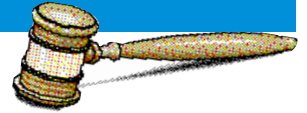




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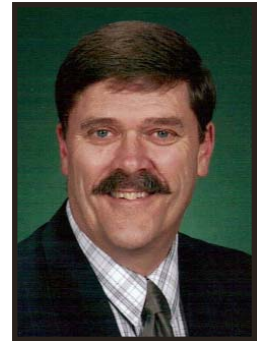
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President's Message 105th Convention & Annual

Greetings fellow coal industry members! Welcome to Snowmass, CO for this year's Convention. A terrific program awaits you. This year's theme of "Into The Headwinds of Change" is most appropriate.

In preparing for the convention, the National Energy Public Policy debate reminds me of **Barbara Tuchman's** book – "The March of Folly." She gives examples of government actions of folly from the Trojans bringing the Horse into their city and the British losing the American colonies. I can only speculate that in five to fifteen years we might similarly reflect on these times.



Ken Miller
Thunder Basin Coal Co.

- For every **Dr. James Hansen**, there is a **Dr. William Gray**.
- For every **Senator Al Gore**, there is a **Lord Christopher Moncton**.
- What has had a bigger influence on the environment during the last 40 years? Is it 60 more parts per million of CO₂ or 3 billion more people?

From the convention location 2,000 miles west of the Beltway, the Headwinds feel like a Gale. This convention will be an exciting time to steer forward. For the first time, the Mine Rescue Teams will join the convention Keynote address audience to hear **Gene Kranz** deliver "Failure Is Not an Option." This testimony to leadership will be inspiring, historical, and patriotic. Touchstone Energy's COO, **Jim Bausell**, will share his thoughts as the leader of our nation's cooperatives – America's largest group of coal purchasers. Hear from our industry leaders on Safety, Process Improvement, Coal Markets, Carbon Sequestration, Equipment Reliability, MSHA, and Advances of Women in Mining.

The Short Course this year will be *Maintenance and Reliability Can Improve Coal Mine Profits*. Friday will be a classroom setting with Saturday session being the *MRG Reliability Game*. This program is for everyone involved in mining leadership – mine planners, operations, purchasing, process improvement, warehousing, and equipment vendor supply and maintenance. I can testify to the value of the Reliability Game – it is a valuable tool for the here and now!

Finally, it is with great celebration that the Institute recognizes the 25th Anniversary of the Scholarship / Patrons program. The eight states of the Institute have been represented by many outstanding scholars. As the Patron's Fund has grown, it has allowed the Institute to also provide financial assistance to vocational students preparing for work in the coal mining industry.

In closing, I want to thank **Karen Inzano** and **Beth Coen** for their faithful efforts during the past year. I must also thank the committee members of the Institute for the achievements that have been reached. A last shout-out goes to the members of the Board of Directors. They've brought enthusiasm, energy, and ideas to each meeting and conference call. Some day soon, the spinnaker will be raised for the tail wind!

Lodging

If you have not yet made a reservation for a room at the Silvertree Hotel or one of its sister properties, please call them at 1-800/525-9402. PLEASE MENTION RMCMCI or Rocky Mountain Coal Mining Institute.

Convention Registration - Sign-up at www.rmcmci.org

Package A Holders: Includes all events **except** Golf, Short Course, and Children's Activities.

Package B Holders: Includes all Technical Sessions, Monday Continental Breakfast, BBQ and Entertainment. Tickets may be purchased for the Welcome Reception, Scholarship lunch and the Closing Lunch and Annual Meeting.

- Your color-coded name tag will admit you to the various events. No one will be admitted to any event without a name tag. Tickets are needed for certain events with the "A" package and for those choosing Optional Events. These tickets will be in your name tag. Drink tickets for both the Sunday night Welcome Reception and the Monday night BBQ will also be in your name tags. Please keep the tickets you need for the day in the back of your name tag so you will have them. They are like cash and **will not be replaced**, if lost, without a charge.
- No credit will be given for meals not consumed as guarantees are given to the hotel 72 hours prior to convention.

Golf and Other Options - PLEASE READ COPY BELOW AS THERE IS ADDITIONAL INFORMATION YOU NEED TO KNOW IN BOLD.

Options are available by advance registration with a minimal fee. The options are offered only to those who are convention registered and are described below.

SUNDAY GOLF AT RIVER VALLEY RANCH - Sponsored by ConocoPhillips & LeTourneau Technologies

- 7:00 a.m. Continental Breakfast - Tee time 8:00 a.m.
- **From Snowmass Village take Hwy. 82 north toward Carbondale (Glenwood). Take Carbondale exit #133 and go south toward Redstone 2.5 miles. Turn right into the course at the big stone markers.**
- The course is 32 miles from Snowmass Village. Allow a minimum of 45 minutes for travel.
- **Please plan on carpooling, prior to the tournament, as some players will not have cars. The Pairing List is online at www.rmcmci.org. Please check it and see if you can drive others or get a ride with others.**
- **The course has a few sets of clubs for \$45. Please call ahead if you need to rent.**
- In keeping with our commitment to safety, we want everyone to enjoy their time at the various events associated with the RMCMCI; however, we remind all participants not to drink and drive - or make arrangements to have a designated driver.
- Golf prizes should be brought to the Monday morning breakfast.

Mill Creek Engineering has graciously sponsored Hole-In-One prizes at our tournament this year. The main prize is a Harley Davidson. Other prizes they hope to have available are a golf club, \$500 Visa gift card and a Bose radio. Please thank Rick Hoggan when you see him.

SUNDAY SCAVENGER HUNT AND LUNCH. WE REGRET THAT THIS EVENT HAD TO BE CANCELLED.

Sunday Night Welcome Reception - Sponsored by Norwest Corporation and Savage Service Corp.

The official beginning to the 105th Convention and Annual Meeting will be from 7:00 - 9:30 p.m. on Sunday Evening. Enjoy seeing friends from previous years and meeting new members. This is a perfect opportunity to make contacts for your business in a relaxed atmosphere with good food and drinks. The Reception is included in the "A" Package. "B" Package guests may buy the Sunday Welcome Reception for \$90.

A buffet dinner will be served and each guest will have two free drink tickets.

SEE PAGE 8 FOR ADDITIONAL EVENTS.

New Members from 7/1/08 until 6/12/09

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Mr. Barry Grass

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Kayenta, AZ

Mr. Joseph D. Haas

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Fruitland, NM

Mr. Dustin L. Hagen

08 WYOMING SCHOLAR
Gillette, WY

Mr. Herschel Hampson

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ROCKY MOUNTAIN DISTRICT
Cortez, CO

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Gillette, WY

Mr. Silas M. Hatch

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Golden, CO

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Salt Lake City, UT

Mr. Guy W. Horton

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Gillette, WY

Mr. Robert A. Ingram

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Mr. Jeff R. Mattern

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Fruitland, NM

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SHORT COURSE - Friday and Saturday - June 26-27

Sponsored by P&H MinePro Services

MAINTENANCE AND RELIABILITY CAN IMPROVE COAL MINE PROFITS

RMCMI is sponsoring a short course for the 2009 annual meeting that is designed to show how production, engineering, stores, and purchasing are the mine maintenance department's chief partners. The course will provide attendees information that will permit them to pursue enhanced profits through improved maintenance and higher reliability. Examples of world class principles that lead to improved maintenance and higher equipment and system reliability will be presented.

MRG'S RELIABILITY GAME

Mine Planners, Production Managers & Coordinators, Business Managers, Analysts & Purchasing Leaders, and maintenance Staff need to participate in the Reliability Game to develop Team success for Managing Coal Mine Assets! The Game is designed to teach participants how to make the transition from a reactive to a proactive maintenance environment. Each "team" determines the best way to manage their equipment, money, time, labor and material resources.

Everyone is welcome to sign up for the course online. Members of RMCMI, staying for Convention, will receive a reduced rate to attend.

Participants will need to attend both days to receive the full complement of PDH credit.

Phillip Patton, *RMCMI Short Course Chair*, has put together this excellent program.

INSTRUCTORS

Randy Fizer, Terry Taylor, Arne Rajala, Steve O'Connell and Dennis Belanger

MINE RESCUE - Saturday through Tuesday- June 27-30

Sponsored by The North American Coal Corp.

For the 18th year you will witness the very real, very difficult scenarios taking place between our Mine Rescue Teams. A four-hour short course will be part of the program. Eight teams will participate this year. If you have a few free minutes, take a look at what they are doing. It is incredible. The Program will begin on Saturday, June 27 and conclude on Tuesday morning with the Annual Awards Breakfast. Teams participating are: *BHP Billiton - Navajo Coal, BHP Billiton - San Juan Coal, Coteau Properties, Dakota Westmoreland, Falkirk Mining, Solvay Chemicals, Texas Westmoreland, Washington Tru-Solutions (WIPP), and Western Energy.* PPL will have a few men join the other teams. The Evaluators are: **David Evans**, RMCMI Mine Rescue Chair, **Cheryl Evans**, RMCMI Mine Rescue Co-Chair, **William Brown, Terry Davis, Brad Holligan, Peggy Hughes, Stephen James, Marland King, Todd Olmstead, Robert Paslay, and Glen Ratliff.** Support staff is **Donna Jones** and **Charles Pankonien.**

For the first time all of the Mine Rescue participants will join the general assembly to witness the presentation of Gene Kranz on Monday morning. **Westmoreland Coal** is again generously sponsoring a lunch for all the participants and their families as a thank-you to the spouses and children for supporting the demanding work the Mine Rescuers do on a daily basis.



IN MEMORIAM

It is with sadness we share the passing of Albert Czarnowsky, Jr. on April 30, 2009. A graduate of the Colorado School of Mines, Al was the Area Mining Supervisor for the USGS Mining Conservation Branch. He was involved with coal in UT, WY, MT and NM as a mine engineer from 1948 until his retirement in the 1980s. Al oversaw most of the coal leasing activity in the Powder River Basin. His son, Alan, was an RMCMI president in 1989. He will be missed by all who new him.

**PRINT-OUT AND BRING THIS PRELIMINARY SCHEDULE WITH YOU TO USE
UNTIL YOU ARE ABLE TO PICK-UP YOUR REGISTRATION PACKET.**

Friday SHORT COURSE - June 26

Short Course Breakfast	7:15	Snobble	2nd floor Conference Center
Short Course Class	8:00	Janss Auditorium	2nd floor Conference Center
Short Course Lunch	12:00	Fanny Hill Tent	Next to Silvertree Hotel

Saturday SHORT COURSE - June 27 - **NOTE CHANGE OF ROOMS FROM FRIDAY SESSION**

Short Course Breakfast & Class	7:15	Kearns	2nd floor Conference Center
Short Course Lunch	12:00	Roof Garden	Conference Center

Saturday through Tuesday MINE RESCUE - June 27-30

Mine Rescue Meeting Room		Max Park	Wildwood Lodge
Mine Rescue Equipment Storage		Campground	Wildwood Lodge
Saturday Mine Rescue Lunch	12:00	Roof Garden	Conference Center
<i>(Only offered to those who took Class on Saturday Morning)</i>			
MR Beer Break & Equipment Exchg.	4:00	Max Park	Wildwood Lodge
Sunday Mine Rescue Breakfast	6:30	Roof Garden	Conference Center
Monday Mine Rescue Breakfast	6:00	Eldorado A/B	Silvertree Hotel
Monday MR Family Lunch	12:00	Eldorado A/B	Silvertree Hotel
Tuesday MR Awards Breakfast	7:00	Hoagland/Carroll	Conference Center

Saturday - June 27

General REGISTRATION Pick-up	2 - 4:30	Conference Center
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Sunday - June 28

Golf - Breakfast - Scramble	7:00	River Valley Ranch Golf Club	
REGISTRATION	9:00 - 4:00	Conference Center	
Advisory Board Meeting	2:30	Elbert Room	Silvertree Hotel
2008-2009 Board Meeting	3:30	Elbert Room	Silvertree Hotel
Welcome Committee Meeting	5:15	Sinclair/Carroll	Conference Center
Scholarship Meeting	6:00	Sinclair/Carroll	Conference Center.
REGISTRATION	5:30 - 7:00	Conference Center	
Children's Program / Dinner	6:30 - 9:30	Picked-Up at Lobby of Conference Ctr. - Dropped off at same place	
Welcome Reception	7:00 - 9:30	Anderson/Hoagland	Conference Center

Monday - June 29

Continental Breakfast and Golf Awards	7:00 a.m.	Roof Garden	Conference Center
REGISTRATION	7:00 - 8:30 a.m.	Conference Ctr.	
Speaker's Breakfast	7:00	Erickson	Conference Center
Opening Session	8:30	Anderson/Hoagland	Conference Center
Scholarship Luncheon	12:00 noon	Caberet	Silvertree Hotel - Downstairs
3rd Annual Shubart Forum	2:00	Anderson	Conference Center
Western BBQ Reception	6:00	Rodeo Grounds	Drive or use Shuttles
BBQ	7:00		
Entertainment	8:00 - 10:00		Shuttles will begin returning about 9:00

Tuesday - June 30

MR Recognition Awards Breakfast	7:00	Hoagland/Erickson	Conference Center
Closing General Sessions	9:00 a.m.	Anderson	Conference Center
Closing Lunch and Annual Meeting	12:00	Caberet	Silvertree Hotel - Downstairs
2009-2010 Board Meeting	2:30	Elbert Room	Silvertree Hotel

RMCFI 105th Convention & Ann

MONDAY MORNING

OPENING SESSION

At 8:30 a.m. everyone is welcome to attend the 105th meeting. The morning session will begin with very special Keynote by *Apollo XIII Flight Control Director Gene Kranz*.

Our Opening Speaker will be **Jim Bausell**, COO of *Touchstone Energy Cooperatives*. He will be followed by **Jeane Hull**, President of *Powder River Coal*. **Ed Pettigrew** will present this year's Safety Awards for underground and surface mining.



Gene Kranz

NASA Flight Control Director and Presidential Medal of Freedom Recipient
"Failure is Not an Option"

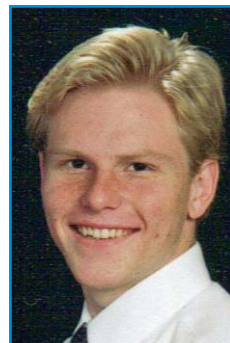
Jim Bausell

COO, *Touchstone Energy Cooperatives*
Coal's Role in Electricity Generation

Jeane Hull

President
Powder River Coal
Continuous Improvement at Peabody Energy

25th ANNIVERSARY OF THE SCHOLARSHIP LUNCHEON & LIFE MEMBER PRESENTATION



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Andrew Monroy

Weston Kingsley

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Tyler Barth



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SD School of Mines



TEXAS
Texas A&M

Matthew Hyita



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WYOMING
Montana Tech

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MONDAY AFTERNOON

3RD ANNUAL SHUBART VENDOR'S FORUM

2:00 P.M.



JOHN PFISTERER
President and CEO
Komatsu Equipment Co.

*Leadership Priorities in a
New Business Environment*

2:45 P.M.



KEN COCHRAN
President and GM
Thunder Basin Coal Co.

The Perfect Zero

3:35 P.M.



GARY TAKENAKA
GM - Applied Improvements
CONSOL Energy

*Coal Stock Pile
Management Improvements*

4:15 P.M.



DENNIS BELANGER
VP - Business Development
Management Resources Group, Inc.

*The Seven Habits of Highly Effective
Maintenance Organizations*

TUESDAY MORNING

9:00 A.M.



Laura Beverage
Attorney - Jackson Kelly PLLC

MSHA of the Future

9:30 A.M.



Jessica Smith, Ph.D.
Anthropology, Univ. of Michigan

Advances of Women in Coal Mining

10:15 A.M.



Bob Burnham
Senior Analyst
Wood Mackenzie, Inc.

*Coal Markets for the
Rocky Mountain Region*

10:45 A.M.



Dr. Grainne Matthews
Senior Project Manager
Quality Safety Edge
*Can Behavioral Safety Reduce
Injuries in Mining?*

11:15 A.M.



Jim Thomson
VP Hydrogeology, Norwest Corp.
*Carbon Sequestration: Opportunities
and Constraints*

Additional Events During Convention

CHILDREN. Sunday evening children may attend the **Treehouse** while parents are at the Welcome Reception. **The personnel from the Treehouse will pick-up your children from the lobby of the Conference Center between 6:30 and 6:45 p.m. and return them at 9:30 p.m.** You must be with your child when they come to get them and again when they return. You must pre-register for this as dinner will be served. You may also contact the Treehouse at 1-800-923-8733 if you need child care for any other days. See their website at www.treehousekidsclub.com/home to see all they offer.

MONDAY NIGHT BBQ AND ENTERTAINMENT

**Sponsored by Cummings Rocky Mountain and Rio Tinto Energy America
and Baldor Electric Company**

At 6:00 p.m. all attendees will meet at the Rodeo Grounds at the entrance into Snowmass Village.

The evening will begin with a social hour and a fun, conventioneer rodeo for young and old that family members may participate in. There will be sack races, cow patty tosses, frisbee throws, horseshoes, etc. Get a drink and watch as the children have a lot of fun and the adults ... will have a lot of fun, too.

A wonderful BBQ dinner will follow at 7:00 p.m.

At 8:00 p.m. **the Double Diamond Band**, with 4 members playing all types of music from Country to Rock N' Roll to R&B will perform for our enjoyment. Enjoy listening to the music or dance the evening away.

We also have **Twirp Anderson** who will sing songs on request while we enjoy our dinner and will then entertain the children around the campfire while the band is playing. There will be marshmallows to roast and a fun time for all.

If you have a vehicle, please plan to drive. It is just a few minutes down the hill from the Silvertree and there is plenty of parking. For those that do not have vehicles we will have three small shuttle buses that will begin transporting families down at 5:15 p.m. so that everyone can arrive by 6:00. They will be available for taking you back to the hotel by 8:45 in case you need to leave the event early.

Please make sure to bring warm jackets as we will be outside and the evenings can be cool.

Children will not have drink tickets as the sodas are free during the evening.

MONDAY 25TH ANNIVERSARY SCHOLARSHIP LUNCHEON

Sponsored by BUCYRUS, Peabody Energy and Trapper Mining

Since 1984 The Rocky Mountain Coal Mining Institute has been proud to support Engineering students in their pursuit of education. Join us as we welcome eight additional students as this year's class.

Will there be a new Life Member this year? This is a very special honor, given to those few that have given exceptional service to the Institute.

And, for the first time, witness the newest award to be given by the Institute.

TUESDAY MINE RESCUE AWARDS BREAKFAST - Sponsored by The North American Coal Corp.

The nine Mine Rescue Teams, working various scenarios since Saturday, are ready to be recognized for a job well done. Join us for breakfast and much deserved recognition to those who are there to protect our miners.

CLOSING LUNCHEON-ANNUAL MEETING - Sponsored by Arch Western Bituminous Group

After a nice closing lunch the Institute will have its Annual Meeting and election of new Board members. It will also be the time to pass the gavel from President **Ken Miller** to Incoming President **Randy Lehn**.

We will also say thank you to **Gary Stubblefield** for 9 years of service to RMCMCI as Convention Liaison Officer and welcome **Bob Bartosh** as the new Administrative Liaison Officer (yes, a change of title).

It is with sadness that the Institute just heard of the passing of George Lindsay in 2006. Mr. Lindsay was an RMCMCI member since 1972 and was made a Life Member in 1982.

PATRONS OF THE INSTITUTE

PATRONS OF THE INSTITUTE have donated for 25 years and support an outstanding program which awards 24 scholarships yearly to deserving students in our eight member states. Names in **bold** are **Charter Patrons** having donated every year since the inception of the program. Donations as of June 12, 2009 are:

DIAMOND EXCELLENCE**\$5000 and Greater**

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BART HYITA - John E. Willson Distinguished Alumnus Award

The University of Utah presented Mr. Hyita with this prestigious award on April 22, 2009. Established in 2000, the award recognizes a graduate of the Mining Engineering program who has set a high standard by his accomplishments in the industry. Bart is a 1981 graduate. He is Chief Operating Officer - Coal for CONSOL Energy located in Canonsville, Pennsylvania. An RMCMI member, Bart's son, Matthew, is a 2009 RMCMI Engineering Scholar, enrolled at the University of Utah.

IN MEMORIAM

David Litvin, former President of Utah Mining Association passed away June 9th. A guest at many of the RMCMI Colorado/Utah meetings as well as a speaker for RMCMI, David leaves many friends behind. He will be missed.



AZ/NM and CO/UT MEETINGS EXCELLENT ONCE AGAIN

The two State meetings this May were both well attended, informative and fun get-togethers.

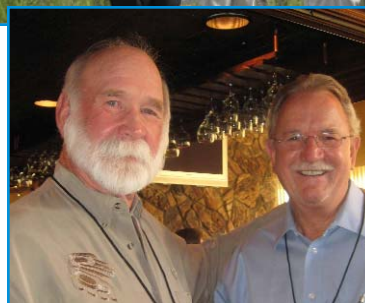
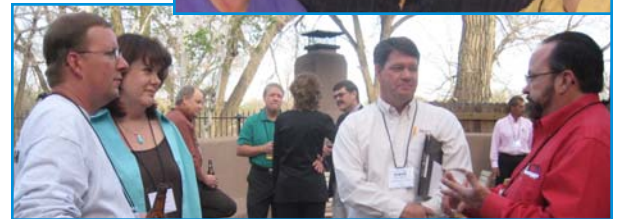
Arizona/New Mexico had an excellent turnout after not having a meeting for a few years. With outstanding speakers, an excellent banquet, the first ever \$5,000 Patron contribution from All American Technical Team, and a beautiful day for golf, it was a perfect example of how our members, all volunteers, can do wonderful things. **Becki Boam** put together the meeting and was also responsible for the exciting donation for our Patron program.

Russell Hardy had a similar meeting in the Colorado/Utah area. Back in Price at the Carbon Country Club ,a large group assembled and also heard an excellent platform of speakers. The Country Club always presents outstanding food and this year was no exception. And, of course, the golf tournament had perfect weather for a fun time for all.

Approximately 18 new members joined RMCM I between these two meetings. The institute has a campaign for "Every Member Get A Member." The goal is to have 1,000 members for the 100th Anniversary in 2012.

The Tri-State meeting will be held in Gillette, Wyoming on September 17-18, 2009. Information will be on the website and sent to members in the Tri-State region in August.

You may see the meeting recaps for both the Arizona/New Mexico and Colorado/Utah meetings at www.rmcmi.org. Below are some of the pictures taken at both meetings.



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WE'VE HEARD FROM:

MIKE SCHMIDT - At 73 years of age and with 50+ years in mining, most recently as Regional Sales Manager, Mike was highlighted in the ThyssenKrupp Robins Newsletter in April.

Born in Dusseldorf, Germany, he came to the U.S. in 1962. He had worked in several underground mines in Germany, Sweden and France. He also worked in copper mines in Arizona, Chile and Mexico.

His hobbies include swimming, water aerobics, travel, and stamp and coin collections. He and his wife, Ingrid, have three grown children.

CAMERON BROWN - *"I wanted to personally thank you so much for the RMCMI scholarship award. It has helped me get through the Colorado School of Mines with greater financial ease, enabling me to focus more on my studies and less on a part time job.*

This will be my final semester at Mines as I intend to graduate with a BS in Mining Engineering this May. Upon graduation I am still not exactly sure where life will take me, yet my more interesting prospects for employment include a position out of Brisbane, Australia and Antofagasta, Chile. Fingers crossed. I recently finished up my last soccer season at Mines and I have been enjoying what little snow we have by snowboarding often."

BRANDON SULLIVAN - After the initial thank you for the RMCMI scholarship, Brandon added: *"I have attended the Colorado School of Mines for the past four years. I entered the Mining Engineering program because I had just worked in one of the local mines the previous summer. The past four years haven't been glorious. I have worked harder than I could imagine, in order to make it through this amazing school. I have come to enjoy and love the challenges presented here, but also grown in my understanding of the importance of this school to the industries that it is affiliated with.*

I will be starting at the West Elk Mine, which is owned by Arch Coal, Inc. on June 1. I have worked there for the past four summers. Last summer, I signed a commitment letter to work for them. I am extremely happy with this decision because of the great people, community, and location. I will be starting out as a Project Engineer. I have been given numerous engineering projects at the mine, and I really enjoy this type of work. Thank you again for the scholarship."

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