Sixty-five people participated in the 21st Annual Tri-State Meeting held in Sheridan, Wyoming on September 15-16, 2011. Ron Destefano, with CDG Engineers put together an excellent program.

Sponsors
Sponsors for this event included Atlas Copco, Butler Machinery Co., Cate Equipment, Caterpillar, CDG Engineers, Cloud Peak Energy, Coteau Properties, Dakota Coal Company, Dyno Nobel, General Equipment & Supplies, LeTourneau Technologies America, Rimpull Corporation, Roberts & Schaefer, Tetra Tech, Thunder Basin Coal, Western Energy Company and Wyoming Machinery. We thank these companies for their continued support.

Short Courses
Two separate short courses were presented on Thursday to 25 attendees. The first was a course on Coal Quality and Associated Power Plant Impacts presented by Tri-State Generation & Transmission. The second course was on Project Management Tools presented by CDG Engineers, Alberici Constructors and Peabody Coal.

Banquet

Friday Morning Sessions
The presentations were interesting and informative about what’s happening in the tri-state region.

Golf Event
Friday afternoon’s golf event was held at the Powder Horn Golf Club. Thank you to the following companies for donating a record number of golf prizes: Pete Neimann, AIL Mining; Dakota Coal; Nelson Brothers, Roberts & Schaefer; Thunder Basin Coal; P&H Mine Pro; Caterpillar; North American Coal Falkirk Mine.

First place team: Jesse Noel, Gordon Shinkle, Tom Burleson, Pete Niemann
Second place team: Dean Bray, Steve Burke, Greg Dehne
Third place team: Roy Gunther, Ron Destefano, Scott Hantz, Chad Mills
Longest Drive Men: Jason Johnstone
Longest Drive Women: Jill Nelson
Closest to the Pin Men: Jesse Noel
Closest to the Pin Women: Molly Schwend

The Tri-State meeting was an outstanding meeting, we sincerely thank our sponsors, speakers, members and colleagues who helped make the meeting such a success.