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Another Successful Convention

What a great convention for 2020! WPMA had another very successful year with outstanding speakers, trade show exhibitors and sponsors. I would like to thank the WPMA Executive Committee: Dennis Campo – President, Steve Clark – 1st Vice President, Leland Gould – 2nd Vice President, Kary Tonjum – 3rd Vice President, Eric Busch – Senior PMAA Director, and Mark Lytle – Immediate Past President, for their countless hours of preparation to make our convention successful.

Our event started out with the WPMA Scholarship Open Golf Tournament on a beautiful sunny Tuesday morning, followed by our outstanding educational sessions: Speaker Mel Kleiman of Humetrics Inc taught us “How to Hire and Retain Truck Drivers.” An agent from the Las Vegas Secret Service reviewed the increasing Risk of Skimming for petroleum marketers. Federated Insurance gave us several safety and risk management Check List items to review when we got back to the office. Patrick Godfrey and Alan Jeppson of Slick Rock Security reviewed the importance of making Cybersecurity an area of focus for our office and home, and PMAA President Rob Underwood wrapped up our educational sessions with a PMAA Federal Legislative Update.

Our Keynote Speaker, Paul Ryan, was informative and inspirational. He made us all feel less worried about our economy, our government and the work currently being done in Washington DC. He stated a lot of legislative work is getting done, even though the media makes everything seem like it’s the end of the world.

Wednesday’s Ladies’ Luncheon was hosted by the Bingo Queen herself, Carla Campo. The ladies had an excellent buffet lunch, and then played for over \$5,000 in cash in Big Money Bingo. All the ladies had a great time - they were concentrating so hard on marking their Bingo cards that you could hear a pin drop!

Thursday morning’s management session was headlined by Chris Rowland from Marathon Petroleum. He gave an informative report on the future of fuels in the world.

We concluded our Convention and Trade Show with a breakfast buffet on the Trade Show Floor, the closing of our WPMA Scholarship Silent Auction, and our raffle give-away.

I hope you attended our Annual *WPMAEXPO* this year, and were able to enjoy the Keynote speaker, management sessions, and outstanding trade show. WPMA’s Convention Committee and staff work all year on this event, and we will be having our first convention meeting in April for the 2021 convention. If you have any input on how we can improve your experience or your success at our convention, please let me know.

I would like to thank our exhibitors, attendees and sponsors for helping to make 2020 another successful year for WPMA and all its partners. For those who were unable to attend this year, come and check us out next year at the Mirage Convention Center in Las Vegas on **February 16-18, 2021**.