions

We have an outstanding group of speakers this year. We sincerely appreciate their time and efforts to give us their insights on the industry, and the pathway to the future. **These presentations will be available on the website.**



**Transformative Technology for a Sustainable Energy Future**  
**The Honorable Charles D. McConnell**, *Rice University Center for Industrial Progress*



**Survival Is Victory: Lessons From the Tobacco Wars**  
**Richard Reavey**, *Cloud Peak Energy*



**The Social, Economic and Environmental Benefits of Coal**  
**Jude Clemente**, *JTC Energy Research Associates, LLC*



**Continued Challenges From EPA Overreach & State Pushback**  
**Mark Ourada**, *American Coalition for Clean Coal Electricity*



**21st Century Coal: Sustainable Mining, Energy Access and Clean Coal Solutions**  
**Bryan Galli**, *Peabody Energy*



**Safety and Environmental Compliance - The Bookends of Superior Performance**  
**Denny Kingsley**, *Texas Westmoreland Coal Company*



**The Power Behind the Cloud: The Growing Demands of Our Wireless World**  
**Michael Nasi**, *Jackson Walker, LLP*



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**Clark Moseley**, *Navajo Transitional Energy Company*



**RMCM Annual Safety Awards**  
**Corey Heaps**, *Rhino Western Operations*



**CAT Expanded Mining Products**  
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**The Sage Grouse Saga: Unfounded Listings and Land Use Restrictions**  
**Kent Holsinger**, *Holsinger Law*



# Safety Awards

Sponsored by  
**JoyGlobal**

**Corey Heaps**, Vice President & General Manager, **Rhino Western Operations** and RMCMI Safety Chairman presented the 17th 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 the most hours. We congratulate these companies on their outstanding achievements.



## Large Underground Mine

*Skyline Mine, Canyon Fuel Company,  
Bowie Resource Partners*

Accepting: **Carl Winters, Jeff Sego, and Craig Brown**



## Small Underground Mine

*Dugout Canyon Mine, Canyon Fuel Company,  
Bowie Resource Partners*

Accepting: **Kirt Tatton and Ray Bridge**



## Large Surface Mine

*Texas Westmoreland Coal Company, Jewett Mine*  
Accepting: **J. Denny Kingsley and Joe Micheletti**



## Small Surface Mine

*Coal Creek Mine*  
Accepting: **Gordon Shinkle**



## 2015 Contractor Safety Award

*Rimpull Corporation*

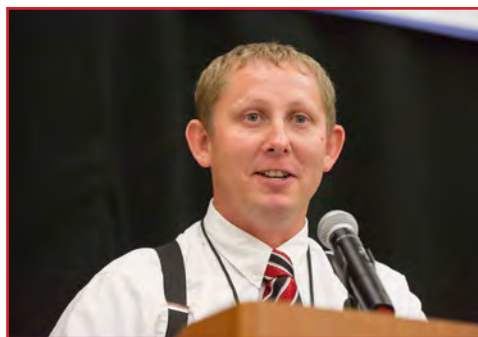
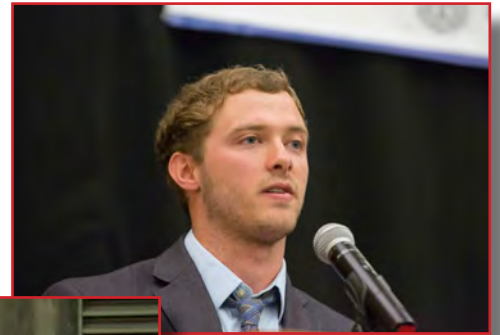
Accepting: **Matthew Palmer and Richard Davis**

# 31st Annual Scholarship Luncheon

*Sponsored by*

**Peabody Energy Co., Rimpull Corporation and Trapper Mining Inc.**

Five scholars joined us this year for the conference; **Doni Esmay**, **Tyler Johnson**, **Justin Lawrimore**, **Joel Patton** and **Levi Rawlings**. 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

Sponsored by  
**McLanahan Corporation & Nelson Brothers**

Monday night's event at Elk Camp was a special event that joined all attendees, families and mine rescue teams for an evening of fun and fellowship. We had such great entertainment from **Party Rock Project**, and the live auction and raffle results were held at this time. The results are in this newsletter.



## Silent Auction a Huge Success!

Thank you so much to all who participated in our silent and live auctions. Our gratitude goes to those who both donated and purchased items. A big thanks to our vendor companies who donated services for our live auction. Each year, it becomes more fun and more beneficial to our patron fund. The funds for both auctions go directly to fund our scholarships.

### 2015 Live Auction Winners:

Daniel Munoz, Western Energy  
Bob Bartosh, Dakota Coal  
Scott Sturm, Westmoreland Kemmerer  
Denny Kingsley, Texas Westmoreland Coal Company  
Curt Lightle, Westmoreland Resources  
Jody Aberle, Western Energy

### Donors:

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## Silent Auction Donors

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Denny Kingsley, Texas Westmoreland Coal  
Bruce Lindsay, Bowie Resources  
Jeff McGovern, McLanahan  
David Moss, Friends of Coal Kentucky  
Cindy Murray, UWE Partners

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Navajo Transitional Energy Company  
Les Presmyk  
Johnny Rainey, Klein  
Rimpull Corporation  
Snowmass Tourism  
Steamboat Sheraton  
Scott Sturm, Westmoreland Kemmerer  
Jane Thomas, Wyoming Analytical Labs  
Tri-State Generation & Transmission  
Tim VanWyngarden, ACZ Laboratories  
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## Silent Auction Winners

Jack Atwater	John Fuentes	Richard Orf	Gordon Shinkle
Tom Bailey	Juan Garcia	Mark Ourada	Greg Shurbet
Summer Belden	Mike Green	Cullen Pace	David Smaldone
Ron Bowling	Kelly Hardy	Matthew Palmer	Whitney Smith
Ken Damon Jr	Rick Hoggan	Les Presmyk	Scott Sturm
Ken Damon Sr	Wendy Hutchinson	Cindy Rainey	Kirt Tatton
Ron Destefano	Randy Johnson	Johnny Rainey	Tim VanWyngarden
Tom Durham	Jeff McGovern	Kim Robinson	John Wayhart
Cheryl Evans	Joe Micheletti	Jana Russell	Steve West
David Evans	Cindy Murray	Pat Scherzinger	Chelsey Wilson
Steve Ford	Marvin Olberding	Kent Salitros	Sam Woods



## Golf Tournament – Sunday, June 28, 2015 – Carbondale, Colorado

Sunday provided a beautiful day on the golf course at River Valley Ranch in Carbondale, Colorado for 94 players. The winners were:

### 1ST PLACE:

**Matt Palmer**  
**Jeff Minden**  
**Bob Kulina**  
**Jesse Noel**

### 2ND PLACE:

**Joe Micheletti**  
**David Moss**  
**Mike Reinsma**  
**Joey Berry**

### 3RD PLACE:

**Bruce Lindsay**  
**Kim Robinson**  
**Tim VanWyngarden**

We sincerely appreciate prize donations from the following:

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**Allstate Fire**

**Dakota Coal**

**Friends of Coal Kentucky**

**Friends of Coal West/RMCM**

**Highland GeoComputing**

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**Phillips 66**

**Rimpull Corporation**

**Utah Mining Association**

**Westech**

**Westmoreland Coal**

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.







# **RMCM**

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**Westmoreland Coal Company**

**Westmoreland Savage**



## Closing Luncheon

Sponsored by  
**Rocky Mountain Power and Western Fuels Colorado**

**Bruce Lindsay** passed the gavel to new RMCMI President, **Joe Micheletti**. Joe committed to make next year great, with the theme of *“Coal: The Catalyst. Heat > Electricity > Life”*.

**Michael Connors** won the drawing for two “A” packages for the conference next year.

**Todd Musselman** was the closing speaker for the luncheon. Todd is the founder of Timberline Leadership, and spoke to our group about creating the ownership mindset, a distinction between the victim mindset vs. the ownership mindset. We are in charge of the results of our own lives, and making priorities to improve our own lives and situations every day. He asked an important question – *“What would your life be like if you slowed down even just 5%?”*



## Life Member Award



**Ken Miller** joined RMCMI in 1985, served as President in 2009 when the annual conference was held here in Snowmass. He was instrumental in getting Gene Krantz, NASA flight director (Apollo mission), as the keynote speaker.

Currently, Ken is the principal at Fairway 17 Incorporated as a consultant to the natural resources industry for strategic planning in port development and major projects specializing in coal and infrastructure. He serves on the Board of Directors for Friends of Coal West and the Wyoming Infrastructure Authority.





# **The 111th RMCMI Convention & Annual Meeting**



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## 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 \$713,000 to student education. **Don't forget to ask your companies to match your personal donations!**

### **Diamond (\$1,000-\$2,999)**

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Ken & Kathy Miller  
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Trapper Mining Inc.  
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SNF Holding Company  
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**Mario Arredondo**  
Empire Southwest LLC  
Mesa, AZ

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# Save the Date 112<sup>th</sup> Conference and Annual Meeting Steamboat Springs, Colorado June 26-June 28, 2016

Please mark your calendars for the upcoming

**26th Annual Tri-State Regional Meeting**  
in Sheridan Wyoming  
**September 16-17, 2015.**

An agenda and registration will be sent soon. Golf will be at Powderhorn Golf Club on the afternoon of September 17, and will be open to the public as a Friends of Coal West fund raiser. Please contact the office for sponsorship information - **we need your support!**

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