

RMCMI 2009 Arizona - New Mexico Regional Meeting Farmington, New Mexico - April 23-24 Courtyard By Marriott

On Thursday afternoon, approximately 20 participants took advantage of mine tours, either at BHP Navajo Surface Mine or San Juan Underground Mine. Everyone felt the tours were very worthwhile.

That evening, the fifteenth annual AZ/NM Banquet was held with 50 registering and 45 attending. **Becki Boam**, *BHP Billiton*, was responsible for planning the meeting and garnering the excellent speakers.



A social hour began the evening. A beautiful evening had everyone out on the patio. After a buffet dinner everyone enjoyed the evening program.

Special guests included RMCMI President, **Ken Miller**, *Thunder Basin Coal* in Gillette, WY, and **Bill Balaz**, RMCMI former RMCMI President and RMCMI Life Member with *Tetra Tech Co.*



Edward Lopez, *District Manager M/NM South-Central District - MSHA*, was the Keynote speaker. His topic was "*Free to Be Me.*" Using a Powerpoint presentation, Mr. Lopez was able to show the group the factors that go into analyzing the ways safety is overlooked every day and the need for safety practices to be an ongoing factor in all industries.



Sponsors for the AZ/NM meeting were **Aztec Machine & Repair**, **Border States Electric**, **Chevron Mining**, **Consolidated Electrical Distributors**, **Cummins Rocky Mountain LLC**, **DTS Fluid Power**, **ESCOSupply**, **Ferguson Enterprise**, **Four Stars Pipe & Supply**, **Golden Equipment**, **John T. Boyd**, **LeTourneau Technologies America**, **Peabody Energy**, **Rimpull**, and **Wagner Equipment**. A sincere thank you for helping the Institute "*Promote Western Coal through Education.*"



A special presentation was then made. **Bobby Bolin** and **Chuck Croker**, from *All American Technical Team*, presented **Ken Miller** and **Karen Inzano** with a check for **\$5,000** for the RMCMI Patron Program. This is the first time a gift of that amount has been given to the program and RMCMI created a new category to mark this wonderful gift. We now have a **Diamond Excellence** category for companies or individuals who are able

to gift \$5,000 or more. Our sincere thanks to All American Technical Team.





Friday morning, following breakfast, four outstanding speakers gave the 40 attendees a morning of excellent information. **Dr. Dianne Stober**, *Sentis USA*, spoke on “*Zero Incident Process (ZIP)*.” It became evident very quickly at how easy it is to become distracted from the job we are so confident in doing. And with distraction comes accidents.



Dianne was followed by **Paul McClellan** from *Move Smart*. Paul is a Presenter/Trainer and spoke to the group about moving smart. He showed how every thing we do in our daily lives can be done in a way to protect our bodies from the stress and strain we normally put it through just by doing it in a smarter way.



Steve Gates, *American Coalition for Clean Coal Energy*, then shared with everyone all the methods ACCCE is using to get the message out to the public about the energy needs for the U.S. Giving us updated stats helped the group stay well informed as to the various methods being looked at for electricity generation.

And to close the program, **Pat Risner**, Manager of Business Development at *BHP Billiton - New Mexico Coal* gave an overview of the Navajo Mine Expansion Project.



It was then time for golf at Pinon Hills. It was a nice afternoon, with some wind gusts from time to time, and the 23 golfers had an excellent time.

Golf prizes were donated by **BHP Billiton, ESCOSupply, LeTourneau Technologies America, Peabody Energy and Wagner Equipment**. Thank you for your continued support.



1st Place Gross



Becki Boam finally was able to relax and have fun



1st Place Net



Ed Pettigrew won Longest Drive on 2



Jeff Young tried to keep the score low. Joel Christman, Al and Karen Inzano had some great shots, but not enough to win.



2nd Place Net



Barry Grass won Longest Drive on hole 10, and his team won 2nd Place Gross

Greg Bullock took both Closest to the Hole on hole #4 and #15

