September 16, 2015 - Beautiful fall weather was present for the opening at the Bluefield Coal Show, which began with the Media Appreciation Breakfast. The 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.

Carey then cut the ribbon to open the show. In the afternoon, Technical Session 1 took place (please click here for details), and the crowds began to fill the Armory around the mining equipment.