

## Coal Prep Draws Small but Enthusiastic Attendance

Coal Prep 2015, the International Coal Processing Exhibition and Conference, held April 27-29 at the Lexington Center, Lexington, KY, drew what was described as a small but enthusiastic attendance of about 1500. Against the background of a coal industry with too much coal production for the rapidly shrinking markets, Coal Prep not surprisingly had fewer exhibitors numbering 226 as well as the small attendance but the quality of those who came in terms of their experience and interest in coal preparation did not let the exhibitors down.

A feature of the meeting included new topic forums: "Using Marketing to Drive the Survival of Coal in the 21st Century" moderated by ACCCE; "Alternative Uses for Coal" moderated by CAER - University of Kentucky Center for Applied Research; and "Coal as an Energy Source - Taking a Global Perspective on Exporting" moderated by KCA.

The traditional technical sessions, networking luncheon, and cocktail reception allowed the absorption of new ideas, networking with peers, and meeting with vendors all to help planning for the future. Since 1986, Coal Prep has provided the most comprehensive education program and exhibit hall on coal preparation technology. At this critical time in coal's history, those who came were determined to see the most up to date equipment and services.

The Conference Technical Program is organized by CPSA (Coal Preparation Society of America). The Conference is sponsored by **Coal Age** and produced by Penton. Show Director is Florence Torres and Sam Posa is Sales Manager. Next year's show will be held April 25-27 at the Kentucky Exposition Center, Louisville, KY.

For further information, please visit [www.coalpreps show.com](http://www.coalpreps show.com).



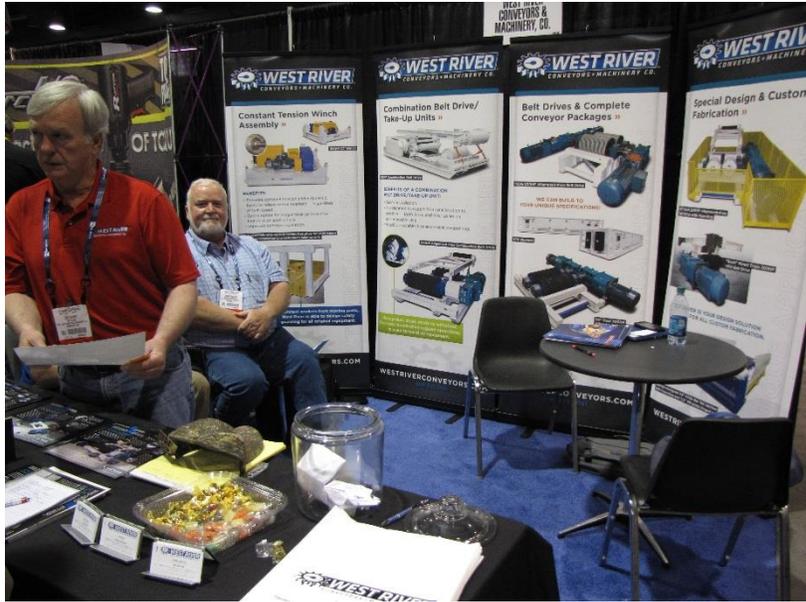
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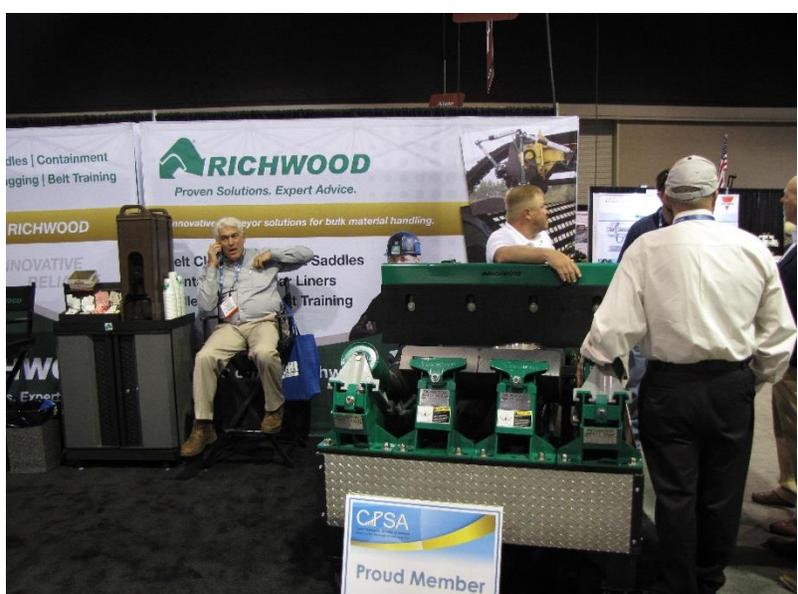
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