



Bluefield Coal Show 2015

Thousands of coal miners, friends of coal, manufacturers, and those providing products and services to the coal industry have arrived in Bluefield, West Virginia to attend the Bluefield Coal Show. This show is held every other year, and is presented by the Greater Bluefield Chamber of Commerce. Many people arrived early in advance of the show, which opened today with the Media Appreciation Breakfast at 8:30 a.m. followed by the Ribbon Cutting Ceremony at 10 a.m.

The Media Appreciation Breakfast was addressed by Mike Carey, Vice President of Government Relations, Murray Energy, who spoke on Tax Reform in the Mountain State (please click [here](#) to view the presentation). Carey also addressed the problems the industry is facing, and what Murray Energy is doing about them. He also provided his views on the future of the industry.

The Bluefield Coal Show is taking place at the Brushfork National Guard Armory with more than 230 exhibitors showcasing their latest equipment, products, and services to the coal industry in the heart of the coalfields. Exhibitors are from 30 states, the United Kingdom and Canada and are exhibiting inside and outside the Armory for the premier eastern coal show.

All major equipment manufacturers and suppliers are demonstrating their products and services throughout the three-day event. "With the challenges being faced by the country's most dependable energy source, the coal industry must stay united; therefore, we anticipate this year's Bluefield Coal Show to be one of the most important events in the mining industry this year," said Charles A. Peters, General Chairman, Bluefield Coal Show.

The show also features papers and presentations by exhibitors on new and innovative equipment this afternoon and Thursday afternoon beginning at 2:30 p.m. The sessions are being introduced and moderated by Bill Reid, Publisher and Managing Editor, CoalZoom.com.

Two nights of entertainment are planned for this week including the Exhibitor's Reception which was held last night. The Mad Jack Casino Night is also taking place. CEDAR sponsored a golf tournament for their educational programs yesterday.

Attendees and guests are parking at 1780 Stadium Drive, Mitchell Stadium, Bluefield, West Virginia, and are being transported by charter buses from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. with directional signs being displayed throughout the area.

Day 1

Beautiful fall weather was present for the opening at the Bluefield Coal Show, which began with the Media Appreciation Breakfast, and an address by Mike Carey, Vice President of Government Relations, Murray Energy. Carey then cut the ribbon to open the show. In the afternoon, Technical Session 1 took place (please click [here](#)), and the crowds began to fill the Armory around the mining equipment.



Buddy Miller, Chair, Media Appreciation Breakfast



Daphne & Charlie (Mr. Coal Show) Peters



Teresa Barringer, Chair, Greater Bluefield Chamber of Commerce



Mike Carey, Keynote Speaker



Ribbon is Cut by Mike Carey



Visitors Check Out Joy CM



Dave Turley, Steve McIntyre, and Ben Hardman, J.H. Fletcher Co.



Lauren Bilohlavek and Bill Call, CWV Conveyor Systems



View of Exhibits



The Cincinnati Team



Dennis Henninger, Tony Campbell, and Paul Campbell
Longwall Associates



Jim Coe, Seth Waddell, Matt Simmons, and Jim Allison
Simmons Equipment



Myron Jones with the Rish Equipment Team



J.H. Fletcher Co. Exhibit